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Road Bureau, Planning Division

**The 4th Japan-Philippines Workshop for Technical and Business Cooperation
on Road Construction and Operation & Maintenance**
--- Further promote public-private technical cooperation in the road sector
between the two countries ---

On December 2, 2025, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) of the Philippines held the “The 4th Japan-Philippines Workshop for Technical and Business Cooperation on the Road Construction and Operation & Maintenance (O&M)” in Manila, the Philippines. The workshop featured presentations on road construction and O&M technologies and initiatives from both countries, and a business networking session was also held to promote business matching between private companies.

The MLIT will continue to promote the public-private technical cooperation in the road sector in both countries.

This workshop has been held every year, since the first workshop was held on October 4, 2022, based on the “Memorandum of Cooperation for Technical and Business Cooperation on the Construction and O&M of Road Tunnels and Related Facilities” signed by Minister of MLIT and Secretary of DPWH.

< Outline of the Workshop >

- (1) Date and Place: December 2, 2025, Diamond Hotel, Manila, the Philippines
- (2) Participants: 144 participants (Japanese:71 Philippines:73)
45 private companies from both countries

<Japan>

TOMIYAMA Hidenori, Assistant Vice Minister (Road), MLIT
YOKOTA Naobumi, Economic Minister, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines
MORISHIMA Takanori, Senior Representative, JICA Philippines Office

Participating Companies (in order of presentation)

- 1 - Central Nippon Expressway Company Limited
- 2 - Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited
- 3 - JFE Engineering Corporation 4 - Toa Road Corporation
- 5 - IHI Infrastructure Systems Co., Ltd. 6 - Sakai Heavy Industries, LTD.
- 7 - Sohatsu Systems Laboratory Inc., and others

<Philippines>

Emil K. Sadain, Senior Undersecretary, DPWH
Melchor B. Kabling, Roads Management Cluster 1, OIC - Project Director, DPWH
Benjamin A. Bautista, Roads Management Cluster 2, Project Director, DPWH

Private companies in the Philippines



Scene of the workshop



Group photo

(3) Summary of proceedings

- DPWH provided explanations regarding tunnel projects in the Philippines, future road PPP projects, the need for the replacement of bridges previously constructed with Japan's assistance, and the newly enacted land acquisition law. In response, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and Japanese expressway companies introduced Japan's policies on road maintenance, safety measures for tunnel construction, and shield tunneling techniques for urban areas.
- Five Japanese companies introduced Japan's initiatives on themes such as "Initiatives in the Road and Bridge Sector" and "Utilization and Promotion of Advanced Technologies in the Road Sector."
- Following the workshop, a networking session was held to facilitate business matching between private companies from both countries.
- Through the workshop, participants shared insights on road policies, road projects, and relevant Japanese technologies. MLIT and DPWH confirmed its commitment to continuing technical exchanges to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries.



Greetings by Assistant Vice Minister (Road)
Tomiyama, MLIT



Greetings by Senior Undersecretary Sadain,
DPWH