Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of the Government of Indonesia, (MOT-Indonesia), the Ministry of the Environment of the Government of Japan (MOE-Japan) and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your valuable participation and contribution to the Seventh Regional EST Forum in Asia, held from 23 to 25 April 2013, in concurrence with the Global Consultation on Sustainable Transport in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held on 25 April 2013, in Bali, Indonesia.

The Seventh Regional EST Forum successfully adopted the “Bali Declaration on Vision Three Zeros - Zero Congestion, Zero Pollution, and Zero Accidents towards Next Generation Transport Systems in Asia” in complement to the Bangkok 2020 Declaration (2010-2020). It marked another milestone for the Asian countries to demonstrate their commitment to the promotion of EST in line with the Rio+20 Outcome-The Future We Want.

Building upon the outcome of Bali EST Forum, we further welcome your continued interest to explore new and innovative partnerships and collaboration among the Asian countries in the promotion of EST toward the next generation transport systems, which can deliver efficient, safe, seamless, affordable, socially-inclusive, environmentally-protective and economically-sound transport system in Asia.

Enclosed please find for your reference and record the final Chair’s Summary, the Bali Declaration and the list of participants of the Forum, which are also available in the UNCRD website (http://www.unrcd.or.jp/env/7th-regional-est-forum/index.htm).

We sincerely look forward to seeing you again in the Eighth Regional EST Forum in Asia, which will be held in Sri Lanka in 2014.

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Enclosure:  1. Chair’s Summary of the Seventh Regional EST Forum in Asia  
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