

From Founding Editor-in-Chief

The *Journal of Global Tourism Research* is receiving more and more papers, thanks to your help. The second award for the excellent paper was selected from the papers over the last two years by members of the editorial board of the International Society for Tourism Research.

The two papers below have been selected for the 'Excellent Paper Award' of the International Society for Tourism Research and award certificates will be presented. We hope that the founding of the award for the best paper will prompt more authors to contribute excellent research papers. Also we expect the contents of the papers will be put into practical use and the tourism industry is developed further.

The scope of the word "tourism" is quite wide. To this end, we thought that it is important to explain the reception category more clearly. The following shows the categories, and the details of the categories will be explained on our website.

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Excellent Paper Award

- Tomomi Hanai, Kaoru Yashiro, and Hisako Konno
Role of travel photographs as self-discovery and self-expression
Vol. 3, No. 2, 87-94, 2018
Reason for recommendation: The perspectives of this study, such as self-discovery through travel photographs, are interesting. By assessing the area of "photogenic tourism", and through a survey, two hypotheses are supported and the relationship between "photogenic travelers" and SNS is helpfully demonstrated.
- Kentaro Ito and Hironobu Kawamura
Service quality evaluation of technical visits for foreign visitors
Vol. 4, No. 2, 91-98, 2019
Reason for recommendation: This paper uses SEM based on the SERVPERF model to perform quality of service for technical visits. Although it is only a case of one company, the conclusions are considered to be generalizable because they are less affected by the position and industry. The usefulness of this paper to the readers of this journal is high.

List of Submission Categories

We welcome your contributions for the following categories. Also, related research of the categories is acceptable.

- Tourism philosophy
- Tourism business and management (e.g. service science; information center; hospitality; hotel; tour)
- Tourism informatics (e.g. history; media; design; sign; advertisement)
- Human resources
- Travel behavior
- Regional development (e.g. arts; music; tourism attractions; specialty products; community resource)
- Regional activation (e.g. attraction activities; city planning; urban design; town revitalization; development problem; remote island; satoyama)
- Transportation (e.g. logistics; human flow; traffic accident; insurance; transportation method)
- Disaster (e.g. typhoon; earthquake; tsunami; health infection; crime)
- Scientific technology (e.g. information and communication technology; automobile; train; airplane; ship)
- Welfare support (e.g. barrier-free; universal design; support policy; welfare technology)
- Law, politics, economics)