The Conference will be taking place in Taipei from 14th to 16th May 2014. This conference will provide attendees an in-depth understanding and discussion of issues concerning the management and possible countermeasures against various natural disasters on railway systems, as well as a well-structured platform to facilitate information exchange and experience sharing for these challenging events.

In this event, practitioners and experts with background in a variety of railway systems and professional/academic institutions from around the world will contribute as keynote speakers and session presenters. Themes in six sessions will comprehensively cover disaster prevention/mitigation, disaster preparedness, and emergency responses for railway systems. Discussions will be well-organized during the two-day Conference.

A Technical Visit of site installations will be arranged for the third day of the Conference.

An important goal of this conference is to create an opportunity for current and prospective railway operators and their management teams to evaluate their approaches to address natural hazards and to define improvements to their effective management of such natural hazards. All the participants are encouraged to take advantage of this informative program to advance their expertise on natural disaster management and to utilize networking opportunities offered by this Conference.
OVERVIEW

VENUE

The 1st UIC Conference on Natural Disaster Management for Railway Systems will take place at Le Meridien Hotel Taipei.

LANGUAGE

The conference will be conducted in English including papers presentation and discussion. Chinese and Russian interpretation could be available if required.

PROGRAMME AND PRESENTATION

The conference is a three-day event focusing on a wide range of natural disasters faced by railway systems. Natural hazards result from unique and rare high-risk events such as earthquakes, heavy snow fall, sand storms, and/or wildfires, or widely and more regularly occurring events such as floods, cyclones, heavy rain, and landslides will be discussed comprehensively and will cover various types of railway systems (high-speed rail, conventional rail etc.).

The program includes keynote speeches, plenary/technical sessions, and a roundtable.
**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014**

08:30 - 09:30 Registration
09:30 - 09:50 Opening Ceremony
09:50 - 10:50 Keynote Speeches
10:50-11:10 Coffee Break
11:10 - 12:40 **Session 1: Concepts and Strategies of Natural Disaster Management on Railway Systems**
12:40 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 15:30 **Session 2: Ways of Detection and Warning of Natural Disasters**
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 - 18:00 **Session 3: Disaster Preparedness: Planning, Organising and Training**
18:30 Welcome Cocktail

**THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014**

08:30 - 10:00 Session 4: Civil & Technical measures for Disaster Prevention & Mitigation
10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00 Session 5: Natural Disasters on High Speed Systems and other Specific Cases
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 15:00 Session 6: Mechanism & Practice on Emergency Response, Relief and Recovery
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30 Debriefing of 6 Technical Sessions and propositions of follow-up actions
16:30 - 17:30 Round Table
17:30 - 17:45 Closing ceremony
19:00 Official Dinner

**FRIDAY 16 MAY 2014**

09:00 - 17:00 Technical Visit
WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014

08:30 - 09:30  Registration

09:30 - 09:50  Opening Ceremony

Opening speeches
Mr. LOUBINOUX Jean-Pierre, Director General, UIC
Mr. SEINO Satoshi, Chairman of UIC Asia-Pacific region, Chairman JR-East
Mr. ZHENG Guangyuan, CEO THSRC

Presentation of the program and chairmen of the sessions
Mr. VU Vincent, Director Institutional Relations & Coordination Asia-Pacific, UIC

09:50 - 10:50  Keynote Speeches

Mr. LOUBINOUX Jean-Pierre, Director General, UIC
Mr. ZHENG Guangyuan, CEO THSRC

Classification and overview on forecast, societal impact, risk reduction, emergency management of natural disasters
Mr. GRADINARIU Teodor, Senior Technical Advisor, Rail System Department UIC

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee Break

11:10 - 12:40  Session 1: Concepts and Strategies of Natural Disaster Management for Railway Systems

Chairman: Mr. GAUTIER Pierre-Etienne, Vice-President of Innovation, SYSTRA

Natural Disaster Management of Taiwan High Speed Rail Civil Infrastructure
Mr. WANG Karl, Assistant Vice President, Infrastructure Maintenance Dept., THSRC

Seismically strengthening of the railway structure in JR-East
Mr. KAWASAKI Atsushi, Deputy Manager, Facilities Department, JR East

The development of an Integrated Natural Disaster Management Framework for Railway Systems
Mr. LAI Yung-cheng, Associate Professor, National Taiwan University

UIC Concept on Comprehensive Protection for Railways. Studies on Natural Disasters
Mr. BARRON Iñaki, Director Passengers & High Speed Department, UIC
& Mr. COLLIARD Jacques, Head of Security Division, UIC

Australian experience and Strategy – Mitigation and Recovery
Mr. SARGANT Tom, UIC Pacific Representative

Questions & Answers

12:40 - 14:00 Lunch
WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014

14:00 - 15:30  Session 2: Ways of Detection and Warning of Natural Disasters

Chairman: Mr. GRADINARIU Teodor, Senior Technical Advisor, Rail System Department UIC

On-site Earthquake Early Warning for Railway Systems Using Support Vector Machine
Mr. HSU Ting-Yu, Associate Research Fellow, NCREE (National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering)

Increase Density of Earthquake Detection in Taiwan High Speed Rail Signaling System
Mr. TAM Chi-Ming, Senior Engineer (Signalling), THSRC

Improvement of earthquake early warning system for Shinkansen
Mr. YAMAMOTO Shunroku, Senior Researcher, Laboratory Head, RTRI

Safety Management System of Railway Infrastructure using measuring Data
Mr. KIM Hyun Ki, Senior Researcher, Railroad Structure Research Division, KRRI

Questions & Answers

15:30 - 16:00  Coffee Break

16:00 - 18:00  Session 3: Disaster Preparedness: Planning, Organizing and Training

Chairman: Mr. CHEN Chiang, Assistant Vice President, Railway Operation Division, THSRC

Weather service for railway disaster prevention
Mr. PENG Chi-Ming, General Manager, WeatherRisk Explore Inc.

Operational regulations against natural disasters and PreDAS (Prevention of Disaster Alarm System)
Mr. KAMIYA Hiroshi, Deputy Manager, Facilities Department, JR East

The typhoon monitoring and response mechanism in THSRC
Mr. LEE Luke, Assistant Manager, THSRC

Analysis and Development of Emergency Management Information System for Railway Systems in Taiwan
Mr. CHEN Cheng-Chung, Sinotech Engineering Consults, Inc.

The Management of natural disasters in Australia
Mrs. MIHAI Florentina, Senior Project Manager, Main Roads West Australia

Natural Disaster Preparedness of Indian Railways
Mr. BINDRA J.S., Director Safety, Indian Railways

Controlling train operation for each weak section in heavy rain
Mr. HWANG In-Gyu, Manager, R&D Planning Team of KORAIL Research Institute, KORAIL

Questions & Answers

18:30  Welcome Cocktail
### Session 4: Civil & Technical measures for Disaster Prevention & Mitigation

**Chairman:** Mr. SATO Yutaka, General Manager, International Affairs Department, RTRI

**Risk assessment method of debris flow occurrence utilizing digital terrain model**  
Mr. TAKAYANAGI Tsuyoshi, Researcher, RTRI

**Natural Disaster Management of THSRC River Bridges**  
Ms. CHEN Chih-Huei, Deputy Engineer, THSRC

**Wireless Slope Monitoring System**  
Ms. CHEN Fang-Chu, Director, Taiwan Industrial Technology Research Institute

**The method of appropriately installing anemometers to observe strong winds for train operation control**  
Mr. FUKUHARA Takaaki, Assistant Senior Researcher, RTRI

**Risk analysis of cross wind and protection strategies of high speed lines: a comparison of international practices**  
Mr. GONZVA Michaël, PhD Student, SYSTRA

**Questions & Answers**

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### Session 5: Natural Disasters on High Speed Systems and other Specific Cases

**Chairman:** Mr. BARRON Iñaki, Director Passengers & High Speed, UIC

**Taipei Metro System after Typhoon Nari**  
Mr. YU Kai, Associate Engineer, Taipei Rapid Transit Corporation

**Resilience of High-Speed and Intercity lines against natural risks**  
Mr. GAUTIER Pierre-Etienne, Vice-President of Innovation, SYSTRA

**A case of the disaster caused by volcanic eruption**  
Safety director, KAI, Indonesia

**The TRA reaction operation system of disaster prevention and rescue – take the example of landslide TRA’s South Link Line on 31 August 2013**  
Mr. TSAI Jui-Ming, Dispatcher, Taiwan Railways Administration, MOTC

**Questions & Answers**
THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014

13:30 - 15:00  
**Session 6: Mechanism and Practice on Emergency Response, Relief and Recovery**

*Chairman: Mr. COLLIARD Jacques, Head of Security Division, UIC*

*Passenger service and emergency response in an earthquake incident*  
*Ms. CHEN Irene, Senior Specialist, THSRC*

*Enhancement of Emergency Management in Taiwan High Speed Rail – Using of information and communication technologies*  
*Mr. JEN Tommy, Deputy Head of Operation Control Center, THSRC*

*Future vision: the research projects in progress involving UIC*  
*Mr. COLLIARD Jacques, Head of Security Division, UIC*

*Questions & Answers*

15:00 - 15:30  
**Coffee Break**

15:30 - 16:30  
**Debriefing of 6 Technical Sessions and propositions of follow-up actions**

*Chairman: Mr. LOUBINOUX Jean-Pierre, Director General, UIC*

*Debriefing by the Chairman of each Session:*  
» a. Summary of presentations key points  
» b. Summary of key issues  
» c. Propositions of follow-up actions if any  
» d. Questions and answers

16:30 - 17:30  
**Round Table**

*Chairman: Mr. LOUBINOUX Jean-Pierre, Director General, UIC*

*Subject: “The Future of Managing Natural Disasters for Railways”*

17:30 - 17:45  
**Closing Ceremony**

*Mr. LOUBINOUX Jean-Pierre, Director General, UIC*  
*Mr. ZHENG Guangyuan, CEO THSRC*

19:00  
**Official Dinner**
Preface: Peculiar material of natural science

At 01:47AM on September 21, 1999, the central part of Taiwan was struck by an earthquake that registered 7.3 on the Richter Scale. The resultant loss of life and damage to property put it among the worst natural disasters of the past century in Taiwan. In the wake of the 921 disaster, the local government decided to preserve some of the phenomena related to the earthquake such as slips in the fault line, collapsed school structures, raised river beds and other selected locations, to serve as reminders for the public of the need to prepare for such disasters and to be ready to provide emergency rescue services.

With the rebuilding of Kwangfu Junior High on its present site, the Earthquake Memorial Museum was renamed the 921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan on February 13, 2001. The new plan retains the original sites as a record of the damage wrought by the earthquake, and it also adds educational facilities designed to inform the public and school children about earthquakes and disaster readiness.

Architecture: The structure serve as pointers to the fault lines hidden under the earth, and make the earthquake more real to visitors

The 921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan combines an Exhibitions Building with the geological changes and destroyed structures in one place to present a clear impression of the damage that was caused by the earthquake. The structures serve as pointers to the fault lines hidden under the earth and make the earthquake more real to visitors. Chelungpu Fault Gallery is located right next to the oval track that was sharply displaced during the earthquake, showing very distinctly how the fault line moved. The site takes what happened in different areas during the earthquake and reduces it to the most basic logic and then presents it to the visitor.

Visual images of structures throughout the area are used to display the upper layers of the ground and to determine how far away the safe zone would be from each one. If you follow the structures along the line of the fault and study how the land is formed, you find both isolated and linked areas that represent different kinds of spaces to the observer.

Friday 16th May, 2014

921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan

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Welcome Dinner 17:20
TRANSPORTATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Bus:** Information related to the bus transportation between the airport and Taipei Main Station is available at the following website: www.taoyuan-airport.com

**Taxi:** Taxi fare from Taoyuan International Airport to Taipei is around 1200NT$.

ACCOMMODATION

**Le Meridien Hotel Taipei:** www.starwoodhotels.com
Package for “special price”, please contact: Ms. DJ Ma (THSRC): dj_ma@thsrtc.com.tw

**Home Hotel Taipei:** www.homehotel.com.tw
Please send the hotel booking form to Reservation@homehotel.com.tw
Form available on: www.uic.org/IMG/pdf/home_hotel-reservation_.pdf

**The Tango Hotel Taipei Xinyi:** www.tango-hotels.com
Please send the hotel booking form to Russell Chang at: rsvn.xy@tango-hotels.com
Form available on: www.uic.org/IMG/pdf/the_tango_taipei_xinyi-reservation_.pdf

TAIPEI IN BRIEF

The conference will be held in Taipei, that was first known to the West as Formosa, or Beautiful Island. Taipei City is situated at the northern tip of the island. The population of Taipei city is estimated to be 2,618,772 people. Considered to be a global city, Taipei is part of a major industrial area. Railways, high speed rail, highways, airports, and bus lines connect Taipei with all parts of the island. Taipei is the political, economic, and cultural center of Taiwan. The National Palace Museum has one of the largest collections of Chinese artifacts and artworks in the world, which is listed as one of the five top museums in the world. The Taipei 101 is the place visitors can not missed. The city also has 24-hour bookstores and convenience shops, and bustling night markets. More information about the city of Taipei, please visit the website: http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/
**GENERAL INFORMATION AND SIGHTSEEING**

**Passport & Visa**

All foreign visitors entering Taipei must be in possession of a valid passport.

Requirements for entry into Taiwan differ from country to country. Delegates are advised to contact Taipei Economic and cultural offices in their countries, or their travel agents, or visit the website [www.boca.gov.tw](http://www.boca.gov.tw) to ensure that they obtain visas in time to attend the Conference.

For any help, please contact Ms. DJ Ma (THSRC): dj_ma@thscom.tw

**Time**

Taiwan is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and does not practice daylight saving time in summer. You can check Taiwan's local time and the time difference from your local time via this link: [www.worldtimeserver.com](http://www.worldtimeserver.com)

**Language**

Mandarin is the official language.

**Electrical Appliances**

Taiwan operates on 110 volts for electrical appliances.

**Currency Exchange**

Only New Taiwan dollars (NT) is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. You can buy NT at foreign exchange banks.

**Traveler’s Checks and Credit Cards**

Traveler’s checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler’s checks in Taiwan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA and MasterCard are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops and restaurants in Taipei.

**Sightseeing**

Sightseeing of Taipei and surroundings is easily achievable by using the efficient Taipei Mass Rapid Transport system. Information related to the sites accessible by MRT is available on the following website:


General information is also available on the following websites:

[http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/](http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/)

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