

## **Special Issue of Selected Papers from the 6th International Conference on Transportation and Logistics, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 2016**

Initiated by National University of Singapore, University of Tokyo, and Tsinghua University, the International Steering Committee of the International Conference on Transportation and Logistics (T-LOG Conference) was formed in 2004 to provide a technical forum focusing on the current problems, solutions, and future development of transportation logistics. Through years, the organization has become an extensive network of active partner research institutes. The T-LOG Conferences, held regularly at an interval of about two years, have served as an effective platform to facilitate research development and to promote knowledge exchange for both academics and practitioners. The five previous conferences took place in Singapore (National University of Singapore, 2005), Shenzhen, China (Tsinghua University, 2007), Fukuoka, Japan (University of Tokyo and Kyushu University, 2010), Busan, Korea (Korean Transport Institute and Korea Maritime University, 2012) and Bangkok, Thailand (Chulalongkorn University and Burapha University, 2014).

The 6th International Conference on Transportation and Logistics (T-LOG 2016), held on September 7th to 9th, 2016, was hosted by National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu, a city known as the Silicon Valley in Taiwan. The conference theme, Intelligent Logistics for Better Integrated Supply Chains, was proposed to highlight the development of data-driven and optimization-based decision making in reaction to the exceptional cargo volume growth due to world trade liberalization and global logistics operation. The conference has provided a great opportunity for the participants to share their knowledge as well as to work on the problems related to transportation and logistics, which is certainly an important area of operations research applications.

The success of the event can be measured by the fact that close to 100 registrants from more than a dozen of countries participated in active discussion on the presentations of more than 60 papers, which were subjected to a multi-stage, peer-review process. Five papers were selected and further revised for publication in this issue of International Journal of Operations Research based on a separate rigorous review process. I hope the readers can get the insights into the many facets of the operations research applications to the field of transportation and logistics.

I would like to thank the participants of T-LOG 2016 for submitting high quality papers, allowing me to edit this special issue. Also, thank you to Prof. Hsing Luh, the editor-in-chief of the journal, for inviting me as the guest editor. A special thanks to all the reviewers and the colleagues of the journal office for an excellent work to facilitate the special issue to be published in a timely fashion with great quality.

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