

## ***Statement of the Editors (Transport Logistics)***

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The increasingly globalized economy, together with the competitive pressures for cost improvement, as well as the incessant rise in customer demand for better services present operations challenges for organizations to excel. To cope with these challenges, it is highly desirable that organizations look for ways to strengthen and preserve their cost and service advantages. The success of firms' operations largely depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of their transport logistics activities to fulfill the market demand for their products/services profitably. Different from manufacturing logistics, which is primarily concerned with the management of materials flows to support a production line, transport logistics concerns mainly with move-store activities with a focus on the physical flows of goods across organizational boundaries and to the end customers. Delivering superior service value and strengthening ongoing relationships with customers are important goals to pursue. Thus issues relating to the design and implementation of transport logistics activities are fundamental in research on improving organizational operating performance.

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