

Signing Ceremony for “East-West Highway Improvement Project (II)” Provided by the Government of Japan



On March 7, 2016, the Signing Ceremony was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, concerning the provision of loan up to the amount of **Four billion, four hundred and ten million Japanese yen (¥4,410,000,000)** to the Government of Georgia with a view to implementing the East-West Highway Improvement Project (II) under the framework of Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Aid.

The Notes and other related documents were signed and exchanged between H.E. Mr. Toshio Kaitani, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Georgia, and H.E. Mr. Mikheil Janelidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. Then the Loan Agreement was signed and exchanged between Mr. Katsutoshi Fushimi, chief representative of JICA Uzbekistan Office, and H.E. Mr. Nodar Khaduri, Minister of Finance of Georgia.

This Loan Aid aims at strengthening the transport capacity of the country through improving the East-West Highway. This is the second phase of the project, which Japan has been providing since 2009 (The Loan Aid for the first phase was provided up to the amount of ¥17,722,000,000). It is expected that the implementation of this project will contribute to the promotion of sustainable economic growth and stability of society.

Loan conditions of the Projects are as follows:

1. Annual interest rate: 1.40% (For consulting service portion, 0,01% is applied.)
2. Repayment period: 25 years (including grace period of 7 years)
3. Procurement condition: General united loan