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ZMP Inc.

**APEC ESCI introduces Autonomous Driving Taxi trials in Tokyo during last summer on their website ESCI-KSP “Smart Transport, Intelligent Transportation Systems”.
The video is simultaneously distributed.**

ZMP Inc. (hereinafter referred to ZMP, which is located in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, and CEO is Hisashi Taniguchi) and HINOMARU Kotsu Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to HINOMARU Kotsu, which is located in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, and President & CEO is Kazutaka Tomita) conducted world’s first Autonomous Driving taxi service trials on public roads in Tokyo, between Otemachi and Roppongi from August 27th and September 8th, 2018.

Being caught the world’s attention from the viewpoint of collaboration between the public and private sectors, this project has featured as one of Japan’s best practices on the APEC *ESCI-KSP website from April 3rd with a video with English subtitles.

This is submitted as “New cases” by ESCI-KSP which is eligible for the 2019 **ESCI Best Practices Awards Program and it will be focused on the future of global energy supply and demand.

Please see the following URL for the detailed project on APEC ESCI-KSP website.

https://www.esci-ksp.org/archives/project/autonomous-driving-taxi-trial-in-tokyo-worlds-first-autonomous-driving-taxi-service-demonstration-on-public-roads?task_id=596



Left photo: running in the front of Imperial Palace



Right photo: Autonomous Driving Taxi

***About ESCI**

The APEC Energy Smart Communities Initiative (ESCI) was launched by the U.S. President Barak Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan within the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in November 2010. As the information hub of ESCI network, the Knowledge Sharing Platform (KSP) collects and shares best practices for creating energy smart communities. related within the APEC region.

**ESCI-KSP hosts an “ESCI Best Practices Awards Program” in every two years from 2013. It offers an opportunity to encourage best practices, facilitate knowledge-sharing and give public recognition to accomplishments. The Awards will be made under five categories such as Smart Transport, Smart Buildings, Smart Grids, Smart Jobs and Consumers, and Low Carbon Model Towns.

2 winners (Gold and Silver) will be chosen for each category in 2019 the 4th Awards.

No Japanese project received Smart Transport awards yet.



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Driven by its mission “Robot of Everything: to create and empower new lifestyles by enabling free movement of people and goods”, ZMP focuses mainly on: (1) ADAS (Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems), Autonomous Driving Development Platform “RoboCar[®]” series, and Sensor systems (2) Highly specialized engineering services applied to autonomous driving solutions and “RoboTest” on-road testing service, for automotive, commercial vehicles, construction machinery, agricultural machinery, logistics equipment, outdoor machinery, etc. (3) Development and sales of the logistic support robot “CarriRo[®]”. ZMP is pioneering self-driving car services with Auto Taxi[®], which aims at being fully operational by 2020, and is conducting various technology and service trials on public roads. ZMP is also aiming at being the first Japanese company to provide a sidewalk delivery robot, “CarriRo[®] Deli”, and is actively looking for partners to realize mass production. ZMP will continue to push the limits of possible, by developing products and services that move people, in every sense of the term.