

## **MESSAGE**

The Technical Cooperation Project on the "Improvement of Quality Management for Highway and Bridge Construction and Maintenance, Phase III" (TCP Phase III ) is very relevant and timely to address the needs in infrastructure management to sustain the DPWH Medium Term Program which is the basis of our Performance Governance Scorecard. The thrust of the Medium Term Program for 2017-2022 is sustainability of the completed infrastructures, particularly roads and bridges, which is the objective of the TCP Phase III.

The DPWH is very enthusiastic on the transfer of new technologies by our Japanese experts to our DPWH young engineers as counterpart in order to upgrade DPWH road and bridge repair/maintenance and rehabilitation management system including our special bridges.

It is hoped that this Project will bring a good working relationship between our two countries and signify continuous cooperation that is imperative to ensure success in our endeavors. Two nations, represented by two entities, working together toward achieving a common objective and progress to improving DPWH Quality Management System for Highway and Bridge Construction and Maintenance.

I would like to thank the Government of Japan, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, for extending financial and technical assistance to this TCP Phase III, a project which is responsive to the Philippine Development Plan.