Chapter 11. Development of International Measures Interconnected with Globalization

(Measures addressing the global issues under the initiative of Japan)

In January 2002, a ministerial conference on transport was held in Tokyo to address the following 3 issues: (1) Prevention of Marine Pollution, (2) Urban Transportation and Environment and (3) Development and Promotion of Environmentally-Friendly-Vehicles. This conference was an opportunity for the goal of establishing a policy formation network among ministries in charge of Iand, infrastructure and transport, of major nations.

124. (Towards the formation of a new forum)



Additionally, in order to deliberate upon world water problems, a minister-level international conference will be held as part of the third World Water Forum to be held in March 2003. Also, the Tokyo Climate Center has been established to provide climate monitoring information, long-term forecast, etc. for the Asia-Pacific region.

[Addressing multilateral/bilateral measures]

Solution to problems is being addressed bilaterally with Asian countries, such as Singapore, Korea, etc., the U.S., EU countries, etc., along with active participation in multilateral negotiations and forums in the WTO, APEC, OECD, etc., Moreover, measures are being taken to promote world-wide harmonization of technical regulations for automobiles and mutual recognition of certification, international harmonization of civil engineering and construction standards, mutual certification of qualification of engineers, etc.

125. (Merits of Harmonization of Standards and Mutual Approval of Certifications)

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[International cooperation that capitalizes on Japan's technology and know-how]

In order to utilize and transfer Japan's technology and know-how and to contribute to a "visibility of Japanese Aid", measures for international cooperation are being actively taken to develop wide area infrastructures. Also, environment/safety-related cooperation is being promoted, such as support for improvement of automotive regulations, aviation control, etc. and earthquake disaster reconstruction, disaster prevention, etc.

126. (Technology Transfer of Air-Photo Signal (Tunisia))

127. (Construction site of Philippines' No. 2 Elevated Railroad)

