[Side event of TICAD7]

Seminar of Global Logistics toward Free and Open Indo-Pacific region in 2030

On Aug. 29, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted a seminar at JICA Yokohama on the topic of regional global logistics entitled "Seminar of Global Logistics toward Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) Region in 2030." More than 100 participants attended the seminar, including International organizations, private enterprises, and universities.

This seminar was held to discuss development of logistics networks in the FOIP region with Mr. Daniel Manduku, Managing Director, Kenya Ports Authority, Mr. Christian Eddy Avellin, General Director of Toamasina Autonomous Port (Madagascar), and Mr. Ambrosio Adolfo Sitoe, National Director, Logistics and Development of Private Sector of Transport, Ministry of Transport and Communication of Mozambique, as panelists.

In the first session of the seminar, Mr. Ryuichi Shibasaki, an Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo and other research members gave a presentation on the results of its project research, then exchanged views with participants.

A panel discussion was also held with 5 panelists including the three members of guests mentioned above moderated by Mr. Masahiko Furuichi, Special advisor, JICA. The discussion centered on the topics of future trend and challenges of logistics networks in the FOIP region. The panelists mentioned desirable development scenario, and the measures on cooperation among ports and reduction in transport costs by smooth trade facilitation based on a situation of each country.

Mr. Masaharu Shinohara, Executive Officer, Kobe-Osaka International Port Corporation noted possibility of utilizing the latest information technology for cargo owners in inland countries.

Mr. Shinya Hanaoka, Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology mentioned that the comprehensive research method of analyzing future logistics networks in the FOIP region could be considered very significant.

JICA is going to finalize the project research with reflecting views of participants.

Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Itsu Adachi, Director General, Infrastructure and Peacebuilding Department, JICA

[Presenters]

Naoki Otani, Deputy Assistant Director, Infrastructure and Peacebuilding Department / Hitoshi Onodera, Manager, Disaster Management and Port Development Section, Pacific Consultants Co., Ltd. / Ryuichi Shibasaki, Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo

[Panelists]

Daniel Manduku, Managing Director, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) / Christian Eddy AVELLIN, General Director of Toamasina Autonomous Port, Madagascar / Ambrosio Adolfo Sitoe, National Director, Mozambique Ministry of Transport and Communication / Shinya Hanaoka, Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology / Masaharu Shinohara, Vice-President (Asia Region 1), IAPH / Masahiko Furuichi, Special advisor, JICA

[Closing Remarks]

Kazumi Suzuki, Group Leader, Second Policy Group (for Trade System, Information & Communication), Japan Foreign Trade Council, Inc.



Photos

Seminar with more than 100 participants.



Opening Remarks (Itsu Adachi, Director General, Infrastructure and Peacebuilding Department, JICA)



Panel Discussion



Panel Discussion (From right side; Daniel Manduku, Managing Director, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) / Christian Eddy AVELLIN, General Director of Toamasina Autonomous Port, Madagascar. / Ambrosio Adolfo Sitoe, National Director, Mozambique Ministry of Transport and Communication / Shinya Hanaoka, Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology)

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