



Korea-Japan Cooperation in Transportation Sector Resumes

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- *Resuming the 12th Korea-Japan high-level talks on transportation cooperation for the first time in eight years*
- *Sharing major transportation policies with Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and touring pilot K-City of automated driving*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo) will host the 12th Korea-Japan high-level talks on transportation cooperation* on Tuesday 20 February at Lotte City Hotel (Myeong-dong) in Seoul to share major policies in the transportation sector and discuss the direction of transportation development with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan.

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Since 2000, the MOLIT has been holding a total of 11 times of high-level talks on transportation cooperation* with the MLIT of Japan to closely exchange information on bilateral issues such as relieving traffic congestion in the metropolitan area and promoting convenience of public transportation.



* 1st (2000, Tokyo), 2nd (2002, Seoul), 3rd (2004, Tokyo), 4th (2006, Seoul), 5th (2009, Hakone), 6th (2010, Busan), 7th (2012, Aomori Prefecture), 8th (2013, Jeju Island), 9th (2014, Okinawa), 10th (2015, Seoul), 11th (2016, Ehime Prefecture)

As this is the first high-level transportation cooperation meeting in eight years, it is followed by the agreement to resume the talks on transportation cooperation, which was suspended since 2016, in line with the future-oriented framework for Korea-Japan relations established at the Korea-Japan Summit in March last year.

At the meeting on the 20th, the two countries will share their major transportation policies and visions, including local and rural transportation services, automated vehicles, the direction of logistics policies, and the promotion of eco-friendly transportation, and jointly explore the course of transportation development on bilateral issues.

In the field of local and rural transportation services, which is scheduled to be discussed in the morning on the day, the current status of support projects such as remote routes and policy directions for expanding local mobility rights will be discussed, while the core promotional strategy for the commercialization of full-scale automated driving in 2027 at the field will be introduced.

In the afternoon, Korea's major logistics policies, including trends in the domestic logistics industry and its advancement, will be introduced, and finally opinions on how to activate eco-friendly transportation to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality will be exchanged.



On the 21st, there will be a tour to the K-City by the Korea Automobile Testing and Research Institute in Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do, which is a test bed for automatic driving vehicle to introduce the main facilities of K-City, such as the weather environment representation facility, and to directly showcase Korea's technological capabilities through test drives of automatic driving vehicles and high-speed circuits.

K-City is a test bed for supporting technology development and safety verification of automatic driving vehicles, and is characterized by the ability to reproduce all five types of environments that may occur during actual driving: expressway, urban area, community, suburb area, and parking facility.

"This transportation cooperation talks, which is being held for the first time in eight years, is a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of cooperation between Korea and Japan," stated Deputy Minister of Transport and Logistics Office PARK Ji-hong in MOLIT, adding "We look forward to continued exchanges for the future based on the cooperative relationship between the two countries".