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## Brief Summary of the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting in Karuizawa, Nagano

- The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism hosted the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting in Karuizawa, Nagano on September 23 - 25. This is the last one among ten G7 Minister-level Meetings which have been held in different regions in Japan.
- The G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting is a meeting in which the G7 Transport Ministers and the European Commissioner for Transport get together, and take up as themes important issues relating to transport, and the society as a whole and discuss their future direction. The first such meeting was held in Frankfurt, Germany last year, and this is the second meeting of this kind, and the first such meeting held in Japan.
- At the meeting, the G7 Transport Ministers and the European Commissioner for Transport had discussions on "Development and widespread utilization of advanced technology for vehicles and roads" and "Basic strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure," and announced the Ministers' Declaration for each of them.

1. Date: Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25, 2016

2. Venue: Karuizawa Prince Hotel, Karuizawa-machi, Kitasaku-gun, Nagano

3. Agenda:

- (1) "Development and widespread utilization of advanced technology for vehicle and roads"
- (2) "Basic strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure"

4. Participants:

- Japan: The Honorable Keiichi Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Chair)
- Canada: The Honorable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
- France: Mr. Francois Poupard, Director General for Infrastructure,

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- Germany: The Honorable Alexander Dobrindt, Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure,
- Italy: The Honorable Graziano Delrio, Minister of Infrastructures and Transport
- UK: The Honorable Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport
- The U.S.: The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation
- EU: The Honorable Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport

For the brief summary, please refer to the attachment.

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● **Meeting Schedule:**

**Friday, September 23**

- Bilateral meetings (Japan-Italy, Japan-EU, Japan-the U.S.)
- Welcome reception (jointly hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Nagano prefecture government)

**Saturday, September 24**

- Opening Session
- Photo session/Commemorative tree planting
- Special Session with private sector for automated and connected vehicles
- Lunch hosted by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
- Session 1 “Basic Strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure”
- Session 2 “Development and widespread utilization of advanced technology for vehicles and roads”
- Presidency press conference
- Dinner hosted by the Honorable Ishii, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

**Sunday, September 25**

- Bilateral meetings (Japan-Canada, Japan-UK, Japan-Germany)

● **Brief summary of the meeting:**

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- At the G7 Transport Ministers’ Meeting in Karuizawa, Nagano, the G7 Transport Ministers and the European Commissioner for Transport had discussions on “Development and widespread utilization of advanced technology for vehicles and roads” and “Basic strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure,”

**(1) “Development and widespread utilization of advanced technology for vehicles and roads”**

- The advanced technology for vehicles and roads, including automated and connected vehicles, is one of the largest growth areas in the transport sector and

requires each country to cooperate by all means. Therefore, we discussed the ways to demonstrate future direction in this regard among the G7 countries.

- Concerning automated and connected vehicles in particular, a special session was organized, inviting private enterprises and research institutes from G7 countries. The G7 Transport Ministers and the European Commissioner for Transport recognized the importance of cooperation among the government, industry and academia.
- \* Participants from the private sector: Japan: Toyota Motor Corporation, Canada: University of Waterloo's Center for Automotive Research (WatCAR), France: Renault Group., Germany: BMW AG, Italy: FCA Research Center, the U.S.: former Stanford University professor, UK: Horiba Mira Ltd.
- G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting Declaration on Development and Widespread Utilization of Advanced Technology for Vehicles and Roads was announced in light of the discussions at the Meeting (please refer to the attached document).
- Some comments and remarks are made on recording system of driving data, international rules, ethical issues, useful new technologies for municipalities, responses to changes in macro trends including generational difference on vehicle utilization. Subsequent discussions are to continue on these challenges among the G7 countries.

## **(2) "Basic strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure"**

- In each of the G7 countries, while the aging of transport infrastructure is progressing, requiring responses to ensure the safety under the severe fiscal conditions, it is required to develop new infrastructure so that it can play a significant role in future growth strategies. Accordingly, we discussed basic strategies for infrastructure development from a comprehensive perspective.
- G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting Declaration on Basic strategy for developing new transport infrastructure and renovating aging and deteriorated transport infrastructure was announced in light of the discussions at the Meeting (please refer to the attached document).
- With regard to development of transport infrastructure, an effective way of infrastructure investment leading to economic growth is to be further discussed at a working group to be organized in the future.

## **(3) Others**

- Furthermore, the G7 Transport Ministers' Joint Statement on Global Market-Based Measure (GMBM) in the international aviation sector was issued at the official lunch held on September 24 (please refer to the attached document).

## **(4) Bilateral meetings**

### **① Japan-Italy bilateral meeting**

- On September 23, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Graziano Delrio, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Italy.

- At the meeting, the two ministers reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the two countries, including progress of investment by Japanese enterprises, given that this year falls on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Japan-Italy diplomatic relations.
- Since Italy is to serve as the President of the G7 Summit next year, the two ministers reaffirmed the continued cooperation toward deepening discussions on the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting.

#### ② Japan-EU bilateral meeting

- On September 23, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport.
- At the meeting, Minister Ishii and Commissioner Bulc reaffirmed the importance of further facilitating constructive cooperation between Japan and EU, including Japan-EU Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA), negotiations for Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, and taking measures against global warming in international aviation and marine transport.

#### ③ Japan-the U.S. bilateral meeting

- On September 23, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation (the second meeting following last November meeting of this year)
- At the meeting, the two ministers reaffirmed the deepened cooperative relationship in the land, infrastructure and transport sector hitherto based on the Japan- U.S. Joint Statement announced at the last year's meeting, and agreed to further develop it.
- With regard to Maglev and a high-speed rail system, the two ministers reaffirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation toward the development of a concrete project.
- Furthermore, the two ministers exchanged views on cooperation regarding Mitsubishi regional jets, expansion of Japan-U.S Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA), and taking measures against global warming in the international aviation area.

#### ④ Japan-Canada bilateral meeting

- On September 25, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, Canada.
- At the meeting, the two ministers reaffirmed the policy of realizing the expansion of Japan-Canada Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) to the maintenance field next year, and exchanged views on infrastructure investment to further strengthen cooperative relationship between the two

countries.

⑤ Japan-UK bilateral meeting

- On September 25, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport, UK,
- At the meeting, the two ministers reaffirmed the absence of any adverse effects on Japanese enterprises due to the Brexit. They also reaffirmed the importance of promoting two-way exchanges between the two countries in addition to further facilitating the cooperation in the railway business areas.
- Furthermore, the two ministers visited the exhibition of Japan's high-speed rail technologies after the meeting.

⑥ Japan-Germany bilateral meeting

- On September 25, the Honorable Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism had a bilateral meeting with the Honorable Alexander Dobrindt, Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Germany (the second meeting following the July meeting of this year).
- At the meeting, the two ministers reaffirmed the progress at the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting since the last year, and agreed to continue to cooperate with each other to lead international discussions in accordance with the results of the G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting in Karuizawa, Nagano.
- The two ministers also reaffirmed the ongoing cooperation between the two countries for next-generation vehicles, such as fuel cell vehicles and electric vehicles, and visited the exhibition displaying next-generation vehicles jointly developed by private enterprises of two countries.

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Welcome reception

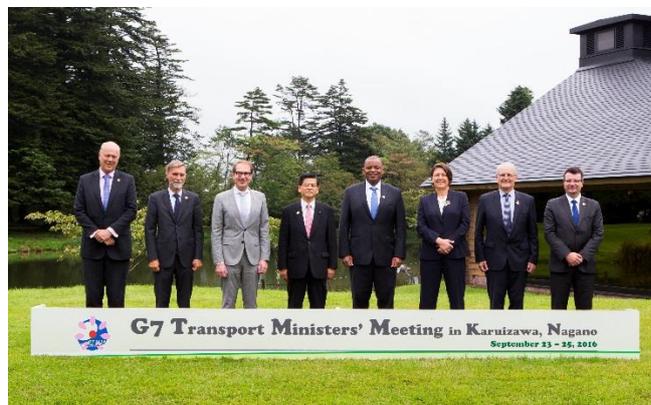


Photo session



Commemorative tree planting



Opening session



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(Special session with private sector for  
automated and connected vehicles)



G7 Transport Ministers' Meeting  
(Session 1)



Demonstration of automated driving  
vehicle/next generation vehicle  
(the Honorable Anthony Foxx, U.S.  
Secretary of Transportation on ride)



Bilateral meeting  
with the Honorable Graziano Delrio,  
Minister of Infrastructure and Transport,  
Italy



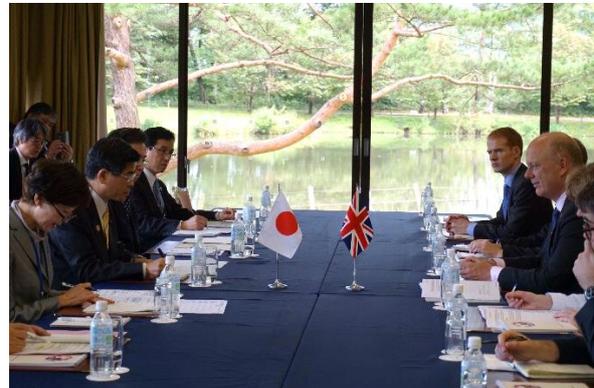
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