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ESCAP's transport activities

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Facts and figures



- Membership: 62 governments (58 in Asia Pacific region)
- 4 billion people
(61% of world population)
- 12 of the world's 20 megacities
- World's top 6 container ports
(14 out of world's top 20 container ports)
- GDP of ca. 13.5 trillion US\$
(25% of world GDP)
- Singapore, ASEAN's richest member, has a per-capita GDP 58 times higher than its poorest, Burma
- Russia, ESCAP's largest member country is nearly 27,000 times larger than its smallest, i.e. Singapore
- Landlocked countries vs island countries
- 28 of the world's first 100 billionaires are in the region - 800 million people below poverty line

A common drive to develop connectivity

Trade and transport



A new context

Transport context

from **segmented sector with stand-alone transport modes** as centerpieces to **production tool** responding to the needs of market strategists

Socio-economic context

urban-based societies

life-style based on **instant and 'round-the-clock' accessibility**

Market context

Globalization under which countries are becoming outsourcing hubs
(70% of intra-Asian trade is intermediate goods used in production with half being driven by final demand outside Asia)

New trade patterns

Increased intra-asain trade

(e.g. India-China trade multiplied by 13 over 2000-2007 and India-ASEAN trade grew at 27% p.a. over same period)

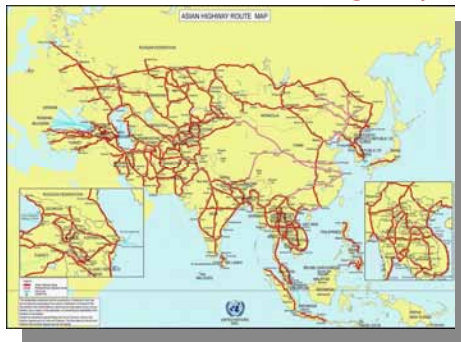
Transport Development

Formalizing the networks

Trans-Asian Railway



Asian Highway



International integrated intermodal transport system for the region

“Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific”

- Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway
 - 28 Parties (1 signatory has yet to ratify)
 - giving priority to investment in Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks by 2005
 - linking intermodal interfaces to link them with water and air transport networks
- Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
 - 22 signatories, 15 Parties
 - entering into force in June 2009
 - particularly at production and consumption centres and around seaports and dry ports
- *developing an international integrated intermodal*

Working Groups

- a common vision
- joint programme of actions
- identification of investment requirements and sources

Operationalizing the networks

Intermodal interfaces / dry ports



Transport Division



Financing transport development

- Asian Highway investment forum
- Expert Group Meeting on Financing for Transport Infrastructure (*December 2009*)
- Priority projects for developing Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks
- Integrated Transport Planning Model (*ESCAP and Korea Maritime Institute*)

Public-Private Partnerships

- Interregional UN Development Account project on public-private partnerships programme
- Expert Groups Meetings (*Seoul, 2007 – Jakarta, 2010*)
- Development of online training courses

Promoting efficient transport services

Transport facilitation and logistics



Facilitation

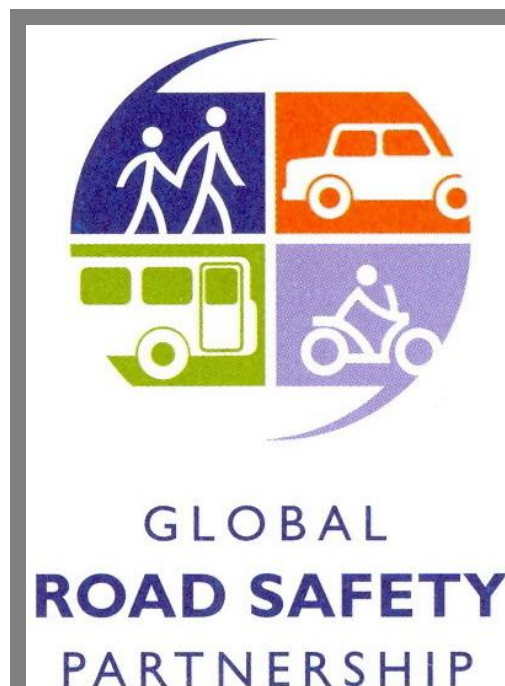
- Formulation and implementation of subregional Agreements
- Advisory services
- Partnership with ADB and Shanghai Cooperation Organization to provide technical and financial assistance on Agreement on Facilitation of International Road Transport
- Technical assistance for Agreement for Facilitation of Cross-border Transport of Goods and People in Greater Mekong Subregion

Logistics

- Collaboration with national freight forwarders and logistics associations (*minimum standards & qualifications, membership criteria, standard trading conditions*)
- Establishment of regional platform to exchange best practices
- Advisory services and technical assistance to national freight forwarders and logistics associations (*design and delivery of training programmes*)

Promoting sustainable, safe and inclusive transport

Focus on road safety



Ministerial Declaration on Improving Road Safety in Asia and the Pacific *(November 2006)*

2011 – 2020, Decade of Action for Road Safety *(UN General Assembly, March 2010)*

- Development of road safety goals, targets and indicators
- Collaboration with member countries and other UN Commissions
- Meetings of experts, advisory services, web-based road safety network

Asia's road fatalities stand at about 700,000 per year
(i.e. half the world's total)



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