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Foreword

Welcome to the 14th Asia-Pacific International Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies (AicE-Bs2026Sokcho), held at Kyungdong University Global (KDU Global), Sokcho (Goseong), South Korea, from 04–06 June 2026. Organised by the Association of Malaysian Environment-Behaviour Researchers (AMER), the conference was hosted by the KDU Global Research Center, Kyungdong University Global, in collaboration with the Kulliyah of Sustainable Tourism and Contemporary Languages, International Islamic University Malaysia. The conference marked AMER's 54th international conference and was managed by its subsidiary, emAs (AMER Event Management & Services), under emAs emAs Resources.

AicE-Bs2026Sokcho provided a scholarly forum for researchers, academics, spatial practitioners, and institutional scholars to present, discuss, and critically examine research in Environment-Behaviour Studies and Environmental Psychology, with particular attention to issues and contexts relevant to the Asia-Pacific region.

The conference facilitated academic exchange through the presentation of research findings, discussion of theoretical and methodological approaches, and examination of relationships between people, behaviour, and the physical, social, cultural, technological, and natural environments. It welcomed perspectives from diverse geographical, disciplinary, and socio-cultural contexts, including comparative studies that contribute to a broader understanding of environment-behaviour relationships across the Asia-Pacific region.

By bringing together participants from different countries and institutions, the conference encouraged international scholarly interaction on environment, behaviour, spatial experience, wellbeing, quality of life, and related research issues. It also provided opportunities for researchers to receive scholarly feedback, explore emerging research directions, establish academic connections, and disseminate their work through the conference's peer-review and publication processes.

The papers presented in these proceedings represent selected contributions to the conference's scholarly discourse. Their publication provides a record of research that can inform further academic inquiry, professional practice, and future discussions in Environment-Behaviour Studies.

I extend my appreciation to all participants, authors, reviewers, organising committee members, and institutional collaborators who contributed to the conference and the preparation of these proceedings. I hope that this collection will encourage continued scholarly dialogue and further research across the diverse contexts of the Asia-Pacific region.

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Preface

Volume 11, No. 37 of the Environment-Behaviour Proceedings Journal (E-BPJ) brings together 23 papers selected for publication from the 14th Asia-Pacific International Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies (AicE-Bs2026Sokcho), held at Kyungdong University Global (KDU Global), Sokcho (Goseong), South Korea, from 04–06 June 2026. The papers represent a range of research interests within Environment-Behaviour Studies and Environmental Psychology, encompassing diverse conceptual perspectives, methodological approaches, and empirical contexts.

This volume provides a scholarly record of selected research emerging from the conference. The included papers underwent academic review and, where required, revision before publication. Collectively, they examine relationships between people, behaviour, and their physical, spatial, social, cultural, technological, and natural environments, with attention to the geographical and socio-cultural contexts in which these relationships occur.

The manuscript evaluation process considered the relevance of each submission to the conference and publication scope, originality, conceptual clarity, methodological rigour, quality of analysis, and overall scholarly contribution. Authors were invited to respond to reviewers' comments and revise their manuscripts where required. Following review and revision, the accepted papers underwent editorial and production checks for completeness, consistency, and compliance with the required publication format. These processes involved coordination among authors, reviewers, conference committees, breakout chairs, and the editorial and production teams.

The 23 selected papers are organised into six principal thematic tracks:

- Track 1: Smart Technology & Digital Behavioral Environments — 6 papers
- Track 2: Socio-Economic, Management & Public Policy Environments — 3 papers
- Track 3: Built Environment, Spatial Design & Spatial Infrastructure — 2 papers
- Track 4: Social, Cultural & Community Interaction Environments — 2 papers
- Track 5: Human Development, Spatial Education & Physical Wellbeing — 8 papers
- Track 6: Sustainability, Energy & Natural Cognitive Environments — 2 papers

These thematic tracks establish the editorial scope of the volume while accommodating multidisciplinary research on technological change, socio-economic and policy environments, spatial design, social and cultural interaction, human development, wellbeing, sustainability, and environmental concerns. Together, they reflect the breadth of Environment-Behaviour Studies and its relevance to interconnected issues across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Submissions that fell outside the defined thematic and disciplinary scope were not included in the volume. All 23 manuscripts published herein underwent the conference's pre-conference manual double-blind peer-review process, administered through secure institutional email networks. Following peer review and the required revisions, the manuscripts underwent Turnitin similarity screening, with a reported similarity index of 15% or below, before final publication on 18 June 2026.

Editorially, Volume 11, No. 37 extends the geographical and conceptual orientation established in Volume 11, No. 36, from an Asia-focused perspective towards a broader Asia-Pacific and trans-regional outlook. This positioning encourages consideration of environment-behaviour relationships across diverse geographical, institutional, and socio-cultural contexts without restricting the scope of inquiry to a single region.

The papers in this volume are intended to support further investigation, comparative research, interdisciplinary discussion, and the development of subsequent journal manuscripts and other scholarly outputs. By making selected conference research available beyond the event itself, this volume contributes to the continuing exchange of knowledge and the wider development of Environment-Behaviour Studies.

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Sincere appreciation is extended to the International Organising Committee, International Breakout Chairs, International Scientific Committee, and Journal Editorial Team for their dedication and contributions. The organiser also thanks the abstract and full-paper contributors, reviewers, and conference participants for their scholarly engagement, commitment, and support.

AMER gratefully acknowledges everyone who contributed to the organisation of the conference, the exchange of academic knowledge, and the preparation of these proceedings.

About the conference

The Asia-Pacific International Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies (AicE-Bs) originated from the development of international scholarly exchange in Environment-Behaviour Studies. Its predecessor, M1iCES (Malaysia's 1st International Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies), was officially soft-launched by the Director General of the Women's Development Department, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, during InCEBS, held on 14–15 November 2009. The conference series was subsequently renamed AicE-Bs to reflect its broader Asia-Pacific orientation and international scope.

AicE-Bs provides an academic forum for examining Environment-Behaviour Studies and Environmental Psychology, with particular attention to issues affecting Asian communities in both Asian and non-Asian countries. Research concerning other communities and geographical contexts is also welcomed, especially where it contributes to comparative understanding of relationships between people, behaviour, and their physical, social, cultural, technological, and natural environments.

Before 2014, AicE-Bs conferences were organised annually through collaborations involving cE-Bs, ABRA (Association of Behavioural Researchers on Asians, Africans/Arabians), AMER (Association of Malaysian Environment-Behaviour Researchers), and participating institutions associated with the editorial boards of ajE-Bs and jABs. The related Asian Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies (AcE-Bs) series developed as a platform for conferences held in Asian member countries. Following the organisational developments after 2014, AicE-Bs continued to develop its international and Asia-Pacific orientation, with conference locations reflecting the series' evolving collaborations and institutional partnerships.

The series is managed by emAs (AMER Event Management & Services), under emAs Resources, in accordance with the applicable organisational arrangements for each conference.

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The conferences organised under the AicE-Bs series include:

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- 3rd AicE-Bs2012Cairo, Egypt, 31 October–02 November 2012
- 4th AicE-Bs2013London, United Kingdom, 04–06 September 2013
- 5th AicE-Bs2014Berlin, Germany, 24–26 February 2014
- 6th AicE-Bs2015Barcelona, Spain, 31 August–05 September 2015
- 7th AicE-Bs2016Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, 27–30 July 2016
- 8th AicE-Bs2018Sheffield, United Kingdom, 14–15 July 2018
- 9th AicE-Bs2019Lisbon, Portugal, 03–04 July 2019
- 10th AicE-Bs2022KotaKinabalu, Malaysia, 07–08 September 2022
- 11th AicE-Bs2023Marrakech, Morocco, 01–07 March 2023
- 12th AicE-Bs2024Bandung, Indonesia, 04–05 October 2024
- 13th AicE-Bs2025London, United Kingdom, 29–31 August 2025
- 14th AicE-Bs2026Sokcho, South Korea, 04–06 June 2026

The 14th AicE-Bs2026Sokcho conference continues this international series by bringing together researchers, academics, and practitioners to examine Environment-Behaviour Studies and Environmental Psychology across diverse Asia-Pacific and related international contexts. Its proceedings contribute to the continuing development of scholarship on the relationships between people, behaviour, and the environments in which they live, work, learn, and interact.

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