

JTTRI- AIRO Opening Commemorative Symposium

“ASEAN’s Logistics amid Turbulent Times”

Mr. Saksayam’s Speech

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Thailand His Excellency Mr. Kazuya NASHIDA, the Chairman of JTTRI Mr. Masafumi SHUKURI, the President of JTTRI-AIRO Mr. Tetsuya OKUDA, and to all guests of honor.

Our Thailand and Japan has a very long last good relationship between the agencies and corporates of the two countries have been working on many diverse corporative projects related to transportation. For example, logistics, environmentally friendly transport, dry port, rail system and high-speed train development, urban development, traffic information technology including road safety, all the projects enhance the transportation capacity not only for Thailand but also in the, the ASEAN region.

On behalf of the Ministry of Transport of Thailand, I am very honored to give the opening remarks on today's symposium in title ASEAN’s Logistics amid Turbulent Times - The Current State and Challenges of Logistics in the ASEAN Region with a Focus on Thailand - (Part 1) organized by Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute, ASEAN-India regional office or JTTRI-AIRO and cooperated by the Embassy of Japan in Thailand and the Japan Chamber of Commerce, Bangkok

ASEAN members perceive the important of regional connectivity and developed a master plan called “Master plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025” which comprise of 3 dimensions as follows, the physical connectivity, the rules and regulation connectivity and the people connectivity. In terms of physical connectivity in the transport sector, ASEAN countries, including Thailand, have developed to achieve seamless connectivity. The progress has been carried out in sequence.

I am sure that all the master development plans together with a strong cooperation among ASEAN members will make the region interesting and attract the investors from countries around the world, especially Japan which currently have many production bases in Thailand, including investors from other countries which has been investing in Thailand and ASEAN region. I also believe that ASEAN will be the region that can attract the investors in many fields, such as industry, agriculture, logistics, technology and tourism.

Lastly, I wish today's symposium successful and hope it will be beneficial to all sectors, especially the logistics development between the public and private sectors of ASEAN region. It will be an essential factor for supporting and recovering the economy of Japan and ASEAN countries from the crisis that we are facing. I also would like to promise that the Ministry of Transport is ready to work in cooperation with all sectors to create an efficient, convenient, fast, economical, and safe transport system for people in Thailand.