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**The 10th meeting of Japan-India Joint Working Group
on the Roads and Road Transportation Sector and
the Japan-India Road Engineering Seminar (Report)**

--- Both countries will continue to share knowledge
and cooperate with each other in the road sector ---

On October 7, 2024, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan, and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), India, held “The 10th meeting of Japan-India Joint Working Group on the Roads and Road Transportation Sector” in New Delhi, India. In this meeting, we shared knowledge concerning “road planning”, “earthquake countermeasures for bridges”, and “road pavement maintenance and management” and confirmed that we would continue technical exchange of views between Japan and India.

On October 9, 2024, MLIT held the “Japan-India Road Engineering Seminar” for the first time in Mumbai, in collaboration with the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) etc. The seminar focused on “road bridge construction and maintenance” and included project introductions from the Indian side and PR for Japanese technologies from the Japanese side.

Japan-India Joint Working Group meeting is held based on “Framework of Cooperation in the Roads and Road Transportation Sector”, and since the first meeting was held in New Delhi, Republic of India, in October 2014, it has been held almost every year. The summary of the 10th meeting is as follows.

<<The 10th Japan-India Joint Working Group meeting>>

(1) Date and Place: October 7, 2024 (Monday), New Delhi, India

(2) Major participants:

Japan: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

HASHIMOTO Masamichi, Assistant Vice Minister (Engineering and Road)

NAGAO Shinichiro, Director for International Affairs, Planning Division, Road Bureau

India: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)

Mr. Kamlesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary (IC)

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Chief Engineer (Planning)

(3) Summary of proceedings

- After explaining the relevant technologies and initiatives from both countries regarding the common themes (1) road planning, (2) earthquake countermeasures for bridges, and (3) road pavement maintenance and management, we had an exchange of discussions.
- Through the meeting, we, both countries confirmed that we would continue to share our technologies and experiences in the road sector.



Pictures of the meeting

The Japan-India Road Engineering Seminar was held for the first time with the aim of sharing information on projects information and technologies related to “road bridge construction and maintenance” between the public and private sectors of both countries, including the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), and to lead to the realization of future collaborative projects. The following is a summary of the results of the first seminar.

<<The 1st Japan-India Road Engineering Seminar >>

(1) Date and Place: October 9, 2024 (Wednesday), New Delhi, India

(2) Major participants:

Japan: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
 HASHIMOTO Masamichi, Assistant Vice Minister (Engineering and Road)
 NAGAO Shinichiro, Director for International Affairs, Planning Division, Road Bureau

The four companies participated in the seminar:

- 1) NEXCO East Japan, 2) IHI Infrastructure Systems Co.
- 3) JFE Engineering Corporation, 4) Chodai Co.

In addition, there were six companies that participated in the seminar as observers (four companies participated on-site, and two companies joined online)

India: Mr. Abhijeet Bhisikar, Deputy Chief Engineer, MMRDA
 Mr. S.K. Survase, Chief Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation

(3) Summary of proceedings

- After an introduction from MMRDA on the Mumbai Trans Harbor Link (MTHL) project overview and the Versova Virar Sea Link (VVSL) project concept and planning, Japanese companies made presentations on Japanese technologies related to the road bridge construction and maintenance and we had an exchange of discussions.
- Through the seminar, we shared information on the road bridge projects and related Japanese technologies, and confirmed that we would continue technical exchange of views to realize cooperation between the two countries in the future.



Pictures of seminar