

**Greetings from the President, NACOTA**  
**March 8, 2007**

**A GREAT OPENING FOR THE YEAR OF "GOLDEN BOAR"**

**Dear NACOTA Members and Friends:**

I hope this greeting finds you in great spirits to enter the "Golden Boar Year". I would like to thank those of you who attended the NACOTA technical symposium and reception during TRB in January. Detailed information and photos may be found on the NACOTA website.

There are many signs indicating that it would be a productive year for NACOTA even we are barely a month into the Golden Boar year. Here are the few things I would like to inform you and encourage your participation.

**1. NACOTA Scholarship:** After many discussions and preparations during the past few years, a NACOTA scholarship has finally been established and will be awarded to a transportation student at the 7th NACOTA China Conference in Shanghai, May 2007. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship, please contact me ([rliu@njit.edu](mailto:rliu@njit.edu)) or send a check to NACOTA Treasurer, Dr. Mei Chen, at the following address:

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To make it easier for those who work or live in China to contribute, we have established a NACOA account in China. Please contact me or Dr. Chen for account information if you are interested in transferring your contributions to the NACOTA account directly.

**2. The First Edition of English-Chinese and Chinese-English Transportation Glossary:** A formal vendor agreement has been signed between T&DI and NACOTA last month. The translation of the glossary is underway now. Two external review panels are designed in this project, one for general content and another for subject areas. The first review session will be held in Shanghai prior to the NACOTA conference on May 20th, 2007. **If you are interested in being a review panelist for this project, please let me know ([rliu@njit.edu](mailto:rliu@njit.edu)).**

**3. The 7th NACOTA China Conference:** Co-sponsored by Tongji University and Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI), America Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the 7th NACOTA China Conference, to be held in Shanghai, May 2007, will publish a proceeding through ASCE Publications. Indexed by the

Engineering Information (EI) database, the ASCE proceeding will attract high quality and wide audiences both in China and abroad. The Conference Committee, led by Dr. Jian Lu, is working with Tongji University and NACOTA Technical Committees to review and select best papers to be included in the proceeding. **If your abstract has been accepted, please send in your full paper immediately if you have not already done that.**

#### **4. The NACOTA Pavement Workshop in Taiwan:**

Collaborated by the NACOTA Pavement Committee and the Chinese Society of Pavement Engineering, a joint pavement technology and international Chinese pavement expert workshop/conference will be held in Taiwan during the week of September 10, 2007. The weeklong activities will be consisting of a workshop and a two-day conference in Taipei. **If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please visit the NACOTA website or contact Fang, Yingwu at [ywfang99@yahoo.com](mailto:ywfang99@yahoo.com).**

Thank your for your continuous support, and  
Look forward to seeing many of you in Shanghai, China.

Yours



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