

Welcome Message from ITS Asia-Pacific

On behalf of the 12 member organizations of ITS Asia-Pacific, I am delighted to extend my warmest welcome all of you to the ITS World Congress 2027 in Birmingham.

Around the world, intelligent transportation systems are entering a new stage of development. The challenge is no longer simply advancing technologies, but ensuring their successful deployment to create safer, more sustainable, and more inclusive mobility for all.

One of our shared aspirations is the realization of a zero-accident society. While remarkable progress has been made in vehicle safety technologies, achieving this goal requires a holistic approach founded on the harmonious integration of people, vehicles, and infrastructure—the three pillars of future mobility. Automated driving technologies will play a vital role, but their success depends on the establishment of a trusted ecosystem that supports safe and reliable operation.

One of the members of ITS Asia-Pacific, ITS Japan has been promoting the concept of “ITS Infrastructure for an Automated Driving Society.” We believe that intelligent infrastructure, real-time data sharing, digital connectivity, and effective governance frameworks are essential to supporting automated mobility services and maximizing their societal benefits. The future of mobility will be built not only through innovation within vehicles, but also through close cooperation among governments, infrastructure operators, mobility service providers, and industry partners.

Birmingham and the West Midlands provide an outstanding environment for demonstrating how innovative mobility solutions can move from testing to real-world deployment. I am confident that the Congress will inspire you with new ideas, strengthen international collaboration, and accelerate our journey toward a safer and smarter mobility future.

Together, let us connect ideas, transform transport, and move closer to a zero-accident society.

I look forward to meeting colleagues from around the world in Birmingham in 2027.

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