

**With Hon.Chief Minister and Japanese Transport Minister present –
MMRDA signs agreement with contractors for MTHL Packages 1 & 3
Agreement for Package-2 to be signed soon
Major step towards faster connectivity**

Mumbai, December 26, 2017 – “Today we have taken a major step towards attaining faster connectivity with Navi Mumbai and Konkan region and its development”, said Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra as the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) signed agreement with contractors for Packages 1 and 3 for the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project. “MTHL is a much awaited project and I am sure MMRDA will certainly commit itself to construct it as early as possible. The project will open up innumerable avenues in terms of connectivity, communication, infrastructure and job opportunities”, said Mr. Fadnavis further.



Mr. Keiichi ISHII, Honourable Minister of Transport and Tourism, Land, Infrastructure, Government of Japan, also graced the occasion along with his 15-member team. “The Indo-Japan relationship will go a long way as the project is financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). We are committed to join hands with India for the development of infrastructure as we strongly believe that only efficient infrastructure puts countries on the forward path”, said Mr. ISHII.

Package-1 – from Sewri up to 10.38-km (10.38 km) of the MTHL will be constructed by the consortium of M/s. L&T and IHI, Japan (M/s.IHI Infrastructure Systems Co. Ltd. for an accepted contract cost of Rs. 7,637.30 crore. Package-3 – from step 18.187 up to Chirle (3.613 km) will be constructed by M/s. L&T Ltd. India for an accepted contract cost of Rs. 1,013.79 crore.

An agreement for Package-2 running from step 10.38-km up to step 18.187-km (7.807 km) will be entered into with M/s. Daewoo and Tata Projects soon at an accepted contract cost of Rs. 5,612.61 crore.

The scope of the project includes a 21.80-km long, 6-lane bridge with emergency / maintenance lane on either side. This includes 16.5-km long bridge across Mumbai bay with 5.5-km viaducts on land on either side. The link will have interchanges at Sewri in Mumbai and at Shivaji Nagar and Chirle on NH-4B on Navi Mumbai side.

"The project will help develop Navi Mumbai and part of Raigad District providing faster connectivity with the Mumbai and proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport saving commuters' time and fuel. The project will also help environment with reduced congestion and transportation time", said Mr. U.P.S. Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA.

Also present for the occasion were Mr. Kenko Sone, Minister, Economic and Development, Embassy of Japan in India; Mr. Ryoji Noda, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai; Mr. Takayoshi Tange, Senior Representative, JICA, India Office; Mr. S.V. Desai, Executive VP and Head, Heavy Civil Infrastructure Business, L&T Ltd.; Mr. Takeshi Kawakami, President, IHI Infrastructure Systems Co. Ltd.; Mr. P. Niranjana, Authorised Representative L&T-IHI Consortium; Mr. Sanjay Khandare and Mr. Pravin Darade, Additional Metropolitan Commissioners, MMRDA; Representatives of General Consultants M/s. AECOM and M/s. PADECO Co. Ltd. and other senior MMRDA officials.