

Wrap-up

1. The 14th JASIC Asia Government/Industry Meeting was held as the G/I meeting 5th series 2nd meeting in accordance with the series theme “Developing infrastructure in each country to realize mutual recognition of whole vehicle type approvals under UNECE framework with the regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement” continuing from the 1st meeting with the following objectives about which the attending countries were able to announce and exchange wide range and in depth opinions.

(1) To understand the development of infrastructure for the vehicle type approval system and mutual recognition of approval among Asian countries

(2) To establish a vehicle type approval system in each Asian country

(3) To promote adoption of the UNECE Regulations required for the vehicle type approval system and mutual recognition of approval

(4) To increase the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement

(5) To hold G/I meeting and frequent expert meeting activities to meet the expectation for internationalization of regulation

2. Regarding objectives (1) and (2) to understand the development of infrastructure for the vehicle type approval system and mutual recognition of approval among Asian countries and to establish a vehicle type approval system in each Asian country:

The countries were able to share a greater understanding and mutual recognition of the elements necessary for legal recognition of vehicle type approval system from the perspective of the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement. In addition, the countries also shared methods for adopting the part and system related regulations (UNECE Regulations) in the vehicle type approval system as well as concepts regarding vehicle type definition and categories. They were also able to discuss the necessity of creating a roadmap for the creation of the vehicle type approval system. They also deepened their understanding of the efficacy and necessity of the 1958 Agreement and the vehicle type approval system and mutual recognition of approval including the concept of IWVTA (International Whole Vehicle Type Approval) which will be put on the agenda of next WP29.

3. Regarding objective (3) adoption of the required UNECE Regulations:

To clarify the UNECE Regulations adoption plan of each country and to have the UNECE Regulations adopted based on these adoption plans, the parties agreed to discuss the factors hindering the setting of an adoption schedule by each country, to promote adoption of the M1, N1, and L categories by each country, and to hold expert meetings to promote preparation for the accession to the 1958 Agreement, understanding on the UNECE Regulations, and participation in WP29.

4. Regarding objectives (4) and (5) to increase the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement and hold G/I meeting and frequent expert meeting activities to meet the expectation for internationalization of regulation:

Preparations for the accession to the 1958 Agreement will be started in Philippines and Vietnam in 2011, and China, Indonesia, India, Myanmar and Singapore are starting to consider them. However, Laos and Brunei currently show no disposition to join. To support the actions of these countries, Expert Meetings were held 5 times in the Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam to prepare for the accession to the 1958 Agreement and then to promote adoption of the UNECE Regulations after the accession to the Agreement, and these were also attended by representatives from several surrounding countries, so a total of approximately 500 people participated in the meetings and held active discussions. All the parties agree to continue holding the expert meetings going forward to promote preparation for the accession to the 1958 Agreement and adoption of the UNECE Regulations after the accession to the Agreement.