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The Ministry of Transportation Thailand recognizes the issues in the transportation field raised by the lectures. It is creating a Master Plan for the flow of people and goods in consideration of these issues. Initiatives are moving forward based on this plan, but railway maintenance, the creation of multiple tracks railroad, and other projects will take time, so results will not be seen immediately.

We believe there are three important efforts to secure the smooth flow of people and goods: (1) implementing infrastructure improvements based on a plan, (2) creating a system to provide appropriate and quality services under the appropriate management and operation of roadways and airports, and (3) maintaining communication with the public and private sectors to solve problems.

Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic is changing the behaviors and lifestyles of people, and it is necessary to implement measures for behavioral changes in society.

Note that the improvement of access between Laem Chabang Port and the center of Bangkok requested by the JCC is included in the Master Plan, and we want to take action quickly to reach a win-win situation for both the Thai people and companies with overseas operations.

(Q&A Session)

Q (Audience): How can the problem of local airports where are not being linked to other transportation modes be solved?

A (Punya CHUPANIT): The Ministry of Transportation Thailand is in the process of developing local airports and wants to maximize the transportation of passengers and cargo.

Regarding the linking of flights with other transportation modes, establishing railroad access to airports takes time, so we want to respond through a feeder system that links airports and nearby urban areas by trucks and other vehicles.

In addition, from a long-term perspective, we would like to support seamless connections between transportation modes.