

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT SECURITY

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

January 13, 2006

1. Date and Place

Date: January 11-13, 2006

Place: Tokyo Prince Hotel, Tokyo

Sponsor: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan

Participating countries and organizations:

Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States of America, the European Commission (EC), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Customs Organization (WCO)

Participants: Total of approximately 220 participants (50 from Japan, 170 from other countries)

* See the Attachment for the list of heads of delegation.

2. Agenda

The conference was held under the main theme of enhancing transport security while realizing smooth and efficient transportation. Individual sessions were held for each sector on the 12th (Session (1)-(3) below). In the morning of the 13th, there was a general discussion on the future policy directions of transport security (Session 4 below). In addition, Ministers responsible for transport security took this occasion to discuss the issue of avian influenza which is of international concern.

- (1) Maritime security
- (2) Aviation security
- (3) Land transport security
- (4) Conclusion

3. Findings

At the Conference, ministers responsible for transport security from major countries exchanged views and information for enhancing transport security and discussed issues that should be addressed in a coordinated, cooperative manner.

As a result, the Ministers were unanimous in their desire to send a strong message to the world of their commitment to assure security in transportation through cooperation among countries, capacity building assistance, and endorsement of the initiatives of relevant international institutions.

Also, since avian influenza and transport security are similar in their need for emergency response, Ministers agreed to endeavor to minimize any negative impact for transport systems arising from such diseases.