



**Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism**

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His Excellency Mr. Bernard Gauvin  
Chair of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy,  
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations

Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of my appointment as Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism on September 29, 2008.

Allow me to take this opportunity to present my compliments and convey my deep appreciation for your active cooperation in the Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport (MEET).

However, it is regrettable that I must inform you that the MEET originally scheduled from October 22 to 24, has been postponed, due to the unexpected political circumstances in Japan. Please accept my sincere apologies for causing you and your colleagues inconvenience.

Today I would like to announce that the MEET will now be held from January 14 to 16, 2009, and I cordially invite you to attend. Please find the revised program attached for your reference.

International cooperation aimed at tackling issues in the field of transport, including climate change, energy efficiency and urban air pollution, is urgent and critical. To this end, I would like to join with you to demonstrate our political will toward creating low-carbon and low-pollution transport systems through the MEET. It is my sincere hope that you can participate in the MEET and share your esteemed views and experiences with the other ministers and heads of related international organizations, for the future of this planet we share.



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The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan have maintained close relationships over harmonization of vehicle regulations , and I hope that our mutual cooperation in the run-up to the MEET will further enhance our friendly relationship.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the MEET and wish you continued good health and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

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Kazuyoshi Kaneko

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