BIM at the Government Buildings Department in Japan

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The amount of construction investment has fallen by about 35% from the peak, however, it has been on the rise in recent years.

The number of construction workers employed in 2017 was 5 million workers, down about 30% from the peak. The number of construction workers employed has been flat in recent years, and there is a shortage of labor in the country.
In the construction industry, workers aged 55 and older account for around a third of the about 3,000,000 skilled workers at construction sites.

So Japan needs to create innovation, and incorporate the innovations created throughout the world, so as to increase productivity.
Why do we need to use BIM more than ever?

「Growth Strategy」June 30, 2018 Cabinet Decision

[KPI] 20% increase in productivity of construction sites by 2025.

Expand the scope to all processes including bridge, tunnel, dam construction, and maintenance by the next fiscal year, in order to further promote i-Construction *1 that aims for the full use of ICT in the construction process.

For construction projects of government offices, the adoption of construction optimization technology including BIM will be designated.

Collaboration with private enterprises to promote the use of BIM throughout the entire construction industry including private orders. Possible issues arising from the application of BIM at each stage of construction, and open-source information of models will be examined and measures to promote the widespread use of BIM will be discussed.

*1 to integrate ICT technologies into construction sites in order to increase productivity.
Three BIM pilot projects

We established “The guidelines for development and use of BIM models for government projects” in March 2014.

- The guideline contain the basic principles and notes in BIM models.
  - For Design-Bid-Build method. (major method in GBD projects)
  - To follow and use the existing standards.

Before 2018

We must provide equal opportunities for participating in public works projects to most companies. But, there are few architects and constructors that can use BIM in Japan.

Therefore, it is still difficult to make the use of BIM mandatory in the public procurement.

The guideline is applied only if architects or constructors propose the use of BIM.
We revised “The guidelines for development and use of BIM models for government projects” to allow the orderer to designate the use of BIM.

We mandated trial use of construction BIM for new large-scale construction project. (in 2018, 3 government office and International Center of Japan Coast Guard academy)

**Takayama Common Building for the government offices**

- Construction period 2018 to 2020
- Build of reinforced concrete 4 stories 1 basement
- Total area about 5,800 sqm

**Japan Coast Guard Academy international exchange center**

- Construction period 2018 to 2019
- Accommodation building; Build of reinforced concrete 6 stories
  - Total area 2,200 sqm
- International lecture building; Build of wood 1 story
  - Total area 160 sqm
Since 2019 We use BIM more than ever.

### Before 2019 (in Japan)

Number of government buildings projects that use of BIM.

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(constructors proposal:5 Orderers designation:4)
We plan to expand the scope of the trial.

- We will mandate trial use of construction BIM for large-scale repair work. (large-scale air conditioning repair work, etc.)
- We will mandate trial use of BIM in design work. (large-scale new construction project.)

We will start “Bilding BIM promotion roundtable in MLIT”
This round table aims to build a mechanism that BIM will be used consistently in the construction process.
To increase productivity in Government Buildings Department in Japan

- We will order construction on condition of using efforts to increase productivity.
- We evaluate technical proposals to increase productivity in bidding.

Efforts to do

- We will order construction on condition of using following;
  1) BIM in construction
  2) Information sharing system
  3) ICT earthworks Auto Pilot
  4) Electronic blackboard

Evaluation at bidding

- We evaluate technical proposals to increase productivity in bidding.
Thank you for your attention

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