Discussion paper on Next Generation of "ITS Asia-Pacific"

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Background

At the last ITS AP BOD meeting in July in Bangkok, ITS Japan proposed it would provide a discussion paper to ITS AP BOD in Sept., so that they can start the discussion on the next generation of "ITS Asia-Pacific (ITS AP)".

ITS Japan also proposed to ITS AP BOD that ITS AP BOD will try to reach an agreement of "the future of ITS AP" within a year, which will be reflected in the new ITS AP MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

ITS AP BOD accepted the above proposal and agreed to extend the current ITS AP MOU to Oct. 2010.

Scope of the discussion

It is expected that ITS AP BOD will reach the agreement concerning "ITS AP" on the following points through the year-long discussion :

- Preamble
- Principle
- Role and Activity
- Organization
- Other necessary subjects

The agreement will be incorporated into the new ITS AP MOU which will be singed by ITS AP organizations at the ITS AP BOD in Busan, Oct., 2010.

Principle

"ITS AP" will work together toward

- Economic growth and better quality of life
 - by solving road transport problems through developing and deploying of ITS
- Establishment of the framework for the cooperation
 - by building the foundation on which ITS AP members can share and find solutions for the common problems
- Collaboration with other international organizations
 - by linking organizations in various sectors

Role & Activity of "ITS AP"

- Identify common problems and find solutions to each problem
 - Asia is fast growing region, creating megacities
 - Recognition and sharing of the current situation and subjects
 - Finding the solution & coordinating the concrete plans
- Develop human resources for the next generation through:
 - Personnel exchange between member organizations to strengthen propagation of information and experiences
 - Internship to foster leaders of the next generation
- Collaborate with related international organizations such as:
 - Government agencies in each country/area
 - Financial sectors such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank
 - Academic society such as EAST (Eastern Asia Society of Transportation Studies)

Organization of "ITS AP"

The outline of the idealistic organization of "ITS AP" would be;

- Basic policy
 - Represent Asia-Pacific at ITS World Congress
 - Own its office and personnel
 - Membership consisting of national ITS organizations
- More
 - Finance its activities by itself
 - Membership fee based on membership classes
 - Fund from ITS World Congresses in AP and ITS AP Forum
 - Clearly define eligibility as "national ITS organization"
 Representation of each country/area
 Endorsement by the government

Meeting Schedule

ITS AP BOD meetings and other possible meetings through 2010/10

Date	Meeting	Place	Subject
2009/9/21	ITS AP BOD	Stockholm	Preamble Principle Role Activity Organization
2010/1/?	IPC of ITS World Congress	Busan	
2010/3/8-10	Asia Seminar by ADB	Tokyo	
2010/3/?	IPC of ITS World Congress	Busan or Tokyo	
2010/5/?	BOD of ITS World Congress	Orlando	ITS AP MOU
2010/7/?	ITS AP BOD	Taiwan	
2010/10/?	ITS AP BOD	Busan	