

Joint Public Consultation and Stake Holder Meeting for the Development of Port Outer Harbour

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust is seeking for Financial Assistance from Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) for the development of Outer Harbour. As per JICA guidelines, VOC Port Trust conducted a Joint Public consultation & Stake Holder meeting on 28.07.2016 for getting Public opinions for improvement of additional Environmental Assessment and Social Impact Assessment work.

The Meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairman, VOC Port Trust along with the other VOCPT officials.

Various members of Fishermen Societies and NGOs attended the meeting. Deputy Chairman, VOC Port explained about the need for the development of Outer harbour and various opportunities on the proposed project.

On behalf of JICA team, Dr. J.K. Patterson Edward, Director, M/s.SuganthiDevadason Marine Research Institute made presentation about Social Impact Assessment and DrV.Nehru Kumar, Professor and Director, Centre for Environmental Health & Safety, Annamalai University presented about Environmental Impact Assessment respectively. The JICA team explained in detail about the Social & Environmental impacts of the Outer Harbour. The clarifications raised by the Public on the project were elucidated by the Port officials and experts.

