

Good afternoon. I am Yoshiaki Ohsawa, the chairman of *Applied Regional Science Conference*. It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the Asian Conference in Regional Science.

Since 2010, Asian Conference in Regional Science has been held every year. Even in this unusual 2020, we are so pleased to have 32 presenters who will share their research works with us.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our guest of honor, Masahisa Fujita, who will give us a lecture on spatial economics and the COVID-19 pandemic.

And also we especially like to say welcome to the high school students from Meikei High school and Takezone High school. I am sure that those young researchers will refresh our mind when we are tired of online workshop.

If you have any problems, just contact our local committee by email. We are ready to help you.

We hope you enjoy this fruitful weekend!

Thank you.