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Road Bureau, Planning Division

11th Meeting of the Japan-India Joint Working Group on the Roads and Road Transportation Sector

--- Technical Exchange in the Road Sector between Japan and India to Deepen Cooperation ---

On September 30, 2025, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) of India hosted the 11th Meeting of the Japan-India Joint Working Group on the Roads and Road Transportation Sector in Tokyo.

During the meeting, MLIT and MoRTH shared knowledge in the road sector regarding tunnel construction and technologies, digital technology in the road sector, bridge design capabilities, and investment opportunities in India. MLIT and MoRTH confirmed continuing technical exchange.

Japan-India Joint Working Group meeting is held based on “Framework of Cooperation in the Roads and Road Transportation Sector”, signed in 2014, to promote cooperation between the two countries regarding road issues. The following is a summary of the 11th meeting, which was held on September 30th.

<<The 11th Meeting of the Japan-India Joint Working Group >>

(1) Date: September 30, 2025 (Tuesday), Tokyo, Japan

(2) Venue: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

(3) Participants:

Japan: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

Kutsukake Toshio, Director-General, Road Bureau

Tomiya Hidenori, Assistant Vice Minister (Road)

India: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)

Vinay Kumar, Additional Secretary (International Cooperation)

Rahul Gupta, Chief Engineer (Tunnel)

Pankaj Aggarwal, Chief Engineer (Standard & Research [Pavement/Bridge])



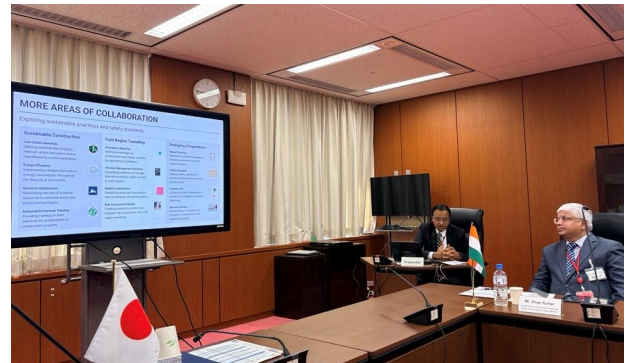
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(4) Proceedings

- 1 - Tunnel construction and technology
- 2 - Utilization of digital technology in the road sector
- 3 - Bridge design capabilities
- 4 - Investment opportunities in India

(5) Summary of proceedings

- After explaining the relevant policies and initiatives from both countries regarding the common themes (1) Tunnel construction and technologies, (2) Digital technology in the road sector, and (3) Bridge design capabilities, (4) Investment opportunities in India, we held a discussion to exchange views. Through the meeting, both countries confirmed continuing to share our insights on the road sector and deepen our cooperation relationship.



Scene of the meeting

(6) Site visits

- On Wednesday, October 1, MLIT and MoRTH inspected the Rainbow Bridge and the construction site for the Kamariya-Shodo Tunnel on the Yokohama Ring Road South Line.
- MLIT and MoRTH observed the construction process of the long-span bridge and advanced maintenance efforts, as well as tunnel construction work that considers the roadside environment, and exchanged opinions with site personnel.



Rainbow Bridge Visit



Kamariya Shodo Tunnel Construction Site visit