

【Statement Overview from JAPAN】

Regional land transport connectivity and logistics

- International society is still in the midst of recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are aware that people are wishing for the steady realization of sustainable, better recovery, with an eye toward the post-COVID-19 future. In the Asia Pacific region as well, we understand that people will seek expanded and improved efficiency in public transportation, and sustainable transportation achieved through inclusivity and diversity.
- Japan is using the experience gained from overcoming natural disasters, which are becoming increasingly frequent and severe. More recently, it has been addressing issues that have become newly apparent, such as the deterioration of infrastructure systems.
- Japan intends to put efforts into cooperation issues such as knowledge sharing and capacity building from the perspective of future operations and maintenance, not simply preparing transportation infrastructure.

Digitalization of transport

- In addition, (as was also introduced at the Transport Ministers' Meeting) Japan is implementing initiatives in ASEAN countries with the goal of solving transportation issues, through conducting transportation volume analyses using big data, such as positioning information, and is sharing its knowledge and experience from a digital perspective as well.

Road safety

- Under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership, Japan is implementing initiatives related to road transport safety. In 2021, we focused on initiatives related to transport safety education and distributing driver's licenses, and we have recently compiled a road transport safety collaborative report.
- As part of transport safety education for children, Japan is sharing the knowledge gained from its experience of reducing the number of traffic accident-related deaths to a quarter of 1970 values, such as using psychology skills to introduce Japanese transport safety education programs according to the development of children (a cooperative project from 2019).

Inclusive transportation and mobility (methods of travel)

- Japan is also promoting initiatives to achieve barrier-free and seamless mobility experiences for those who are hesitant to travel, such as elderly or disabled persons, including demonstration tests of how multiple transport operators and modes of transportation, including trains, planes, and taxis, can be connected through Mobility as a Service (MaaS).
- For ASEAN, we have formulated and will share a "manual" of guidelines for maintaining smooth transportation based on Japanese public transport at travel facilities, and also implementing initiatives to support the creation of policy reports in each country, with the goal of contributing to the process of making public transportation barrier-free.
- We will continue to contribute to the "Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026)".