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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there will be held an "APEC/OPRF workshop to strengthen collaboration with APEC member economies to counter piracy and armed robbery" on 29 July 2009 at Raffles City Convention Centre in Singapore.

6th APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting was held in Manila, Philippines in April 2009, and ministers called for further concerted efforts to fight against piracy, emphasizing the importance of international cooperation and effective information sharing to address this emerging maritime threat.

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan, and Ministry of Transport and Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore decide to organize jointly the aforementioned workshop as an annex event to the 32th Transportation Working Group in late July 2009 under the auspices of OPRF.

The aim is to share information about action of each economy relevant measures to counter piracy and armed robbery and to reflect those to the policy of each economy.

In this context, we welcome participation of CTTF members in this workshop.

Attached is the programme for the workshop. If you have any questions about participating, please do not hesitate to contact us at e-mail: masuda-j2z6@mlit.go.jp and we will be happy to assist.

Very truly yours,

On behalf of organizers

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