3.2.2 Bilateral Exchanges

(1) U.S.-Japan Conference on Development and Utilization of Natural Resources (UJNR)
Under this international council, Japan and the United States carry out joint research on the development and use of natural resources and exchange technical information. The Marine Resources and Engineering Committee is a survey committee and one of twenty subgroups of the UJNR. The Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport is an active participant in the Marine Structures Experts’ Subgroup and the Shore Environmental Science and Technological Experts, a subgroup of the MRECC.

(2) U.S.-Japan Transportation Experts’ Meeting
The goals of this organization are to promote cooperation in the area of transport technology and to contribute to the provision of efficient and safe transportation systems in both countries. Japan and the United States have held joint meetings of experts from both countries annually since 1994.

3.2.3 Organizations involved in port- and harbor-related international cooperation

(1) International Affairs Office, the Ports and Harbours Bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
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This office regulates international cooperation in the field of ports and harbors, particularly with regard to the implementation of such government development support as grant aid and loan assistance. It also cooperates with recipient countries in development surveys implemented by international cooperation organizations, regulates the deployment of experts, and holds group and individual training sessions. In addition, the office collects information and conducts surveys on overseas port development and operation methods.
In recent years, it has worked with the increasingly active IAPH, APEC, PIANC, and other international organizations concerned with ports and harbors, on multilateral international exchanges. It is also involved in such multilateral and bilateral international exchanges as Northeast Asia Port Director-General Meeting, the U.S.-Japan Transportation Experts’ Meeting.