<u>W</u>orkshop on <u>A</u>dvancing the use of <u>S</u>tructural <u>S</u>teel in Singapore (WASS) was initially launched in Singapore in 2011

1. WASS Objective

WASS aims to deliver Japanese technological expertise on high-rise building construction in Singapore in view of the following:

- (A) Contributing to the further development of the construction sector locally.
- (B) Revitalizing "Japan Brand" worldwide, as part of its measure to promote Japanese companies' global activities, a move highly encouraged by the Japanese government after the great Kanto-Tohoku disaster.

Singapore was a launch pad for WASS due to the country's excellent infrastructure as well as the Government's and the Building Authority of Singapore (BCA's) push for maximum productivity and cost efficiency.

With strong support from BCA and the Japanese government, Ministry of Land, Transportation and Tourism, we successfully held the 1st WASS Seminar on 10th and 11th May in 2012, the 2nd on 2nd August in 2013, the 3rd on 29th October in 2014 and the 4th on 10th May in 2016 in Singapore

(Please refer to the detailed report of WASS Seminar 2016)

As WASS was very well-received in Singapore, there are plans to replicate this in ASEAN.

WASS Workshop, however, will not and does not engage in any activities whatsoever that may have any direct benefits to any participating members of the Workshop.

2. WASS Activities

- (A) Clarifying the outcome of 'Promoting Steel Structure in High rise Building including but not limited to
 - · Accelerated completion of works as opposed to that of concrete structure (resulting in lower labour cost)
 - The reliability of steel structural technology developed in Japan, and achievement of greener construction
- (B) Extended Activities Beyond the seminar
 - · Supporting (i) network of Japanese construction-related firms in Singapore
 - (ii) development of local construction related firms

Participating Corporations and entities of "WASS" will be as follows:

- · Japanese general contractors and marine contractors
- · Japanese design consultants
- · Japanese steel manufacturers
- ·Trading houses (dealing with steel)
- ·Other related manufacturers
- · Japanese universities/colleges and research organizations
- · Design consultants in Singapore
- · Steel fabricators in Singapore
- · Universities/colleges and research institutes in Singapore
- ·Steel traders and distributers in Singapore

We look forward to your application as a Sponsor.

