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International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS) hosted IATSS 2012 International Workshop with the overall theme “Transportation and Safety for the Coming Age” on September 20 and 21, 2012, at U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University, Tokyo. The symposium was composed of the programs “Transportation and Safety during Normal Times: Changes in Traffic Safety and Prospects for the Future,” which was held on September 20, and “Transportation and Safety during Emergencies,” held on the 21st. This booklet, titled “Traffic Safety in the Future,” is the proceedings of the session conducted by IATSS Symposium Department on the afternoon of September 20, 2012, as a part of the former program.

In 2010, IATSS had held a symposium titled “Traffic Safety in the Future” with six Japanese symposiasts. This was the first step in the plan to hold a symposium with the same title by four distinguished experts from various fields, to raise global awareness of traffic safety issues and pursue in-depth discussion about the future direction of traffic safety.

To quote the words of Professor Yasuhei Oguchi, President of IATSS, in his greeting to the participants: “Major forces which go beyond expectations are at work when a new age opens: the power of the people, the power of academic activities, and the power of time.” On the afternoon of September 20th, 2012, I felt strongly that we and the participants were truly sharing this space with the aim of opening a new age in transportation society. I hope the readers of this booklet will also join us in “contributing to the realization of an ideal mobile society,” which is the goal of IATSS.

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