

**THE ELEVENTH ASEAN AND JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(11th ATM+Japan)**

19 December 2013, Pakse City, Champasak Province, Lao PDR

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The 11th ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM+Japan) was held in Pakse City, Champasak Province, Lao PDR on 19 December 2013. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Sommad Pholsena, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR and, H.E. Mr. Yaichi Nakahara, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, co-chaired the Meeting. The Meeting was preceded by the Twelfth ASEAN and Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (12th STOM+Japan) held on 18 December 2013.
2. The Ministers welcomed the outcomes of 16th ASEAN-Japan Summit held on 8 October 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam including Japan's new initiative to further promote 'Quality Transport', new ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security project and, expansion of air services arrangements between ASEAN and Japan. The Ministers also welcomed the outcomes of the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit held on 13-15 December 2013 in Tokyo to mark the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Dialogue Relation including strengthening cooperation on air and maritime linkages and in ensuring the freedom of overflight and civil aviation safety.
3. The Ministers welcomed significant progress made under ASEAN Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP) since its inception ten years ago which has helped to facilitate the implementation of ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan/Brunei Action Plan as well as the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. One of the key deliverables was the completion and launching of the "ASEAN-Japan Transport Statistics Book" which will serve as a useful reference to further develop transport policy in the region.
4. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen AJTP by adopting a new action plan, "Pakse Action Plan" for the next ten years. The new action plan will include 23 projects/activities on "Transport Facilitation", "Transport Infrastructure", "Quality and Sustainable Transport" and "Human Resource Development which appears as **ANNEX 1**.

5. The Ministers endorsed the AJTP Work Plan for 2013-2014, which include several projects/activities under the New Action Plan, among others, including “ASEAN-Japan Logistics Project”, “Automobile Technical Cooperation Project on Safety and Environment”, “Technical cooperation in field of Port Electronic Data Interchange”, “Project for Improvement and Harmonisation of Safety Standards and Ship Inspection for Coastal Ships”, “Eco-Airport” and “Preliminary Study on Land Bridge”.

6. The Ministers welcomed Japan’s initiative to conclude a regional air services agreement with ASEAN as announced at the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit and agreed to establish a working group under STOM+Japan to facilitate the air transport negotiation between ASEAN and Japan. The Working Group will discuss various matters related to enhancing air connectivity for ASEAN Member States and Japan.

7. The Ministers endorsed Japan’s new initiatives to further enhance ASEAN transport connectivity including “New ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Project”, “Promotion of ASEAN-Japan Road Technology Exchange” and “Cooperation for Promotion of Public-Private Partnership (PPP).”

8. The Twelfth ATM+Japan Meeting will be convened in Myanmar in 2014.



LIST OF MINISTERS

- a) H.E. Pehin Dato Abdullah Bakar, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
- b) H.E. Mr. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- c) H.E. Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- d) H.E. Mr. Yaichi Nakahara, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan;
- e) H.E. Mr. Sommad Pholsena, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- f) H.E. Datuk Ab Aziz Bin Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- g) H.E. Mr. Nyan Htun Aung, Union Minister for Transport of Myanmar;
- h) H.E. Atty. Catherine Jennifer P. Gonzales, Undersecretary of Transportation and Communications of the Philippines;
- i) H.E. Mr. Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- j) Mr. Teerapong Rodprasert, Deputy Permanent Secretary, representing H.E. Mr. Chadchart Sittipunt, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- k) H.E. Mr. Dinh La Thang, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- l) H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.

ANNEX 1

List of ASEAN and Japan Transport Partnership Projects/Activities upon the AJTP New Action Plan/Pakse Action Plan

(Transport Facilitation)

- ASEAN-Japan Logistics Project
- ASEAN-Japan Logistics Partnership
- ASEAN-Japan New Air navigation System
- Automobile Technical Cooperation Project on Safety and Environment
- Urban Public Transport Policy Framework
- Promotion of ASEAN-Japan Road Technology Exchange

(Transport Infrastructure)

- ASEAN-Japan Port Development Research Project
- Cooperation for Promotion of Public-Private Partnership (PPP)
- ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Program

(Quality and Sustainable Transport)

- Comprehensive Cooperation on Technology for Safe and Efficient Transport
- Cooperation on Natural Disaster Prevention in the Transport Sector
- ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Joint Research Project
- ASEAN-Japan Seafarers Policy Cooperation
- New Regional Action Plan on Port Security (New RAPPS) under ASEAN-Japan Maritime Security Transport Programme
- Project for Improvement and Harmonisation of Safety Standards and Ship Inspection for Coastal Ships
- ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Project
- ASEAN Railways Revival Plan
- ASEAN “Mega-Float” Promotion Project
- ASEAN-Japan Airport Study Project (Eco-Airport)
- ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector
- ASEAN-Japan Intelligent Transport System Development

(Human Resource Development)

- Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan
- ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project

