

Wrap-up

1. The 13th Government/Industry Meeting was held under the 5th 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” as the first meeting of the 5th series Government/Industry Meetings with the purpose of broadly and deeply announcing positions and exchanging opinions among countries regarding the following objectives.

- (1) Promote knowledge on the international whole vehicle type approval system infrastructure by Asian countries,
- (2) Develop the vehicle type approval systems in each Asian country,
- (3) Promote application of the regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement (UNECE Regulations) necessary for mutual recognition of whole vehicle type approval system,
- (4) Expand the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement among the Asian countries,
- (5) Continue the Government/Industry Meetings and the Expert Meetings in accordance with expectations for internationalization of vehicle type approval.

2. In regards to objectives (1) and (2) “Promote knowledge on the infrastructure for the international whole vehicle type approval system by Asian countries” and “Develop the vehicle type approval systems in each Asian country”:

It was decided to deepen the understanding among countries of the constitutional elements required for establishing and operating the whole vehicle type approval system, to identify the elements that are lacking for the establishment of the whole vehicle type approval system of each country, and to share a common understanding among countries. In addition, valuable advice regarding the 1958 Agreement was received from Mr. Ramos of the WP.29 Secretariat, which increased the understanding of the participants. Further, it was agreed to cooperate with ACCSQ/APWG and hold the expert meetings in each country to successfully establish the whole vehicle type approval systems.

3. For Objective (3) “Promote application of the UNECE Regulations necessary for mutual recognition of whole vehicle type approval system”:

For categories M1, N1, and L, the future elective items and new provisions proposal to be sent to WP.29 based on the JASIC proposal were introduced to and understood by the respective countries.

For the other categories, the Asian countries agreed to study the required UNECE Regulations and aim for mutual cooperation. It was also agreed to clarify the UNECE Regulation item adoption plans by each country. It was further agreed to participate in WP.29 to achieve effective adoption of UNECE Regulations and to promote the holding of the expert meetings and other activities to achieve early joining of the 1958 Agreement.

4. For objective (4) “Expand the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement among the Asian countries”:

Indonesia and the Philippines are making preparations to accede to the 1958 Agreement in 2009. In addition, Vietnam has shown interest in joining the 1958 Agreement in 2010 and Malaysia and Thailand are preparing to establish whole vehicle type approval systems. To support these activities of the respective countries, the expert meetings will be held to promote standardization to prepare for 1958 Agreement membership.

It was also agreed that in addition to the expert meetings, progress will be monitored and individual advice given to support creation of the necessary infrastructure in each country.

5. For objective (5) “Continue the Government/Industry Meetings and the Expert Meetings in accordance with expectations for internationalization of vehicle type approval”:

It was agreed to report the outstanding issues of each Asian country regarding policies in regards to WP.29 and other issues at the Government/Industry meetings to make all parties aware of the problems and confirm the measures to be taken in response.

It was agreed that if detailed individual proposals below the agenda or policy for WP.29 level (GR level or informal group level) are reported, that these would be determined by the related parties on the supervisor level at meetings of the Asia representatives held when appropriate.

It was also agreed to seek for participation by higher level representatives from the governments and industries of the various countries that can hold discussions on the agenda and policy level to increase the influence of Asia on WP.29.

The followings show the Expert meetings which each country has planned for holding in 2009. Sending experts from Japan for the meetings will be arranged by now;

Thailand:	R12, R94, R95, alternative fuels: CNG(R110, R115)
Vietnam:	Safety glass (R43), 1958 Agreement
Indonesia:	Pneumatic tires (R30, R54)
Philippines:	Certification and regulations, Administrative matters regarding accession to the 1958 Agreement, Passive safety items, seatbelt, seatbelt anchorage, Pneumatic tires, Noise emission, Safety glass
Malaysia:	Vehicle lighting system, MRA under 1958 Agreement

6. The following was decided regarding the next Government/Industry Meeting schedule, location, and co-hosts.

Schedule:	November 25-27, 2009
Location:	Vietnam
Co-hosts:	Vietnam Register (VR), JASIC

For the meeting after next (2010), a request was made to the Malaysian government asking it to consider being a co-host.