

Registration for the 9th UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail starts today

- The 9th UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail (HSR) will be organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and East Japan Railway Company (JR East), and will meet on 7 through 10 July 2015 in Tokyo.
- This 9th meeting of the UIC World Congress on HSR in Tokyo will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all HSR professionals worldwide to review the past half century and to envision the next half century of HSR. At the exhibition held in parallel with the Congress, distinguished players in the HSR market worldwide will show you the state-of-art products and services. On the final day of the Congress, you will be able to choose from a variety of Technical Visits to join, including travel on Shinkansen trains, visiting Shinkansen related facilities, and other events.
- Today we are pleased to start the call for participants. UIC and JR East are looking forward to your entry to this precious opportunity to connect with all the people involved in HSR worldwide.

1. **Congress dates** **7 - 10 July 2015**
 (Please see the appendix for the preliminary programme)
2. **Venue** **Tokyo International Forum** (www.t-i-forum.co.jp/en)
3. **Organizers** **International Union of Railways (UIC) and
East Japan Railway Company (JR East)**
4. **Congress theme** **Celebrate the past, Design the future**
5. **Participants** **More than 1000 people involved in HSR are expected**
 (policymakers, authorities, the railway industry, railway undertakings,
 infrastructure managers, research institutes, and others)

6. Registration fee

	Full registration including congress, exhibition, networking events and technical visit		Exhibition only	Students (*)
	UIC members	UIC non-members		
Until 30 April (early bird)	120,000 yen	180,000 yen	20,000 yen	10,000 yen
From 1 May to 31 May	150,000 yen	200,000 yen		

*Student registration only includes congress and exhibition.

(Japanese consumption tax included)

(For reference, 1 USD = approx. 120 yen, 1 Euro = approx. 140 yen. Please check the latest rate by yourself)

7. How to register

Please find more details and register on-line on the congress website before 31 May 2015.

www.uic-highspeed2015.com

If you have any question on registrations, you are invited to contact;

Congress Secretariat on 9th UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail
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[Programme (preliminary)] 9th UIC World Congress on High Speed Rail, 7 10 July 2015						[Appendix]
~Celebrate the past, Design the future ~						
Tuesday 7 July						
	9:30 12:00 Opening Ceremony Hall C					
10:00	Celebrate the past Speakers from countries already having High Speed Rail (HSR) review the past developments of HSR.					
11:00	[International] Mr. Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of UIC (CEO, Russian Railways), Mr. Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, General Director of UIC, Representatives of railways in the countries already having HSR, and others. [Japan] Representatives from the Government (expected), Ministries (expected), JR TT(*), RTRI(**), JR Hokkaido, JR Central, JR West, JR Shikoku, JR Kyushu, JR Freight, JR East, and others.					
12:00	12:00 12:45 Exhibition inauguration Exhibition Hall					
13:00	12:45 13:30 Lunch Exhibition Hall		12:45 13:30 Press Conference Seminar Room			12:45 18:00 Exhibition Exhibition Hall
14:00	14:00 15:45 Parallel Session 1 (5 themes) 5-6 railway professionals and stakeholders deliver presentations in each session. Past 50 years					
15:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
16:00	15:45-16:15 Coffee Break					
17:00	16:15 18:00 Parallel Session 2 (5 themes) 5-6 railway professionals and stakeholders deliver presentations in each session. Past 50 years					
18:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
19:00	18:30 20:30 Welcome Reception Tokyo International Forum					
20:00						
Wednesday 8 July						
9:00	9:00 10:30 Parallel Session 3 (5 themes) Participants in each session vote and select from each theme the best presentation delivered in parallel sessions 1 and 2. Past 50 years					9:00 18:00 Exhibition Exhibition Hall
10:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
11:00	10:30-11:00 Coffee Break					
12:00	11:00 12:30 Round Table 1 Hall C The moderator will ask questions and give a list of possible answers, and participants will decide which answers are most likely to be correct. Past 50 years					
13:00	12:30 14:00 Lunch Exhibition Hall					
14:00	Design the future 14:00 15:45 Parallel Session 4 (5 themes) 5-6 railway professionals and stakeholders deliver presentations in each session. Next 50 years					
15:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
16:00	15:45-16:15 Coffee Break					
17:00	16:15 18:00 Parallel Session 5 (5 themes) 5-6 railway professionals and stakeholders deliver presentations in each session. Next 50 years					
18:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
19:00	19:00 21:30 Gala Dinner Grand Prince Hotel Shintakanawa (Shinagawa)					
20:00						
21:00						
Thursday 9 July						
9:00	9:00 10:30 Parallel Session 6 (5 themes) Participants in each session vote and select from each theme the best presentation delivered in parallel sessions 4 and 5. Next 50 years					9:00 14:30 Exhibition Exhibition Hall
10:00	Rolling Stock Hall B7-1	Infrastructure Hall B7-2	Customer service Hall B5-1	Management Hall B5-2	Culture & Society Room G510	
11:00	10:30-11:00 Coffee Break					
12:00	11:00 12:30 Round Table 2 Hall C (same as for Round Table 1) Next 50 years					
13:00	12:30 14:00 Lunch Exhibition Hall					
14:00	14:00 15:45 Parallel Session 7 Academic Sessions Presentations and discussions are made by professors, researchers, students, and others. New					
15:00	Academic Session 1 Hall B7-1	Academic Session 2 Hall B7-2	Academic Session 3 Hall B5-1	Academic Session 4 Hall B5-2	Academic Session 5 Room G510	
16:00	15:45-16:15 Coffee Break					
17:00	16:15 17:45 Closing Ceremony Hall C Speakers from countries planning to have High Speed Rail (HSR) envision the future developments of HSR.					
Friday 10 July						
AM	Technical Visits					
PM	Participants can select and join one of the varieties of courses, including riding on Shinkansen trains and tours to Shinkansen related facilities.					

*JRJT: Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency

**RTRI: Railway Technical Research Institute