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Planning Division, Road Bureau

The 34th Japan-China Road Meeting (Report)

Continuing cooperation between Japan and China in the road sector confirmed

The Road Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism (MLIT) in Japan and the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Ministry of Transport of the Zhejiang Provincial Government jointly hosted the 34th Japan-China Road Meeting on September 16th in Beijing and 18th in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province.

We shared tasks and experiences related to road maintenance and other infrastructure matters and confirmed continuing cooperation between Japan and the PRC on such issues.

An agreement was made to hold a Japan-China Road Meeting in 1984, since which time this meeting has been held almost every year for more than 30 years in order to advance technological exchanges on the topic of road maintenance and other infrastructure matters. A summary of the latest meetings, held on September 16th and 18th, 2019, follows.

The 34th Japan-China Road Meeting

1. Schedule: Monday, September 16th, 2019, 14:30 – 17:45, Beijing
Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, 8:30 – 12:15, Hangzhou
2. Venue: Conference room, Ministry of Transport, People's Republic of China, Beijing
Conference room, Ministry of Transport, Zhejiang Provincial Government, Hangzhou
3. Hosts: MLIT, Japan, and MoT, PRC
4. Attendance: Approximately 20 people (Beijing), 40 (Hangzhou)
 - (From Japan) Masaru Noda, Assistant Vice-Minister for Road Affairs, Minister's Secretariat, MLIT;
Tomohiro Watase, Director of Expressway Companies Affairs Office, Road Bureau, MLIT, et al.
 - (From China) Zhōu Rongfeng, Vice-Director-General, Road Bureau, Ministry of Transport, PRC;
Ren Zhong, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Transport, Zhejiang Provincial Government, et al.



Opening remarks by Mr. Noda



Opening remarks by Mr. Zhō

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At the meetings, participants gave presentations and held discussions on "Road maintenance", "Roads for regional development" and "Trends in ITS - ETC (electronic toll collection), automated driving systems, etc."

[Presentations from China]

- Road maintenance in China: the history and present situation, overview and trends in the life extension of highway bridges, prospects for the future, etc.
- Roads for regional development in China: details and prospects for the future on landscape-friendly road construction in Zhejiang Province and green highways, etc.
- Trends in ITS (ETC, information services, etc.) in China: trends in the latest initiatives and prospects for the future on the prevalence of ETC and traffic management utilizing data processing technology, etc.

[Presentations from Japan]

- Road maintenance in Japan: the current status and prospects for the future on road structure inspections, issues with expressway maintenance, large-scale renewal and repairs, etc.
- Roads for regional development in Japan: the current status of Roadside Stations (Michi-no-Eki), with an overview of the Michi-no-Eki system, its disaster prevention functions, and initiatives for "local production for local consumption" utilizing specialty products.
- Trends in ITS (ETC, automated driving systems, etc.) in Japan: the current status and prospects for the future on initiatives for ETC, ETC 2.0, automated driving systems, etc.

At the meetings, we shared the latest information on the road sectors in the two countries and confirmed continuous cooperation between Japan and the PRC on such issues. At MLIT, we will utilize the knowledge obtained at the meetings for domestic road administration, and will continue to strengthen technological exchanges on road issues between Japan and the PRC.



Meeting in Beijing



Meeting in Hangzhou