Reference: TRANS/WP.29/2000/33
(TRANS/WP.29/703, para.17)

Object: Establishing of the “common tasks” sub-group in GRSG

Japan recognizes the need to take actions to resolve “common tasks” in developing Global Technical Regulations (GTR) shown in "TRANS/WP.29/2000/33", as mainly, difficulties of “Lack of Common Definitions of Vehicle Categories/ Mass/ Dimensions between contracting parties”.

In the one-hundred-and-twentieth session of WP.29./AC-2, It was agreed that the informal group concerning the “common tasks” should operate under GRSG, during its regular sessions and propose common definitions of Vehicle Categories/ Mass/ Dimensions. And it was suggested that this informal group should be chaired by Japan.

Japan believes that the above subjects have great importance because they concern to every GTR developing, and willingly agrees to serve as the chairperson of the sub-group.

Japan thinks that it would be advantageous to start the first sub-group on “common tasks” in the seventy-ninth GRSG in October.

Japan hopes that we will have an animated discussion with many participants.

For detail of the concept and schedule of the sub-group, please see the attachment.

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Attachment

The purpose and schedule of the “common tasks” sub-group in GRSG”

1. Purpose
Definitions of vehicle categories, mass and dimensions in existing regulations applied in each country have considerable difference. It is concerned that these differences will cause difficulties in developing and adopting Global Technical Regulations(GTR).

The purpose of the sub-group is to facilitate establishment and adoption of GTR through developing common definitions of vehicle categories, mass and dimensions.

2. Scope
Japan proposes the draft scope as below:

i) Common Definitions of “Vehicle Categories”

ii) Common Definitions of “Vehicle Mass”

iii) Common Definitions of “Vehicle Dimensions”

Your proposals on the additional scope are welcome.

3. Schedule
Japan plans to achieve the resolution in GRSG and the transmission to WP.29 in 2003.