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**UIC, the worldwide railway organisation and China State Railway Group, Co., Ltd. (CR), are preparing for UIC HIGHSPEED 2022**

***The 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on High-Speed Rail will be held from 28 June–1 July 2022 in Beijing, China***

(Paris, 5 July 2021) UIC HIGHSPEED 2022, the 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on High-Speed Rail, is being coordinated by the International Union of Railways (UIC), China State Railway Group, Co., Ltd. (CR) and its affiliate, China Academy of Railway Sciences Corporation Limited (CARS), in collaboration with all parties involved in high-speed rail throughout the world. **The congress will be held from 28 June to 1 July 2022 at the National Railway Test Center in Beijing.**

The theme of the congress will be “**Intelligent solutions for a new world**”.

UIC Director General François Davenne cordially invites all key stakeholders in the mobility chain from the five continents to take part in this unique event in Beijing. He said: “*This congress is the perfect place to bring together the best ideas and allow the railways to offer value to society. This congress in Beijing is promising as high-speed has not yet finished providing solutions to a growing demand for mobility worldwide*”.

More than **3,000** participants are expected to attend UIC HIGHSPEED 2022 in Beijing, among them policymakers, authorities, railway companies, suppliers, customers, research institutes, universities, etc. The congress will be organised around three main pillars: sessions, an exhibition, and technical visits.

More than three billion passengers travel on high-speed trains each year, and high-speed rail is still undergoing development around the world. For example, since 2008, China has introduced **38,000 km** of high-speed lines, and a further 15,000 km are under construction. China’s high-speed trains carry more than two billion passengers a year – more than three quarters of the global annual volume of high-speed traffic.

Other regions of the world are also proving dynamic in this area, as demonstrated by renewed interest in high-speed rail in the United States and Europe, development in the East and demand for new lines in countries with the world’s first high-speed connections.

There are currently almost **56,000 km** of high-speed lines in operation globally. This figure will have at least doubled in 30 years’ time, with numerous projects to develop new high-speed lines underway all around the world. This entails significant challenges from a political, industrial, technological and financial point of view.

Further information on UIC HIGHSPEED 2022 will be available soon.

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