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**The Opening Ceremony of the Marmaray Project****and The Second Japan-Turkey Conference on Construction**

(Outline of Results)

**1. Outline**

As a replacement for Minister Ohta, H.E. Tsuyoshi Takagi, Senior Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) visited the Republic of Turkey to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Marmaray Project (Bosphorus Strait train tunnel) and summit talks, accompanying Prime Minister Abe from October 28 to October 31. As well as having discussions with H.E. Binali Yildirim, Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of Turkey, Vice-Minister Takagi made the opening speech as a representative of the host countries at the Second Japan-Turkey Conference on Construction.

**2. The Opening Ceremony of the Marmaray Project**

The Opening Ceremony of the Marmaray Project was held in Istanbul on October 29, the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Turkey. Vice-Minister Takagi's meeting with Minister Yildirim took place on the day before this ceremony.

**3. The Second Japan-Turkey Conference on Construction**

The Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication of Turkey and MLIT jointly held the Second Japan-Turkey Conference on Construction following the first conference in 2006 to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the construction industry fields of the two countries. The conference, which was held to further cultivate partnerships between contractors from the two countries, included presentations on the introduction of construction technologies and achievements, and business matching to enhance cooperative relations in the future.

The conference, with approximately 150 attendees, began with opening remarks from several stakeholders.

Date: October 30, 2013, from 9:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Hilton Istanbul, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey

Principal Attendees:

(Japan)

H.E. Tsuyoshi Takagi, Senior Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

H.E. Yutaka Yokoi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Turkey

Mr. Koichi Yoshida, Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry

The Overseas Construction Association of Japan, Inc.; Japanese construction companies and other private companies

(Turkey)

H.E. Suat Hayri Aka, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications

Mr. Cahit Turhan, Directorate General of Road Transport Regulation, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications

Mr. Haluk Ibrahim Ozmen, Regional Director, Marmaray Regional Directorate, General Directorate of Infrastructure Investments, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications

Ministry of Environment and City Planning; Ministry of Economy;

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