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## **2nd High Speed Interaction Workshop - Maintenance of High Speed Rail Systems in Taipei, 18-20 April 2012**

(Paris, 15 February 2012) In order to prepare the 2012 UIC HIGHSPEED World Congress that will take place in Philadelphia in July, UIC is organising the 2nd HIGHSPEED Interaction Workshop in Taipei from 18 – 20 April 2012.

Following the successful first edition in Korea in 2009, this second edition will address the specific issue of high speed rail system maintenance. The event is being organised by UIC and Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation (THSRC), and is open to UIC members around the world.

As the market of high speed rail and maintenance becomes more global, the current, future and potential high speed rail operators and high-speed rail maintenance experts are invited to discuss their technical approach, experiences and expectations in various fields such as the development of standards, pre-competitive benchmarking, identification and facilitation of possible areas of cooperation.

This 2nd edition will consist of alternative plenary sessions, panel sessions and round tables, addressing the maintenance of both infrastructure and rolling stock. It will serve as an exchange platform where participants will be able to contribute as well as obtain other points of view on global and particular aspects of HSR system maintenance. Among the specific objectives, the needs and requirements with regard to the maintenance of specific systems will be collected.

Strong support from infrastructure managers and railway operators who have already implemented high speed rail systems, and who have gained relevant experience in this field, is expected in order to enhance the overall value of this initiative. The results of the workshop will be addressed to the UIC 2012 HIGHSPEED World Congress in July in Philadelphia.

This workshop will be also a platform where high speed rail suppliers and high speed rail operators can meet and network. Railway manufacturers, railway undertakings, infrastructure companies, consultants, the supply industry and service companies are invited to register in order to share their respective experience and expected services.

The programme will also include a technical tour of maintenance facilities proposed by THSRC.

## **About UIC – International Union of Railways**

UIC, the international railway association which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, counts 200 members across 5 continents (railway companies, infrastructure managers, rail-related transport operators, etc.). UIC's members represent 1 million kilometres of lines, 2,800 billion passenger-km, 9,500 billion tonne-km, and a workforce of 6.7 million people.

UIC's chief task is to promote railway transport around the world and help its members to meet all the current and future challenges of mobility and sustainable development.

UIC's cooperative undertakings aim to boost the railway system's competitiveness and interoperability, particularly on an international scale. The 700 technical leaflets which make up the "UIC Code" constitute a technical benchmark across the globe. UIC also comprises 8 forums and cooperation platforms, 6 regional assemblies, 30 study bodies coordinating circa 180 railway projects, world congresses, conferences and information sessions organised each year, as well as a host of services offered to its members

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## **About UIC HIGHSPEED 2012**

UIC HIGHSPEED 2012, the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Congress on High Speed Rail in Philadelphia, PA, from 10 to 13 July is the must-attend event to learn all about successful strategies, latest developments, best practices and innovative technologies in high-speed rail.

The world congress on high-speed rail has now become the leading global event for showcasing and exchanging views on the developments and achievements of high-speed rail worldwide.

UIC HIGHSPEED 2012 comprises a 4-day World Congress, a 3-day international Trade Exhibition a technical tour, and networking activities.

The 8th edition will be held in Philadelphia, PA, and will bring together high-level officials from international railway organisations and railway authorities in different countries, senior management of global railway companies and high-speed rail experts.

All strategic issues and technological innovations linked to the development of high-speed rail systems will be addressed at this global event organised by UIC and APTA in cooperation with Amtrak, FRA, AAR and VIA Rail Canada. Key players from the international transport scene are all expected to attend.

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