

EFV International Meeting, Tokyo, 24 January 2003

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1. BACKGROUND

The Ministerial Conference on Transport, held on January 15 and 16, 2002, in Tokyo, announced a Ministerial Statement on Comprehensive Strategy for Environmentally Friendly Vehicles. Therein it was noted that it was important to hold an International Meeting on EFVs (the EFV International Meeting) to discuss possible solutions based on the knowledge of existing and future vehicle technologies and the availability of different types of fuels, and to explore the possibility of international coordination of policy to facilitate the development and dissemination of EFVs.

2. DATE, PLACE, HOST

DATE: January 23-24, 2003

PLACE: Akasaka Prince Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

HOST: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT), Japan

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Australia, Canada, China, EU (European Commission, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, U.K.), Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, U.S.A., UN/ECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation (WP29), OECD, ADB (The Asian Development Bank)

3. AGENDA

- 1: Overviews of current status of environmental problems in the transport sector and counter measures, etc.
- 2: The concept of the next-generation EFVs
- 3: Measures to facilitate the development and practical use of the next-generation EFVs
- 4: Dissemination of EFVs already in commercial production
- 5: Promotion of international harmonization of regulations
- 6: Measures to support the dissemination of EFVs in developing countries
- 7: Future course of international action for the development and dissemination of EFVs in conjunction with existing programmes and mechanisms
- 8: Chair's Statement

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