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# Holding of Air Transport Joint Seminar "Strengthening of Aviation Cooperative Ties between the Republic of the Philippines and Japan"

On February 12, 2015, JCAB held the above-captioned seminar in Manila with attendance of Mr. Hiroshi Muto, Vice-Minister for Transport, Tourism and International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). This is the second round of seminar organized by the Council for International Development of Aviation Infrastructure, the joint efforts of the public-private sectors, and was attended by around 200 participants from the Philippines and Japan. Mr. Muto held bilateral talks with Dr. Abaya, Secretary of the Department of Transport and Communications (DOTC) to offer the proposals by himself, and at the same time, they agreed to further strengthen the close relationship between the two countries.

## 1. Outline of the Seminar

- 1) Date: February 12, 2015 (Thurs.) 13:30 ~ 18:00PM
- 2) Venue: Dusit Thani Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines
- 3) Attended by around 200 participants in total (Around 80 from Japan)
  - Mr. Hiroshi Muto, Vice-Minister for Transport, Tourism and International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
  - Vice deputy chairmen of the Council for International Development of Aviation Infrastructure (Mr. Satoru Ogata, Executive Vice President, Taisei Corporation and Mr. Masanori Kondo, Executive Officer, Toyota Tsusho Corporation)
  - Around thirty (30) Council Member Companies
  - Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) and others

(Around 120 from the Philippines)

- Dr. Abaya, Secretary of the Department of Transport and Communications (DOTC)
- Lt. Gen. Hotchkiss III, Director-General, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
- Aviation-related companies and others

### 4) Summary:

At the seminar, followed by the opening speeches by DOTC Secretary Dr. Abaya, and MLIT Vice-Minister for Transport, Tourism and International Affairs Mr. Muto, the topics such as "Congestion Mitigation at Ninoy Aquino International Airport", "Development of New International Airport in Metro Manila" and "Introduction of PPP Case of Japan - Overseas" were presented by the speakers representing the public-private sectors in Japan.

Also, the aviation-related policies and infrastructure projects being planned were presented by the speakers representing the Philippines. The Philippine participants were very interested in the proposals from Japan.





♦Images of how the Seminar was held

## 2. Summary of the Bilateral Talks

On the same day, Mr. Muto held bilateral talks with Dr. Abaya to offer Japan's cooperation in the transport sector, and Dr. Abaya made a statement that he highly appreciated the efforts made by Japan and expects to see its further cooperation. Both parties agreed to promote dialogues and strengthen further the close relationship in the transport sector that includes aviation sector.

#### (Reference) The Council for International Development of Aviation Infrastructure

- With the objective of pushing forward international development of aviation Infrastructure through PPP (public-private-partnership), trading firms, constructors, airport companies, manufacturers, financial institutions, relevant bodies and others jointly established the Council in April, 2013.
- It makes various efforts, that include visit overseas missions such as "Air Transport Seminar between Indonesia and Japan" held in 2014 and business matchmaking services taking advantage of intergovernmental meetings.

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