MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AND
THE TRANSPORT PLANNING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT, CHINA

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Transport Planning and Research Institute, Ministry of Transport, China (TPRI) reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP-TPRI COOPERATION

2. ESCAP and TPRI have common mandate to conduct research and promote development of transportation systems and plan to work together for promotion and development of sustainable and inclusive transportation systems in Asia and the Pacific region.

III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP-TPRI COOPERATION

3. ESCAP and TPRI will be guided by the following general principles:

   (a) Long term approach to sustainable and inclusive transportation systems;

   (b) Encouraging participation of public and private sector stakeholders and academia in joint activities;

   (c) Development of programmes and policies suitable for the region; and

   (d) Imposing no legal obligations upon any organization hereto by this MOU.

IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP-TPRI JOINT ACTIVITIES

4. The priority areas for joint activities would include those listed in the Appendix to this MOU, which may be amended from time to time with the mutual written consent of both organizations.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5. ESCAP and TPRI recognize that effective cooperation depends on open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information at the institutional level. They agree to make appropriate arrangements to:

   (a) provide copies of publications and public documents related to transport of each organization to other organization to be maintained as reference documents; and
(b) give notice, through information posted on the websites of each organization, of:
   - conferences, seminars and workshops being organized or sponsored;
   - regional, country, sector and thematic policy documents; and
   - sectoral, project and other evaluations.

VI. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS

6. ESCAP and TPRI recognize that appropriate representation is important for the purpose of joint positioning and advocacy. They agree that through the Ministry of Transport, China:

(a) reciprocal invitations will be extended to the other organization to attend major regular meetings or conferences; and

(b) invitations to other meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas set out in the Appendix to this MOU will be sent, where appropriate.

VII. PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS

7. ESCAP and TPRI recognize that it is important to convene periodic consultations to review what is being planned, what is being implemented, and what is being achieved in terms of results as well as to discuss new challenges, opportunities and problems. They agree to hold such consultations periodically as required and not less than once every two years.

VIII. FOCAL POINTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MOU

8. ESCAP and TPRI agree to designate the followings as focal points for the activities under this MOU:

(a) for ESCAP: Transport Division

(b) for TPRI: Division of Planning and Research Management

IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

9. ESCAP and TPRI will prepare annually:

(a) a list of all current operational cooperation activities and status of implementation;

(b) a list with brief descriptions of all planned cooperation activities for the next year; and

(c) an indicative list of planned cooperation activities for the two subsequent years.
10. ESCAP and TPRI agree that the organizations will conduct a joint review of the ESCAP-TPRI cooperation five years after signature of this MOU, and these assessments will be reviewed by ESCAP and TPRI in considering further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MOU.

X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

11. ESCAP and TPRI recognize that the involvement of both organizations in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. They agree that:

(a) there will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each organization to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation; and

(b) the use of emblems of each organization in documentation related to cooperation will be in accord with the current policies of each organization concerning such usage.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

12. The term of this MOU will be five years from 18 May 2015 to 17 May 2020 and will be effective after the signature by both organizations.

13. Any specific activities under this MOU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement.

14. This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the organizations.

15. This MOU may be terminated by either organization on six months notice in writing.

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APPENDIX

PRIORITY AREAS FOR ESCAP-TPRI COOPERATION

1. Transport infrastructure planning and consulting
2. Transport policy and standards
3. Transport facilitation
4. Transport information and communication technology (ICT) and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
5. Transport and the environment
6. Capability building