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UR Presents at the “Open Visualization Seminar 2026 Project for Station Area Development along the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Project-SMART)” in New Delhi, India

On October 1, 2026, in New Delhi, Republic of India, the Urban Regeneration Agency (hereinafter “UR”) presented at the “Open Visualization Seminar 2026 Project for Station Area Development along the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Project-SMART)” hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (hereinafter “MoHUA”) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter “JICA”).

This seminar was held to share the outcomes of the Project for Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail implemented by JICA, as well as to promote understanding of initiatives aimed at successful station area development, attract private investment, and establish a collaborative platform among relevant organizations. The event was held in a hybrid format, combining in-person and online participation, with approximately 45 participants from Japan and approximately 130 from India attending in person.

In recent years, interest in urban development centered on railways has been growing in India as a response to challenges such as traffic congestion resulting from population growth and advancing urbanization. Transit-Oriented Development (hereinafter “TOD”) which integrates public transportation and land use is being prioritized, and Japan’s initiatives and experiences in this area are attracting significant attention. Furthermore, Japanese ODA is being utilized for railway infrastructure development in India, including metro projects in various cities and the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, India’s first high-speed rail line, which is currently under development. In the field of TOD, UR is also dispatching a staff member to serve as JICA expert.

During the event, JICA presented an overview of the project’s achievements and introduced development plans for the areas surrounding four stations: Thane, Virar, Surat, and Sabarmati. A panel discussion was also held on the implementation of station-area development projects and private-sector participation, featuring representatives from the Japanese and Indian governments, government-affiliated agencies, local governments, transportation and urban development organizations, and private-sector companies.



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On behalf of UR, Project Director Eguchi delivered a presentation titled “The Importance of TOD: Lessons from Japan’s Practices,” in which he introduced UR’s TOD initiatives and methodologies in areas such as the Shinagawa Station vicinity and shared insights on the importance of TOD.

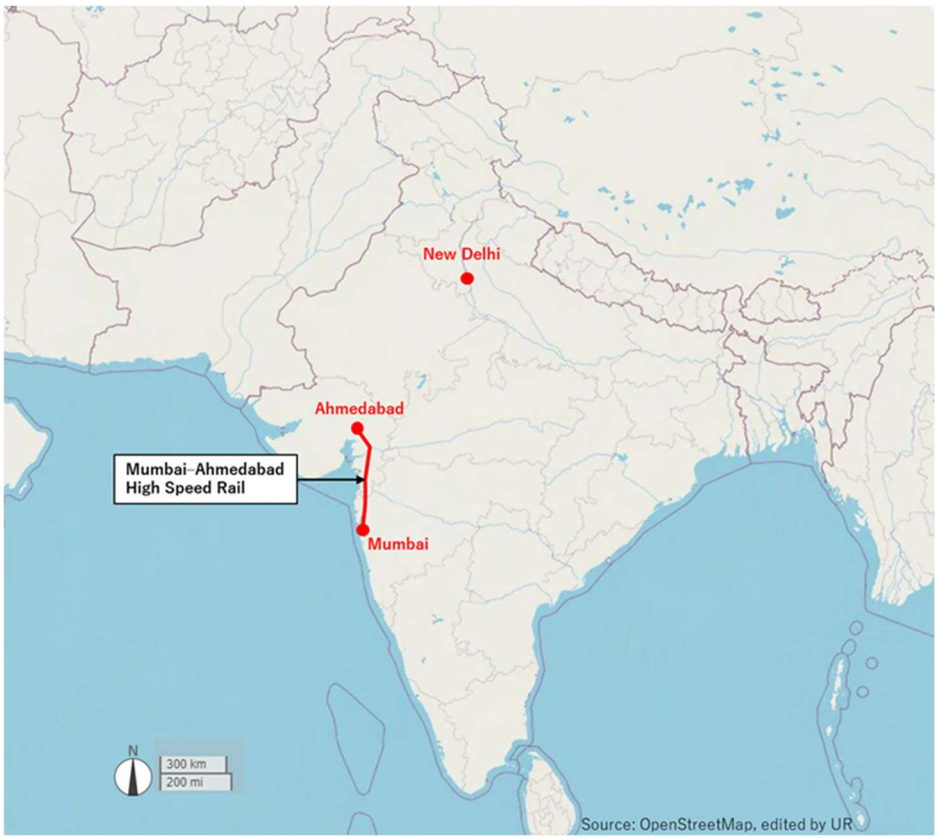
At the conclusion of the seminar, the “Declaration on Station Area Development and Establishment of a Collaborative Platform” was adopted, outlining integrated planning of land use and transportation, coordination between high-speed rail and station-area development, and collaboration among relevant organizations. The declaration also indicated a direction toward exploring the establishment of a collaborative platform. Furthermore, throughout the seminar, there was a high level of interest in Japan’s experience with station-area development and TOD initiatives, and exchanges of views took place with local stakeholders.

Drawing on the experience and expertise cultivated through urban regeneration projects and other initiatives in Japan, UR is engaged in providing advisory services to government agencies and other organizations overseas, as well as supporting collaboration between local government agencies, stakeholders, and Japanese companies. Moving forward, UR will further deepen its collaboration with Indian government agencies and local stakeholders. By sharing the urban development experience and expertise cultivated by Japan and UR, UR will contribute to the creation of sustainable and attractive station-area developments and the generation of business opportunities for Japanese companies.



Presentation by Mr. Eguchi, UR


Scene from the Event



Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail: Location Map

■ Participating Organizations

○ India:

MoHUA, Ministry of Railways, National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC), Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation (VVCMC), Surat Urban Development Authority(SUDA), Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA)

○Japan:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), JICA, UR

*About TOD

TOD stands for Transit-Oriented Development, an urban development model based on the use of public transportation, which has a lower environmental impact. In Japan, since the early 20th century, railway companies have been engaged in housing and urban development in conjunction with railway construction, and TOD-style urban development has progressed alongside the expansion of the railway network.

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