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He has been honored many awards, including the Best Paper Awards (Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies, September 2019, 2015); the Kometani-Sasaki Award (Kometani-Sasaki Foundation, November 2014); the Japan Society of Transportation Economics (JSTE) Award (JSTE, October 2014); Outstanding Paper Award at the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2014 (Emerald Group Publishing Ltd, May 2014); and the Best Teaching Award of Year 2015 (Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, April 2016).

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