Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport

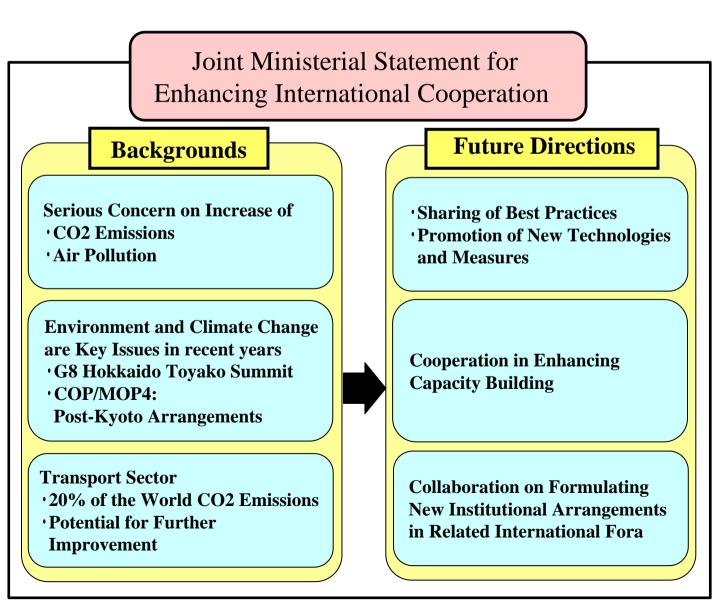
Date: 22th -24th October 2008 Venue: Japan

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Invitees:

[Countries] Australia, China, India, Korea, ASEAN member countries, G8 member countries, EC [International Organizations] UNFCCC Secretariat, World Bank, ICAO, IMO, UNECE WP29, IEA, ITF

Host: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Government of Japan



Provisional Agenda

The Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport (*MEET*) 22-24 October 2008, Tokyo

Wednesday October 22 nd	Preparatory Meeting for Ministerial Conference
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Time	Contents		
14:00-20:00	Registration		
15:00-16:00	Staff briefing of Conference arrangements		
19:00-	Welcome Reception hosted by the Japanese Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism		

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Time	Contents			
9:00- 9:15	Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks by the Japanese Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism			
9:15-10:00	Keynote Speech by the Secretary General of the UNFCCC			
	Photo Session of Heads of Delegation			
10:30-12:15	Session1: Inland Transport Keynote Speech by the Chair of the UNECE/WP29/GRPE Keynote Speech by the Secretary General of the ITF Keynote Speech by the Secretary General of the IEA Keynote Speech by the World Bank Speakers Exchange of Views			
12:15-13:30	Lunch hosted by the Japanese Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism			
13:30-14:15	Session2: International Air Transport Keynote speech by the President of the Council of the ICAO Speakers Exchange of Views			
14:15-15:00	Session3: International Maritime Transport Keynote Speech by the Secretary General of the IMO Speakers Exchange of Views			
15:30-17:30	Retreat Session			

F	riday October 2	4 th Ministerial Conference (Day 2)
	Time	Contents
	10:30-11:30	Session4: Adoption of Ministerial Declaration and Statements Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Adoption of the Ministerial Statement on Inland Transport Adoption of the Ministerial Statement on International Air Transport Adoption of the Ministerial Statements on International Maritime Transport Closing Remarks by the Host Minister
	11:30-12:00	Joint Press Conference (Attended by Heads of Delegation)
	13:30-17:30	Field Trip



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Mr. Bernard Gauvin

Chair of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy, World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations

Dear Sir:

It is my great honour and privilege to invite you to *the Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport* from 22nd to 24th of October 2008, in Tokyo.

As we are all aware, climate change and energy efficiency are urgent issues. The discussions on the post-Kyoto arrangement started last December at COP13 and COP/MOP 3 in Bali, Indonesia. These issues will also be the main topics at the upcoming G8 Summit Meeting in Toyako, Japan. Further efforts to tackle these issues are also indispensable in the field of transport, where transport related CO2 emissions amount to some 20% of the worldwide total. In addition, air pollution caused by the transport sector poses great concern in many urban areas in the world. It is, therefore, considered highly important to strengthen our international cooperation in tackling climate change, energy efficiency and air pollution in the field of transport.

Under such circumstances, I would like to cordially host *the Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport*, inviting ministers from Asian countries, Australia, G8 member countries and European Commission, as well as leaders from international organizations, such as, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) , International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe World Forum for Vehicle Regulations (UNECE/WP29), International Transport Forum (ITF), International Energy Agency (IEA) and the World Bank. The Conference is expected to seek consensus on identifying concrete policy measures and directions at both the domestic and international level and through our discussions to establish a ministerial declaration and statements.



It is my sincere hope that you could participate in *the Conference* and share your esteemed views and experiences with the other ministers for the future of our shared planet.

I am looking forward to welcoming you next October here in Japan.

Sincerely yours,



Tetsuzo Fuyushiba

Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Government of Japan