

June 18, 2025

Road Bureau Planning Division

**The Japan-Thailand Technical Cooperation Meeting
as the third phase of technical cooperation with Thailand
~Sharing Japanese expertise on themes such as "Safety inspections during
Construction" and "Post-earthquake infrastructure inspections"~**

After the earthquake that occurred in Myanmar on March 28, we sent road sector experts to Thailand.

Following a request from the Thai Minister of Transport during the April 30 meeting between the Japanese Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Thai Minister of Transport, we held the Japan-Thailand Technical Cooperation Meeting on June 10. At this meeting, we shared Japan's expertise with Thai government officials on the themes of "Safety inspections during Construction" and "Post-earthquake infrastructure inspections."

- In connection with the earthquake that occurred in Myanmar on March 28, and as our ongoing support for Thailand, we held the Japan-Thailand Technical Cooperation Meeting on June 10, following the dispatch of road sector experts on April 3 and the technical cooperation workshop on April 10.
- The outline is as follows.

<Japan-Thailand Technical Cooperation Meeting>

(1) Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 14:00–17:30

(2) Venue: Expressway Authority of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand

(3) Main Participants:

[Japan] Hirose, Vice-Minister for Engineering Affairs, MLIT

Yao, Senior Director, Overseas Projects Division, Policy Bureau, MLIT

Shimada, Director for International affairs, Planning Division, Road Bureau, MLIT

Arai, Construction Works Inspector, Construction System Management Office,

Engineering Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat Construction, MLIT

Kajiwara, Minister and Chief of Economic Division, Embassy of Japan in Thailand,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Kataoka, Research Coordinator for Earthquake Engineering, Center for Advanced
Engineering Structural Assessment and Research, Public Works Research Institute

Suhara, Director, Team1, Transportation Group, Infrastructure Management
Department, JICA

Sakudo, Chief Representative, Thailand Office, JICA

Kakishita, Executive Officer, Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited

Approximately 30 people

[Thai] Chayatan Phromsorn, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport

Chakree Bamrungwong, Chief Inspector General, Ministry of Transport

Approximately 100 technical staff from relevant departments



Scene from the Technical Cooperation Meeting



Group photo of the Technical Cooperation Meeting

(4) Overview of the Technical Cooperation Meeting

1. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks were delivered by Permanent Secretary Chayatan; Vice-Minister for Engineering Affairs Hirose; and Minister and Chief of the Economic Division Kajiwara.
- Each speaker touched upon the background leading to this workshop, expressing gratitude for its occurrence and their expectations.

2. Introduction of the Construction Safety Audit Committee's Initiatives by the Thai Ministry of Transport

- An introduction was given on the safety management initiatives implemented by the "Construction Safety Audit Committee" in major road construction projects overseen by the Thai Ministry of Transport.

3. Introduction to Construction Safety Management

- Arai (Construction Works Inspector), Yamauchi (Senior Manager at Metropolitan Expressway Co., Ltd.), and Hamanaka (President at Thai Asanuma Construction Co., Ltd.), introduced approaches and methods for safety management during construction from the client's perspective, as well as specific safety management technologies and initiatives at the site from the contractor's perspective.

4. Introduction to Post-Earthquake Safety Inspections

- Suhara (Director at JICA), Kataoka (Research Coordinator for Earthquake Engineering at PWRI), Takahashi (Senior Manager at Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited), Kato (Deputy Manager at Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited), Nakagawa (General Manager of Material and Solution at CPAC SB&M Lifetime Solution Co., Ltd.) and Hamanaka (President at Thai Asanuma Construction Co., Ltd.) introduced post-earthquake inspection and response methods, as well as Japanese repair and reinforcement technologies.

5. Closing Remarks

- Chakree (Chief Inspector General, MOT) and Hirose (Vice-Minister for Engineering Affairs, MLIT) summarized the overall discussion, reaffirming their commitment to enhancing safety in Thailand going forward and continuing cooperation between Japan and Thailand.



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