

Chapter 9. International Coordination and Contribution for Sustainable Development

[Development of an international coordination and cooperation mechanism under the initiative of Japan]

With the aim of strengthening ties with ASEAN, we are promoting the free movement of goods, people, services, capital and information across national borders among the nations of ASEAN and Japan. We are also working toward the goal of establishing a common policy making network among ministers of major nations in charge of transport as well as the goal of building a network for Asia-Pacific ministers in charge of infrastructure development.

141. (Ministerial Conference on Transport)



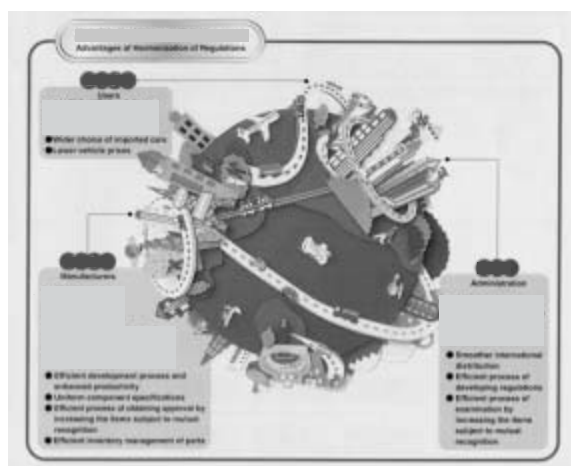
Also, in March of 2003, we supported the 3rd World Water Forum, held to debate the world's water problems, and also hosted a " Cabinet-level International Conference. "

[Towards world standards]

Along with globalization, the demands are great to harmonize international standards and to increase mutual approval of certification. We are working to globalize automobile standards and approval systems, harmonize approval systems for civil engineering and construction, globally standardize ITS and geographic data, and press for mutual recognition of overseas technical certificates.

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

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[International cooperation using Japan’s technological strength and knowledge]

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 measures against disaster, etc .

143. (JICA development survey in Indonesia, “ Port of Greater Jakarta Development Plan Survey ”)



144. (2nd Bosphorus Bridge, where work has begun on earthquake strengthening (Turkey))



[Bilateral and Multilateral Negotiations]

We are positive participants in planning multilateral negotiations and forums, such as WTO, APEC, OECD WSSD, etc. In addition, we are involved in bilateral and multilateral negotiations in such sectors as roads, ports, and maritime affairs.