

# THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WORKSHOP ON JOINT RESEARCH FOR ROAD AND TRANSPORT SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN HANOI WITH ITST, VIETNAM

In line with the Road Maps for international cooperation confirmed in this March by both sides of Japan and Vietnam (hereafter, "the Road Maps"), the 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Shop on Road and Transport was held successfully at ITST in Hanoi with attendance of sister organizations.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WS was conducted according to the Road Map 2-1(Porous pavement), 2-2(Deck water-proof) and 4(Port and harbor). And also a new collaboration of Weathering exposure test which had been proposed from Japan side at the last joint WS in this February was discussed jointly, being surely added to a series of actions.

Both side reaffirmed the strategic importance of middle/ young researchers and officers being involved in the cooperation as a scope of continuity and connections between related institutes to the future outcome and knowledge networking.

Through the 3<sup>rd</sup> WS, much of the communication and discussion brought us closer friendships as well as the share of technological matters. Especially the Site Tours attended by ITST made the understanding of Japan side be in reality of the conditions in Vietnam, which is expected the cooperation to promote effectively ahead to the next.



In General Session, Japan side introduced the general information of the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster as a hot technological topic and extended a sincere thanks to the deep condolence from Vietnam side to the refugees caused by the devastating disaster.

And from Vietnam side new information on the 4 new laboratories vision was supplied to modernize research activities in Vietnam which Vietnam side hoped would be developed under the assistance of Japan side. And Japan side addressed the willingness to support the vision in its technological research arena.

In the Road Map sessions, after presentations and discussions both side reached to conclude concrete actions in 2011-2012 in accordance with respective Road Maps agreed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> WS ( Road noise, Porous asphalt, Steel deck pavement, Construction and maintenance of tunnel, Technology transfer of port and harbor facilities rehabilitation and maintenance ). And concerning the Weathering Exposure Test proposed from Japan side in the 2<sup>nd</sup> WS was agreed to make a cooperation added to a series of actions, which is to be authorized in documentation.

As next steps the 4<sup>th</sup> WS to be held in Danang early in 2012 was proposed from Vietnam and the Idea of the Conference 2012 to share the interim output reports of the Road Maps was also appreciated by both sides, which will be arranged by both institutes in details.

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