Report of the 24th RACE Meeting

- The 24th Regulation and Certification Experts meeting (RACE) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 3rd December 2019.

The meeting were attended by the automotive industry representatives from countries in Asia, i.e. India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Taiwan, and Thailand.

1. WP29 Activities, Electric Vehicles and Co-operation in Asian Region

1) Each automotive association reported the latest regulatory movements and issues on exhaust emission, safety regulations, and new technologies which are related to UNRs/WP29 activity.
2) In preparation to the accession to 1958/1998 Agreement and implementation of UNRs/GTRs, the contributions from related government agency and automotive industry are vital.
3) Industry hope to encourage that new proposed regulatory to be aligned with UNRs/GTRs. This will create a better environment for the regulatory harmonization to both regulators and manufacturers.
4) EU/US/JPN/China/Korea/India and some ASEAN countries participated in WP29 and discussed actively about the new regulations for new technology such as electric vehicles.

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5) It would be a mutually beneficial for both government and industry to discuss at WP29 on how to establish an appropriate regulatory harmonization framework base on different situation of each country.

6) Members agreed that industries should provide information exchange and cooperation with government of each country.

7) Some ASEAN country which has not acceded 1958 Agreement, is considering signing the ASEAN MRA before acceding to WP29.

8) The Meeting encouraged Asian economies to continue discussion and exchange information on activities related to safety, emission and electric vehicles issue.

2. Encourage harmonization of EV-related regulations

1) The automotive industry has recognized that the introduction of electric vehicles is an effective way to improve air quality and reduce CO2.
2) In order to promote the expansion of use of electric vehicles, tax rebates and incentives together with introduction of international harmonized regulations are required.
3) To this end, the automotive industry – government collaboration is essential to participate in the formulation of EV policies, and proposes the government to provide relevant information at Public-Private forum session, and introduce EV-related international harmonization regulations through WP29.