

**FOURTH ASEAN AND JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
9 FEBRUARY 2007, BANGKOK, THAILAND**

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

1. The Transport Ministers of ASEAN and Japan met for the Fourth ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM +Japan) in Bangkok, Thailand on 9 February 2007. H.E. Admiral Thira Hao-Charoen, Minister of Transport of Thailand chaired the Meeting with H.E. Mr. Shigetaro Yamamoto, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan as Co-Chairman.
2. In view of the need to develop cooperation to enhance national transport security, the Ministers adopted the ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Declaration on Transport Security. To embody the declaration, the Ministers recognized the importance of taking every practicable measure to prevent terrorist acts against all modes of transport systems, valuing the efforts of international organizations and implementing capacity building assistance.
3. The Ministers were pleased with the steady implementation and development of the 21 joint projects under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (list as attached). The Ministers supported the work plans of these projects for the year 2007, which had contributed significantly in raising the levels of human and institutional capability in areas, such as transport security, urban transport development, transfer of technical know-how and technology for efficient and sustainable transport services. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to ensure the steady implementation of these joint projects. The ASEAN Ministers expressed their appreciation to Japan for its continuing support to ASEAN.
4. A significant progress of joint projects was the Ministers' approval of the "ASEAN-Japan Regional Action Plan on Port Security", which will enhance the port facilities security coping with the new International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The Ministers also endorsed the "Recommendations for the ASEAN-Japan New Air Navigation System" to cope with the increasing air traffic in the intra-Asia area, as well as to improve air transport safety in the region. The Ministers acknowledged that these two achievements would serve as the transport policy guideline in the ASEAN and Japan region.
5. The Ministers welcomed Japan's new initiative (the Public-Private Partnership on International Logistics Competitiveness) to create Asia-wide Seamless Logistics Partnership (ASLP) through the reduction of cost and lead-time for logistics. The Ministers viewed that such an initiative, which can synergize with the existing ASEAN-Japan Transport Logistics Project (AJTF-1), would be useful and relevant to the ASEAN's ongoing effort in pursuing an integrated logistics services sector. As such, the Ministers tasked the senior officials to further explore collaboration on this issue, and to provide an update at the Fifth ATM-Japan Meeting in November 2007 in Singapore.

LIST OF ASEAN +JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS

1. **H.E. Pehin Dato Abu Bakar Apong**, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
2. **H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol**, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
3. **H.E. Mr. Wendy Aritenang**, Secretary General, Ministry of Transportation of Indonesia;
4. **H.E. Mr. Shigetaro Yamamoto**, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan;
5. **H.E. Mr. Math Soumala**, Director-General, Planning and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction of Lao PDR;
6. **H.E. Dato' Sri Chan Kong Choy**, Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
7. **H.E. Maj. Gen. Thein Swe**, Minister of Transport of Myanmar;
8. **H.E. Ms Anneli. R Lontoc**, Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) for Road Transport and Chairman, International Affairs, Department of Transportation and Communications of the Philippines;
9. **H.E. Mr. Raymond Lim Siang Keat**, Minister for Transport of Singapore;
10. **H.E. Admiral Thira Hao-Charoen**, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
11. **H.E. Mr. Ho Nghia Dung**, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
12. **H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong**, Secretary-General of ASEAN

ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Declaration on Transport Security

We, the ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers, gathered in Bangkok, Thailand on 9 February 2007 for the Fourth ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting;

Affirming our condemnation of all terrorist acts, and reiterating our sympathy and condolences for the loss of lives in terrorist attacks worldwide;

Mindful of the ASEAN-Japan Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism agreed in November 2004, which stressed the need to develop cooperation to enhance national transport security as agreed in the framework of the ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting;

Acknowledging the remarkable achievements in the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Project and ASEAN-Japan Maritime Transport Security Program under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership; and

Welcoming the Ministerial Declaration and Statements adopted at the Ministerial Conference on International Transport Security in January 2006, Tokyo;

HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. Resolve to take every practicable measure to prevent terrorist acts against all modes of transport systems, which form the foundation of today's society, so that the systems are able to exercise a vital role in society and the economy;
 2. Give high priority to addressing remaining vulnerabilities in transport systems to terrorist acts while valuing the significant efforts of individual states, concerned transport stakeholders and international organizations such as the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization;
 3. Pay attention to capacity building assistance to those states that have not yet fully addressed the security threats to transport;
 4. Affirm that security measures must be based on an assessment of risk and be compatible with facilitating the legitimate flow of people and goods;
 5. Promote cooperation to enhance maritime security, including the implementation of the provisions of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code;
 6. Promote cooperation to enhance aviation security, focusing on the implementation of International Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 17 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, improvement of screening capability and air cargo security;
 7. Encourage the sharing of information necessary for enhancement of land transport security,
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bearing in mind the need to retain the benefits of land transport to national and regional economies such as ease of transport, punctuality and accessibility.

Adopted in Bangkok, Thailand on the Ninth day of February of the year Two Thousand and Seven.

List of 21 ASEAN and Japan Transport Partnership Projects

(Transport Facilitation)

AJTF-1: Transport Logistics Project

(Air Transport)

AJAT-1: New Air Navigation System

AJAT-2: Aviation Security Project

AJAT-3: Airport Study Project

(Maritime Transport)

AJMT-1: Seafarers Policy Cooperation

AJMT-2: Maritime Transport Security Program

AJMT-3: Cruise Promotion Project

AJMT-4: High Speed Maritime Network Project

AJMT-5: "Mega-Float" Promotion Project

AJMT-6: Port Technology Research Project

AJMT-7: Cooperation on Coast Guard Development

(Land Transport)

AJLT-1: Public Transport Smart Card Initiative

AJLT-2: Intelligent Transport System Development

AJLT-3: Automobile Technical Cooperation Project on Safety and Environment

AJLT-4: Road Signage Harmonization

AJLT-5: ASEAN Railways Revival Plan

AJLT-6: Urban Transport Policy Framework

AJLT-7: Alternative Fuel Project for Transport Sector

AJLT-8: Road Transport Safety Project

(Others)

AJOA-1: Transport Policy Officials Training in Japan

AJOA-2: Transport Information Platform Project
