

Japan's automobile industry is leading the whole industry of the country as a key one. And port extremely plays an important role as a connecting point for the logistics of automobiles and auto parts.

The feature of this month introduces the relationship between the automobile industry and the port logistics from various standpoints such as automobile manufacturer, auto parts manufacturer, steamship line, port authority, harbor work company and so on.

■ *Special essay*

The history of manufacturing and globalization of Japanese automobile industry /Hiroki Mochida

■ *relationship between automobile industry and port*

>>> manufacturer

Toyota's expectations toward logistics and port, realization of smooth logistics, logistics cost reduction, and safe & secure port

/Shoji Kimura

Sumitomo Rubber Industries ~export from ports closest to plants, Port of Onahama, Hososhima, and Shibushi

/Yoshiaki Arai

>>> logistics provider

Pure Car Carrier, supporting automobile export

/Takashi Ito/Hiroyuki Goda/Tsuyoshi Kurosaka

Key factors in loading operation of Pure Car Carrier

/Hiroshi Ogawa

Trade facilitation action plans by Customs and Tariff Bureau and customs houses

/Toshiyuki Fukuda

■ *efforts by two major ports for automobile industry*

Port of Mikawa

/Masahiro Hirano/Takahiro Murayama

Port of Yokohama

/Akinori Fujikawa