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Road Bureau Planning Division

## A Business Workshop on Road Tunnel Construction and O&M (Operation and Maintenance) was held in the Philippines

On November 15, 2023, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) of the Philippines held a Business Workshop on Road Tunnel Construction and O&M in Manila, Philippines.

During the workshop, presentations on road tunnel construction and O&M were given by both countries, followed by an exchange meeting to promote business matching between companies from both countries.

### < Outline of the Business Workshop >

- (1) Date: November 15, 2023
- (2) Location: Diamond Hotel, Manila, Philippines
- (3) Participants: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, JICA Philippines Office, Department of Public Works and Highways of the Philippines, and about 45 private companies from both countries
- (4) Agenda
  1. Speeches
    - Progress of the Davao City Bypass Construction Project and O&M Procurement Conditions (Consultant, Department of Public Works and Highways, Philippines)
    - Dalton Pass East Alternative Road Construction Project (JICA Survey Team)
    - Introduction of Cutting-Edge O&M Technology (NEXCO-Central)
    - Infrastructure Development Project in the Philippines (Department of Public Works and Highways, Philippines)
    - Large-Scale Renovation/Renewal Projects (Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited)
  2. Lunch and business exchange



Greetings from Hasegawa,  
Assistant Vice-Minister of  
MLIT



Greetings from Sadain,  
Senior Undersecretary of  
DPWH



Look of the workshop venue

## ■Background of the Workshop and future initiatives

The Davao City Bypass Construction Project is a bypass road project (including a 2.3km tunnel) that connects the southern end of Davao City with the city center. This is the first full-scale road tunnel (“Davao tunnel”) in the Philippines, and the project (Special Terms for Economic Partnership project) is expected to utilize Japanese technologies. It was awarded to a JV of Shimizu Corporation, Takenaka Civil Engineering & Construction, and a Philippine company in April 2020.

In October 2022, MLIT and DPWH signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC), confirming cooperation in sharing road tunnel technology and continuing business matching workshops, holding regular opinion exchange meetings and supporting the business activities of Japanese expressway companies.

Based on the MOU, a business workshop was recently held, as in the previous fiscal year, wherein Japanese expressway companies and Philippine companies promoted business cooperation and did regular sharing of road tunnel technology.

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