

## Editorial Statement

The *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* is a journal published once a year by the Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The *Bulletin* is intended to provide a medium for the sharing of knowledge, experience, ideas, policy options and information on the development of transport infrastructure and services in the Asian and Pacific region, to stimulate policy-oriented research and to increase awareness of transport policy issues and responses. It is hoped that the *Bulletin* will help to widen and deepen debate on issues of interest and concern in the transport sector.

The current issue of the *Bulletin* (No. 68) has a “new look”, which has been adopted with a view to increasing the usefulness of the journal to ESCAP members and associate members, professionals, policy makers, academics and researchers in the Asian and Pacific region. It has been completely reoriented in terms of both content and format, and is intended to contain empirically based, policy-oriented articles, as well as examples of “best practices” in the areas of transport infrastructure and transport services.

Each volume of the *Bulletin* will focus on a particular theme of interest, primarily in the transport sector. The theme chosen for this issue of the *Bulletin* is urban transport in the Asian and Pacific region. Space is limited, but an attempt has been made to select topics that focus on some of the urban transportation issues in the region, such as traffic impact mitigation for new developments, sustainable transport and air pollution. It is hoped that these articles will increase awareness of policy implications and generate further debate.

The editor of the *Bulletin* welcomes analytical articles on topics that are currently at the forefront of transport infrastructure development and services in the region and on policy analysis and best practices. Articles should be based on original research and should have analytical depth. Empirically based articles should emphasize policy implications emerging from the analysis. Book reviews are also welcome.