

Report of the 28th RACE Meeting

- ❑ The 28th Regulation and Certification Experts meeting (RACE) was held on 27th November 2023 as hybrid meeting.
- ❑ The meeting was attended by the automotive industry representatives from Asia, i.e. Cambodia, Chinese-Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. *Underlined countries joined on-site.

1. ASEAN MRA

- 1) The AAF shared the latest status of the APMRA overview.
- 2) The meeting acknowledged the status for the ratification of APMRA by the AMS Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore have submitted their Instrument of Ratification(IOR) of the APMRA. The industry is looking forward for the ratification of APMRA by other AMS.
- 3) The meeting acknowledged existing concerns about Worst Case Selection concept impacts to finalization of APMRA Guidance document. To understand the concerns and to achieve the comprehensive understanding of UN-R, the actual ministry in question could be invited to PP forum or any international study session.
- 4) The AAF would like to encourage all ASEAN governments to further work to ensure that the ASEAN MRA is implemented in accordance with APMRA Guidance document.

2. WP29 Activities in Asian Region

- 1) Each Automotive Association reported the latest regulatory movements and issues on safety, environment, and future technologies.
- 2) The contributions from related government agency and automotive industry are crucial. The industry would like to encourage Asian governments to participate in WP 29 and contribute to accelerate harmonization of regulation.
- 3) Philippines deposited instrument of accession to join 1958 Agreement on 3 November 2022 and agreement was entered into force on 2 January 2023. Vietnam deposited instrument of accession to join 1958 Agreement on 26 July 2023 and agreement was entered into force on 24 September 2023.
- 4) In ASEAN countries, a better understanding of the Mutual Recognition Agreement through the ASEAN MRA will help to prepare for accession to the 1958 Agreement.
- 5) The Meeting encouraged Asian economies to continue discussion and exchange information on activities related to safety, environment and future technologies and harmonization based on UN-Rs.

3. Information sharing about Carbon Neutrality in Asian Region

- 1) Each automotive industry association reported the topic about Carbon Neutrality, the efforts for traffic safety, environmental conservation and future domestic standards and certification trends.
- 2) The meeting acknowledged that the automotive industry - government collaboration is essential to achieve Carbon Neutrality.
- 3) There is a need for flexibility through multiple pathways, technology-open approaches in order to provide practical and sustainable pathways to Carbon Neutrality for all nations.



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