

The Third Japan-Australia Infrastructure Networking Meeting

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Dear Friends,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

As part of our efforts to promote close engagement and strong ties between Japanese and Australian infrastructure-related firms, the Embassy of Japan in Australia held the Third Japan-Australia Infrastructure Networking Meeting (JAINM) in Sydney on 25 July. This meeting followed on from the very successful second JAINM, which was held in Canberra in February of last year.



(Ambassador Kusaka delivering opening remarks. Click [HERE](#) for the full text.)

The third meeting was attended by 136 influential representatives of the public and private sectors of Japan and Australia, with many traveling from either interstate or abroad to participate. We were also very pleased to have present on this occasion delegates of the “Japanese Infrastructure and Medical Mission to Sydney” who visited Australia to participate in events held separately by the NSW Government in Sydney on 23-24 July.



(Meeting in progress)

Based on feedback received following the second JAINM, the third meeting focused on the theme of “transport”. The meeting was addressed by prominent decision-makers, including Ms Pip Spence, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities and Mr Rodd Staples, Secretary of Transport for NSW. Attendees also heard presentations from senior representatives of the governments of Victoria and Queensland about the infrastructure-related opportunities that exist in the states. Other key features of the meeting included presentations by Australian firms on the state of the Australian infrastructure market and presentations by Japanese companies about their strengths and the challenges they face as they seek to expand their presence in Australia. Following the presentations, participants enjoyed an opportunity to network during a luncheon.



(Speeches by Ms Spence, Deputy Secretary of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities on the left and Mr Staples, Secretary of Transport for NSW on the right.)

The Third Japan-Australia Infrastructure Networking Meeting was a great success and I wish to thank all those who participated for their support and involvement.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador of Japan to Australia