ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership
Work Plan for 2013-2014 (Human Resources Development)

Background

- For 5 years since the adoption of the “Manila Action Plan,” the current policy framework at the 6th ATM+J in 2008, transport network development in ASEAN has progressed steadily and ASEAN economy has grown remarkably. The current status surrounding the transport, including the demands on the transport network, safety, security, green transport and people’s living standards, has also drastically changed accordingly. Moreover, ASEAN is moving forwards aggressively with its projects for ASEAN Connectivity in 2015 based on the “Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity” (MPAC) and the “Brunei Action Plan” (BAP).

- In 2013, taking into account the above situation, ASEAN and Japan conducted a review of the “Manila Action Plan” and will confirm the new policy frameworks of AJTP, called the “Pakse Action Plan,” based on the reorganized policy pillars for the next decade, as the conclusion of the review, at the 12th ATM+J held in Pakse, Lao PDR, on 13th December 2013.

- Having explained the above 3 policy pillars, it should be noted that these policies can only be efficiently implemented by transport officials (and other relevant personnel) with sufficient policy capacities.

- Projects and actions relating to human resources development will be useful in building the basic policy capacity of transport officials (and other relevant personnel) in ASEAN, and it is of crucial importance to continue with these based on the “Human Resources Development” policy pillar, which will be the fundamental policy pillar of the AJTP.

Previous Work

- Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan

Under the “Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan”, endorsed at the 1st ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM+J), held in Myanmar, in 2003, training programs for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam have been conducted every year. Depending on the theme of the program, other ASEAN Member States (AMSs) and the ASEAN Secretariat were invited to the training program. The training courses have been implemented

In 2013, the Transport Policy Officials Training Program was conducted with the theme of “Transport Statistics” with capacity building for utilization of transport databases in policy planning.

- ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project

“ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project” was endorsed at the 2nd ATM+J, held in Cambodia, in 2004. Following its endorsement at the 2nd ATM+J, Expert Group Meetings to collect and share transport related data and statistics were held 8 times starting in 2004, on an almost annual basis. In order to further understanding of the utilization of statistical data, Seminars, under the initiatives of ASEAN and Japan, have been held since 2007.

Under the “Operational Guidelines of the ASEAN-Japan Transport Statistics Database”, endorsed by the 7th ATM+J, held in Vietnam, in 2009, the AJTP Information Center was opened to the public in 2011.

In 2013, the Transport Policy Officials Training Program conducted capacity building for utilization of transport databases in drafting transport policy planning. At the 7th Expert Group Meeting in Indonesia it was agreed that the Statistics Database would be launched at the 11th ATM+J in order to disseminate it.

**Future work**

- Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan

  In the 1st quarter of 2014, the Transport Policy Officials Training Program will be conducted in Japan to further understanding of PPPs and financial schemes for transport infrastructure development. This Training Program will also include lectures on utilizing transport statistics in policy planning.

- ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project

  ASEAN-Japan Transport Statistics are expected to be published after adoption at the 11th ATM+J. In order to deliberate the final draft of the Publication, the 8th ASEAN-Japan Expert Group Meeting on Information Platform for Transport Statistics will be held in Bali, Indonesia in October 2013.