
Major International Conferences

1. Seventeenth MLIT/FHWA Intergovernmental Conference and Twenty-ninth U.S.-Japan Bridge Workshop (Japan: November 11 to 13, 2013)

At the MLIT/FHWA Intergovernmental Conference, which is a conference with the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Japan-U.S. Agreement on Cooperation in Research and Development of Science and Technology (traffic science technology field), the participants exchanged information concerning the latest policy trends in the formation and management of bridges and other structural assets related to bridges and other structures, which is the cooperation theme in the road science technology field. This year, they exchanged and debated the most advanced information concerning road bridges, tunnels, and pavement inspection systems, risk management, and seismic retrofitting of bridges.

The U.S.-Japan Bridge Workshop is held on alternate years in Japan and the U.S. as an activity of the Wind and Seismic Effects Panel, working group G (traffic systems) of the Japan-U.S. Conference on the development and use of natural resources (UJNR). This year it was held in Japan, where the participants announced papers, conducted discussions, and exchanged information concerning maintenance of viaducts, inspection and survey methods, tsunami, earthquake resistance evaluations and so on.

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