

5 August 2016

Dear Friends,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

The Japan–Australia Infrastructure Networking Meeting was held at the Japanese Embassy in Canberra on 28 July 2016. The meeting aimed to promote partnerships between Japanese businesses and Australian firms, and to enable participating companies to establish ties and deepen engagement in public-private partnerships.

A total of 121 people attended the event, including representatives of Australia’s federal, state and territory governments, and businesses from Japan and Australia. Representatives from foreign firms not established in Australia also travelled to Canberra to contribute, including from Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong.

NSW Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Andrew Constance, delivered the keynote speech and Japan businesses also presented on their areas of strength as well as strategies for boosting their presence in Australia. Australian companies and government representatives outlined opportunities and challenges in the Australian market and highlighted a number of major infrastructure opportunities.

One-on-one meetings were also arranged for participating Japanese and Australian businesses to enable new business links and potential consortia to be established.

At a government-to-government level, a meeting on infrastructure development is also being planned between the secretaries of Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and Australia's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. This will provide another valuable opportunity for Japan and Australia to share their experiences and approaches to infrastructure development as reflected in the joint statement made by Prime Ministers Abe and Turnbull in December 2015. ([Summary of the meeting](#))

I will also continue to make targeted efforts towards deepening engagement between our two countries in this crucial area moving forward.



Address by Ambassador Kusaka



Keynote by Minister Constance



Presentation by Japanese business

Yours sincerely,

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