

**JTTRI International Seminar on
"Railway and Area Development in Jakarta"
Chairman Shukuri's speech**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am Masafumi Shukuri, the Chairman of the Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute (JTTRI).

I have lived in Jakarta, Indonesia, for three years, from 1984 to 1987. At that time, I was appointed as the First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy. My Indonesian is not good enough to make these remarks, so please allow me to give this speech in Japanese.

I would like to deeply thank all of you Indonesians and Japanese residents in Indonesia for attending today's International Seminar on "Railway and Area Development".

Specifically, I would like to thank Mr. Heru Wisnu Wibowo, M.Sc. Director of Railways Infrastructure, Directorate General of Railways, Ministry of Transportation, Indonesia, Mr. Masafumi Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Indonesia, and Mr. Yasaburo Hikasa, Assistant Vice-Minister, Minister's Secretariat, MLIT, Japan, for their attendance and remarks.

We also received great support and cooperation in holding today's seminar. I would like to thank MOT Indonesia, the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, MLIT Japan, JICA, the JJC members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Indonesia, and the Nippon Foundation for their special support for this activity of JTTRI.

Indonesia, the largest country in ASEAN, and Japan have been connected by the Kuroshio Current since ancient times in a great Cultural Exchange Area, but it is needless to say that today, as strategic partners sharing basic values such as democracy, our countries have forged very deep links through economic partnerships, human exchanges, and so on.

In Indonesia, Japan and Indonesia have cooperated to develop a number of important transportation systems, including the Jabotabek Metropolitan Railway

Modernization Project, the Semarang Port Development Project, and the Bali International Airport Expansion Project, which I worked hard on while at the Japanese Embassy. Recently, Phase I of Jakarta MRT / North-South Line, the first full-scale urban railway in Indonesia, opened in March last year. The basic design of the northern extension project of the North-South Line Phase II and the basic design of the MRT East-West Phase I have been carried out. In addition, construction for the northern Java Trunk Railway Project and the Patimban Port is in progress. In this way, the achievements of our countries' cooperation and collaboration continue to grow.

In addition, I would like to emphasize that Japan and ASEAN have built close cooperative relationships for the peaceful and stable development of prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. This seminar held in Jakarta, which is the center of ASEAN's activities, attests to the close cooperative relationships between Japan and ASEAN, and surely will contribute to the enhancement of ASEAN connectivity.

By the way, the topic of today's seminar, "Railway and Area Development", is an important policy issue in all ASEAN countries. Intelligent urban development can significantly improve the social and economic effectiveness of railway development, and the resulting value capture can be used to finance further railway development.

In the first half of the seminar, Prof. Shigeru Morichi, Director of Policy Research Center, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and JTTRI Advisor for Research, will give a keynote lecture. Next, Dr. Muto of JTTRI will report on the results of the Research Group on Railway and Area Development, which is being conducted by JTTRI with Prof. Morichi as chairperson.

In the latter half of the panel discussion, Ms. Umiyatun Hayati Triastuti, Head of Research and Development at the Ministry of Transportation of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Robby Kurniawan, Head of Planning Bureau at MOT Indonesia and my trusted friend for many years, Prof. Sutanto Soehodho at the University of Indonesia and Former Deputy Governor of DKI Jakarta for Trade, Industry and Transportation, and Prof. Morichi will discuss future prospects, with Associate

Prof. Naohiko Hibino of GRIPS as moderator.

As the organizers, we hope that the today's seminar will be beneficial for all participants, and that it will help future railway and area development in Indonesia to proceed in a harmonious manner. I also strongly hope that this seminar will be useful in the further development of friendly cooperation between Japan and Indonesia.

Thank you very much.