

# I OBJECTIVE

The importance of appropriate infrastructure management has been increasing year after year along with the progress of the economic growth in Asian countries. The implementation of proper public works, with careful attention to the environmental issues, will contribute to the sustainable development in respective Asian countries, and provide people with comfortable circumstances in harmony with the nature.

Taking into consideration of the said situation, the National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (NILIM) holds the Conference on Public Works Research and Development in Asia with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 2001 succeeded to the former Public Works Research Institute. The participants of the conference are government officials in Asian countries and responsible for research and development of infrastructure management.

The objectives of the conference are to find common problems on research and development in the field of civil engineering technology and to search seeds for possible joint research through exchanging information and discussion on the present and future infrastructure status of each country. The participants also try to form a continuous research network among Asian countries and properly contribute to the improvement of infrastructure management.