

## **PIARC- Japanese National Committee Activity Report 2003-2004**

The Japan Road Association acts as the Japanese National Committee of PIARC and coordinates the national involvement to the activities of PIARC.

### **Major activities:**

#### **1. XXII<sup>nd</sup> World Road Congress, Durban, South Africa, 19 – 25 October 2003**

Over 100 delegates from Japan participated in the Durban Congress. In its effort to promote the Durban Congress, the Japan Road Association published a book entitled Global Road Community II, which introduced the activities of PIARC Technical Committees to be distributed to prospective participants for their reference. Also to further complement this volume, Global Road Community III, which provide more updated information and the outcomes of the Congress was published after the Durban Congress.

#### **2. XXV<sup>th</sup> Japan Road Congress**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Japan Road Congress was held in the Tokyo International Forum on 5-7 November 2003. There were 3,211 participants. Three panellists from overseas were invited to the Special Session under the theme "Innovative Policies and technologies for Road Development". The panellists included:

Dr.-Ing. Josef KUNZ, President and Professor, Federal Highway Research Institute, Germany

Dr. Jum-Lock OH, President, Korea Road and Transportation Association, Korea

Mr. Nick Carter, Head of Operational Policy and Development, Highways Agency, UK

#### **3. Link with other international organisations**

##### **■ The 15<sup>th</sup> IRF Congress**

The 15<sup>th</sup> IRF Congress will be held in Thailand in 2005. Upon invitation from the Roads Association of Thailand, Dr. MITANI joined as a member of the IRF 2005 Organising Committee.

##### **■ The 29<sup>th</sup> IRU (International Road Transport Union) World Congress, Yokohama, 2004**

On behalf of PIARC, Dr. MITANI was invited to participate in the IRU Congress held in Yokohama on 22-24 April 2004.

##### **■ REAAA Council meeting**

Delegates were dispatched from Japan to attend the REAAA (Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia) Council meeting held in Cairns, Australia on 19-21 May 2003.

#### **4. International relations**

The Japan Road Association welcomed many road transport experts from overseas in the period of August 2003 to June 2004 from China, UK, France, Korea and US. These included the US delegation from the Federal Highway Administration and members from the UK Highway Agency. To take advantage of these opportunities, our Association organised seminars for the JRA members to provide forum for exchanging views. Mr. David York, Traffic Operation Board Director of the Highway Agency, presented to our members the challenging highway traffic operation system in the UK.

**On going activities:**

**5. The XIth ITS World Congress**

The XIth ITS World Congress will be held in Nagoya, Japan under the theme "ITS for Liveable Society" on 18-22 October 2004.

**6. PIARC Technical Committee meetings in Japan**

Japan is going to host the following meetings of the PIARC Technical Committee.

- The meeting of TC1.4 on Management of Network Operations is scheduled on 16-17 October 2004 in conjunction with the ITS World Congress.
- The meeting of TC2.3 on Urban Areas and Integrated Urban Transport will be held in autumn 2005.
- The meeting of TC4.5 on Earthworks, Drainage and Subgrade will be held in April or May 2005.