Experience in attending WP29 it's benefit and concern (JAPAN)

1. Status of your country as contracting party of 1958 or 1998 agreement (If not, you can skip this. i.e. Not a contracting party)

- Japan has acceded to 1958 agreement in 1998. As for the 1998 agreement, it entered into force in 2000.

2. History (Experiences) of participation in WP29

- Since early 1980s, we have started participating in WP29 to grasp the UN regulations.
- A lot of consideration are made to join an international agreement such as 1958 agreement, so knowledge from many stakeholders are important and we established JASIC in 1987.
- At that time, even though we had not accede to the agreements, JASIC has contributed WP29 and GR activities by providing data and its insight especially passenger car brake, installation of light, side impact and so on.
- After the accession of both agreements, Japan contributes WP29 activity.

3. What are your interests or focused agenda among WP29 or each GR agenda?

- We widely covers the agenda of WP29 and GRs.
- However, the most important issue right now is the automated driving.
- We have been contributing the activities as vice-chair of GRVA or co-chairs of almost Informal Groups under GRVA.

4. Any of your (countries') comments in participating WP29.-Benefit - Obstacle, problem -support needed to enhance current activities

- I have attended GRVA and some Informal Working Groups under GRVA. From my experience in attending these meetings, I think WP29 is very flexible agreement and you could get much rights compared to its obligation the Contracting Parties need to do.
- The most important right is to issue the certificate which will be accepted by other counties.
- On the other hand, what we have to do are basically two things: one is to secure the certificate technical level of Technical service. Another one is accepting other country's certification. Also, for the government's perspective, rulemaking process become more efficient. It could share the burden of rule-making globally.
- It is also really a great experience to grasp whole picture of the UNR and GTR with their recent movements directly and may even give the influence to them.