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UIC and East Japan Railway Company organise UIC HIGH SPEED 2015, the 9th world congress on High Speed Rail, on 7-9 July 2015 in Tokyo

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(Paris / Tokyo, 25 July 2014) UIC HIGH SPEED 2015, the 9th world congress on High Speed Rail, is being coordinated by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and East Japan Railway Company (JR East), in collaboration with all parties involved in high speed rail in Japan, and more generally with all UIC member railways. The congress will be held on 7-9 July 2015 in Tokyo.

The theme of the congress will be “**Celebrate the past, design the future**” by drawing lessons from the past 50 years of high speed rail development and operations, and identifying the challenges of the next 50 years.

More than 1,000 participants are expected at UIC HIGH SPEED in Tokyo, among them policy makers, authorities, the railway industry, railway companies, research institutes, universities, etc..

The congress will be organised around 3 main blocks: sessions, exhibition and technical visits. Two round tables will give participants the opportunity to interact and exchange knowledge. In addition, 7 parallel sessions will revolve around 4 technical streams: technology, customers, management, culture and society. In addition, one special stream will be made by the academic sector to broaden the vision of High Speed Rail systems and forecasting scenarios for the next 50 years.

A trade exhibition will be organised to illustrate the latest development of high speed rail systems in Japan and across the world.

Since the introduction of this transport mode 50 years ago, 15 billion passengers have travelled on high speed trains at global level – twice the world’s population. High Speed is still experiencing development around the world. Nowadays there are nearly 23,000 km of lines operating in the world. In 20 years, this figure will double. This means a significant challenge from an industrial, technological, financial point of view.

For further information, please consult the congress website:

<http://www.uic-highspeed2015.com>

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