

Preface

As the Chancellor of Mukogawa Women's University, I am delighted with, and proud of, holding the 2nd International Conference on Archi-Cultural Translations through the Silk Road hosted by the International Association of Silk Road Universities (iaSU), at our university.

The iaSU was established in March 2011, at the proposal of Envel Yucel, the Chairman Board of Trustees of Bahcesehir University, Turkey, principally by Bahcesehir University and Mukogawa Women's University, Japan, located respectively on the west and east of the Silk Road. The iaSU's mission is to promote extensive academic studies on life, technology and culture centered around architecture of countries on the Silk Road, to clarify commonality among them, and thus contribute to renewed mutual understanding and eventual peace and prosperity of the Silk Road region.

The 1st International conference on Archi-Cultural Translations through the Silk Road was held at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul from March 16 to 18, 2011, by iaSU and Bahcesehir University co-hosted by our university. Researchers from 12 countries of the world, including Turkey and Japan, participated in this conference and presented their studies on architecture, city, landscape, and environmental art etc. with active discussions as well. This conference achieved a great success.

We are truly glad that many papers were submitted to the 2nd International Conference from 14 countries worldwide, including the ones from Turkey and Japan. We hope that through this international conference, academic exchanges in the Silk Road region are spread to, and deepened in, many more universities and research institutes.

We would be sincerely delighted and honored to have you in our conference.

Kindest regards,

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