



The 3rd Public and Private Joint Forum in Asian region - The 17th JASIC ASIA GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY MEETING -Manila, Philippines December 4 - 6, 2012



Dear Sirs or Madams

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Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization Center (JASIC) is pleased to send you the official invitation for the 3rd Public and Private Joint Forum in Asian region (the 17th JASIC Asia Government and Industry Meeting), which will be held in Manila, Philippines from Dec. 4 to 6, 2012, co-organized by *Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and Land Transportation Office (LTO), Republic of Philippines* and *JASIC under the auspices of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan.* This meeting is held as a part of the programs under the ASEAN-Japan Cooperative

Program on Development of Technical Regulations and Establishment of a Type Approval System for Vehicles (the Cooperative Program) endorsed by the ministers at ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers Meeting.

Since October 1998, we have held total of sixteen JASIC Asia Government and Industry Meetings in view of realizing international harmonization of vehicle regulations and mutual recognition of approvals. Through these activities, it has been our great pleasure that we have developed recognition by the meeting participants of various government authorities including transport, environment and industry, and associations of automotive and automotive parts industries in Asian economies.

The 3rd Public and Private Joint Forum in Asian region will be held as the 2nd meeting of the 6th series with the theme; "Promoting the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) concept under the UNECE framework for realizing harmonization of regulations and establishing Mutual Recognition of Approvals (MRA) in the Asian region". Especially this time, we would like to discuss Asian economy's views on the revision of the 1958 Agreement and IWVTA and a new framework to share fundamental policies towards WP29.

We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing fruitful information at the 3rd Public and Private Joint Forum in Asian region.

Sincerely yours,

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DOCUMENTS

Enclosed you will find six documents as follows.

- Attachment: 1. Meeting Registration Form
 - 2. Hotel Reservation Form
 - 3. The 3rd P/P Joint Forum program (DRAFT)
 - 4. General Information

OUTLINE OF THE MEETING (DRAFT)

This meeting consists of presentations and discussion.

On Dec.4, the first day, a new framework to share fundamental policies towards WP29 will be proposed and in the panel discussion 1 Asian economy's views on the revision of the 1958 Agreement and IWVTA will be discussed. And information on government and industry's' activities will be shared with all participants through the presentations.

On Dec.5, the second day, information on the status of harmonization activities in each Asian economy will be shared with all participants through the presentations and in the panel discussion 2 the way to promote ASEAN MRA and VTA will be discussed. And finally the contents of the Forum will be wrapped up.

Please refer to the attachment No. 3.

MEETING REGISTRATION

You are kindly requested to complete the enclosed Meeting Registration Form, please send it to Land Transportation Office (LTO) by e-mail or facsimile by October 12, 2012. Your participation may not be guaranteed in case of delay.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

We have blocked rooms at CROWNE PLAZA, Manila, Philippines. For room reservations, you are kindly requested to complete the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form, and send it by email or facsimile **to the hotel directly by October 12, 2012**. <u>Note: **DO NOT** send hotel reservation form to JASIC.</u> Please don't hesitate to contact the following person if you have any questions. **[CONTACT PERSON]**

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