

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
THE COOPERATION MECHANISM OF
NORTHEAST ASIA LOGISTICS INFORMATION SERVICE
NETWORK**

In order to advance regional cooperation, draw on each other's comparative advantages, improve the logistics service capacity and efficiency of Northeast Asia, facilitate logistics information exchange and sharing, and to promote regional economic, transport service, and trade development, based on the Joint Statement of the 3rd China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics held in May 2010 in Chengdu, we, the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, and the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Korea, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, agree to establish a cooperative mechanism known as NORTHEAST ASIA LOGISTICS INFORMATION SERVICE NETWORK, hereinafter referred to as the NEAL-NET, and reached the following understanding.

The Parties affirm that NEAL-NET is a transnational, non-profit cooperative mechanism for logistics information exchange, sharing and technological cooperation, with the main objective of improving the overall logistics informationization level of Northeast Asia by creating interconnection platform and unified basic exchange standard.

1 OBJECTIVES

1.1 To interconnect logistics information systems of each country

With joint efforts on planning, design, development and application of interconnection platform, the information systems recommended by each country will be connected. The Parties will encourage logistics enterprises to undertake or participate in projects such as interconnection of information systems, exchange and sharing of logistics information.

1.2 To encourage researches on logistics information standards and technologies

The Parties will organize experts from logistics and information technologies enterprises, scientific research institutes and universities to carry out researches on logistics information technologies and standards, with a focus on the researches

and formulation of basic standards for logistics information exchange.

1.3 To promote technological exchange, training and popularization of logistics information systems

The Parties will organize in various ways training programs on technologies and standardization of logistics information systems. Each Party will actively carry out popularization of interconnection technology, and encourage logistics enterprises to join the platform by adopting the interconnection technology and basic standards for information exchange.

2 INSTITUTIONAL ORGANIZATION

NEAL-NET operates under the Mechanism of China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics. Its institutional organization consists of Joint Steering Committee, Council, Secretariat and NEAL-NET Members.

2.1 Joint Steering Committee

The Joint Steering Committee is made up of officials from the relevant departments of the Parties. It is to make decisions of and provide guidance to major issues in the construction and development of NEAL-NET, to approve the rotating Council Chair and Vice Council Chairs, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-Generals of the Secretariat, and Council Members. Each Party will approve NEAL-NET Members of its own country.

The Chair of the Joint Steering Committee will be appointed by the host country of the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee. Each Party will appoint one Liaison Officer with the responsibility of general liaison and coordination work.

2.2 Council

The Council is responsible for the overall organization and deployment of various activities of NEAL-NET, including formulating work objectives and plans and supervising programs and activities undertaken by NEAL-NET.

The Council consists of one rotating Chair, three Vice Chairs and several Council Members. The rotating Council Chair will be recommended by the rotating country with the office term of four years. Each Party recommends one Vice Council Chair for an office term of four years with the maximum of two consecutive terms. The sequence of rotating country is China, Japan and Korea. Each Party will recommend a number of organizations or agencies as Council Members.

2.3 Secretariat

The Secretariat functions as the standing organization of NEAL-NET, and be responsible for the implementation of specific tasks and activities including convening NEAL-NET Member meetings. The residence of the Secretariat will be in Hangzhou, China.

The Secretariat consists of one Secretary-General assumed by the country where the Secretariat resides, and two Deputy Secretary-Generals assumed respectively by Japan and Korea.

The Secretariat may set up, when deemed necessary, special work groups such as Planning Group, Technology Group and Standard Group to work under it.

Personnel of these groups will be recommended by each country.

2.4 NEAL-NET Members

Relevant government organizations, associations, ports, logistics enterprises, IT companies, scientific research institutes, universities and colleges may join NEAL-NET as NEAL-NET Members after being approved of by its own country and reported to the Secretariat.

3 OPERATION MECHANISM

3.1 The Parties will hold, when deemed necessary, meetings of the Joint Steering Committee alternately in the three countries. The rotating Council Chair, Vice Council Chairs, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-Generals of the secretariat may be invited to attend the meetings.

3.2 Council Meetings will be convened regularly once a year and presided over by the rotating Council Chair. Council Meetings will discuss NEAL-NET work objectives, annual plans, implementation and related international cooperation proposals, and make reports to the Joint Steering Committee. The Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-Generals may be invited to attend Council Meetings.

3.3 NEAL-NET Member Meetings will be convened, when deemed necessary, by the Secretariat. The Secretariat may organize other special meetings when deemed necessary.

3.4 Certain working groups may be established, when deemed necessary, to carry out related tasks and constructions. The working group will make reports to the Secretariat about its work carried out. Each country will pay the expenses for its personnel of these working groups such as transport, accommodation and other costs arisen.

3.5 The country where the Secretary-General is from will be responsible for office room expense and daily operation costs of the Secretariat. The Council Chair and Vice Council Chairs will send personnel to work for the Secretariat when deemed necessary and cover related expenses.

3.6 All members are encouraged to make contributions to NEAL-NET by undertaking construction tasks, sharing achievements in the logistics information sector or raising fund.

4 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

4.1 One Party may change its members of the Joint Steering Committee, the Council and the Secretariat, and notify the other two Parties. Members of the first Joint Steering Committee, Council and Secretariat are annexed to this MOU.

4.2 This MOU will come into effect upon its signature. This MOU may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the three Parties. One Party may terminate its participation in this MOU by providing written notice to the other Parties at least ninety (90) days in advance of the desired termination date.

4.3 Relevant international laws and treaties will be strictly observed when

activities are carried out under this MOU.

4.4 The participation of other countries in this MOU need to be confirmed in writing by the three Parties.

Signed in Hangzhou, on 2 December 2010, in triplicate in English.


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Joint Steering Committee

1. Rotating Chair

Name	Title/Organization	Host Country
<i>Ju Chengzhi</i>	Director-General of International Cooperation Department Ministry of Transport	China
<i>Someya Takaichi</i>	Deputy Minister for Technical Affairs Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism	Japan
<i>Kim HanYoung</i>	Director-General for Logistics Policy Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs	Korea

2. Members

The People's Republic of China:

<i>Cai Yuhe</i>	Deputy Director-general of Policy Planning Department of Ministry of Transport
<i>Yang Zan</i>	Deputy Director-general of International Cooperation Department of Ministry of Transport
<i>Zhang Xiaojie</i>	Director of International Cooperation Department of Ministry of Transport
<i>Xie Jiaju</i>	Director of Freight and Logistics Management Division of Road Transport Department of Ministry of Transport
<i>Zou Li</i>	Director of Information Management Division of Science and Technology Department of Ministry of Transport
<i>Yang Huaxiong</i>	Deputy Director of Port Administration Division of Ministry of Transport

Japan:

<i>Miyoshi Nobutoshi</i>	Deputy Director-General of Ports and Harbours Bureau for Logistics Policy Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
<i>Tanaka Teruhisa</i>	Director for Logistics Policy, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
<i>Kaga Itaru</i>	Director for international affairs, Policy Planning Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
<i>Shimura Tsutomu</i>	Director of Cargo Transport Division, Road Transport Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
<i>Kunita Atsushi</i>	Director of Intelligent Port Promotion Office, Port Management and Operation Division, Ports and Harbors Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

The Republic of Korea:

Lee Sang IL	Director of Port Management Division, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs
Hwang SungYoon	Director of Logistics Policy Division, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs

3. Liaison Officers

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Director for International Logistics Policy Planning
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

The Republic of Korea:

Kim Hyun Sung

Deputy Director of Logistics Policy Division
Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs

Council

1. Rotating Council Chair

Zhang Pingping

Director-General of Road Transport Administration Bureau of Zhejiang Province

2. Vice Council Chairs

The People's Republic of China:

Wei Feng

Deputy Chief Engineer of Highway Research Institute of Ministry of Transport

Deputy Chief Engineer of Transport Department of Zhejiang Province

Japan:

Tanaka Teruhisa

Director for Logistics Policy

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

The Republic of Korea:

Kim ChilHo

Senior Deputy Director of Port Management Division

Ministry of Land, Transportation and Maritime Affairs

3. Council Members:

The People's Republic of China:

China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing

China Communications and Transportation Association

China Road Transport Association

China Ports Association

China Air Transport Association

China Express Delivery Association

COSCO Logistics Co.,Ltd

COSCO Container Lines Co.,Ltd

SINOTRANS Ltd.

China Merchants Logistics Group Co., Ltd.

China E-Port Information Data Center

Article Numbering Center of China

Highway Research Institute of Ministry of Transport

Shanghai International Port (Group)Co., Ltd

Shanghai E&P International,INC

Ningbo Port Group Co., Ltd

Qingdao Port Group Co., Ltd
Road Transport Administration Bureau of Zhejiang Province

Japan:

Japan Foreign Steamship Association
Japan Air cargo Forwarders Association
Japan International Freight Forwarders Association Inc.
The Keihin Co., Ltd.
Sankyu Inc.
Nisshin Corp.
Nippon Express Co., Ltd.
Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment
The Japanese Shipowners' Association
Japan Federation of Freight Industries
Japan Association for Simplification of International Trade Procedures
The Distribution Systems Research Institute (GS/1 Japan)
Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Port and Harbor Bureau, City of Yokohama
Commerce and Distribution Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The Republic of Korea:

Korea Shipowners' Association
Korea Integrated Logistics Association
Korea Ports Logistics Association
Shipping, Port and Logistics Information Association
Yellow Sea Passenger and Cargo Shipping Association
Hanjin Shipping
Hyundai Merchant Marine
Busan Port Authority
Incheon Port Authority
Korea Maritime Institute
Korea Transport Institute
Korea Maritime University
Donga University
ChonNam National University
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U-Am Terminal Co., Ltd.
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Secretariat

1. Secretary-General:

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