

Japan's harmonization activities and expectation for WP29

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1. Japan's activities conducted so far

✚ Aiming at:

- the promotion of wide use of safe & environmentally friendly vehicles; and
- the development of automotive industries,

✚ deeming that:

- the most appropriate place to promote international harmonization of vehicle regulations was WP29,

Japan has proactively participated in the WP29 activities and promoted the international harmonization of vehicle regulations.



History of Japan's activities (1)

1977~

- ✚ Participation in WP29 as an observer
- ✚ Learnt the international harmonization activities

1987

- ✚ Proposal to develop the harmonized regulation on installation of lighting and light-signaling devices
- ✚ Establishment of JASIC head office & Geneva office

1988

- ✚ Proposal to develop the harmonized regulation on passenger vehicle brakes



History of Japan's activities (2)

1995

- ✚ Entry into force of the revision of the 1958 Agreement

From a European to a Worldwide Agreement

1998

- ✚ Accession to the 1958 Agreement

2000

- ✚ From “Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles” to “World Forum for harmonization of vehicle regulations”

~2008

- ✚ Continuous contribution to WP29 activities through:
 - provision of data and information for discussion;
 - proposal for amendment to the ECE Reg.;
 - proposal for development the gtr, etc.



2. Japan's future direction for international harmonization of vehicle regulations

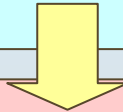
Japan would like to:

- Further the application of ECE Regulations and contribute to the development of gtrs including WLTP, HFCV, Pedestrian Protection;
- Contribute to the promotion of activities for building up the common understandings on new technologies; and
- Conduct studies on a basis for mutual recognition of a whole vehicle certification.



3. Expectation for the WP29

- Increase of CPs to the Agreements, including Asian countries
- Striking progress in technology development including low-emission vehicles and ITS, etc.



Role of the 1958 Agreement and 1998 Agreement in international harmonization activities would be more and more important.

Japan expects for the World Forum:

- to make further progress as a forum addressing international harmonization of vehicle regulations where countries all over the world literally participate in its activities; and
- its initiative on the worldwide dissemination of safer and more environmentally using new technologies.



Thank you for your attention.



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