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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new opportunities are appearing for the logistics field, such as the increase of delivery services for online shopping. These changes have created a need to improve the development, connectivity, and efficiency of logistic infrastructure in all areas under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport, including road, rail, water, and air, and there are opportunities for new challenges. Thailand is connected to other countries by land and water and has logistical advantages. However, land transportation has three issues: (1) traffic congestion in Bangkok, (2) traffic accidents, and (3) high transportation costs.

To resolve these problems, the Ministry of Transportation also has formulated a plan under a 20-year national strategy formulated by the Thailand government with three pillars: (1) efficient transportation, (2) green and safe transportation, and (3) intermodal transportation.

Specifically, we are in the process of phasing the plan nationwide, including the improvement and promotion of the use of public transport, the improvement of connectivity between transportation modes, transfers from road transport to rail and water transport, intercity transportation focused on railways, the development of logistics bases away from urban centers, and the construction of regional trucking networks focused on logistics bases. In addition, we are working hard on the development of high-speed rail and the integrated development of motorways and railways connected to related countries for cross-border transportation with nearby ASEAN countries. We are researching a land bridge plan to link the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand in southern Thailand by railways, roadways and pipelines.

We believe that such efforts will improve logistical convenience in Thailand and can also contribute to the development of logistics in the ASEAN area.