5th International Railway Summit to be hosted in association with UIC and Huawei

Paris/Shenzhen/London, 16 October 2017 The 5th International Railway Summit will be hosted in association with the International Union of Railways (UIC) and Huawei Technologies, the global information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider. The summit, a comprehensive networking event for the railway industry, is organised by IRITS Events and will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 15-17 November 2017, which is the first time this event is held in Asia.

UIC is the worldwide professional association which represents 200-member organisations in 100 countries, encompassing 1 million km of rail track. The association helps members meet sustainable development and mobility challenges, creates standards and common solutions, and proposes new ways to improve technical performance, competitiveness and cost-efficiency. UIC develops and facilitates cooperation and the sharing of best practices among members.

Huawei has established an end-to-end ICT solutions portfolio that gives customers competitive advantages in telecom and enterprise networks, intelligent devices and cloud computing. Its innovative ICT solutions, products and services are used in more than 170 countries and regions. To date, Huawei's Digital Railway solution has been applied in more than 120,000 kilometres of rail lines by over 50 global rail construction companies and operation companies, including five of the top 10 rail operators.

The 5th International Railway Summit will feature a full two-day conference programme with speeches delivered by industry leaders and experts, as well as concurrent bespoke one-to-one consultation meetings between buyer and expert companies.

The conference programme is organised under the theme of Social and Economic Sustainability for Rail Transport and will address the pressing issues facing rail today and in the decades to come.

UIC’s Director General, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux will deliver a keynote speech as part of a session on the Economics of High Speed Rail, along with Mohd Azharuddin Bin Mat Sah, CEO of Malaysia’s Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD). Subsequently, Marc Antoni, UIC’s Director of Rail Systems, will take part in a panel discussion on Standardisation for Cross-border Transport.

Yuan Xilin, President of the Transportation Sector of Huawei Enterprise Business Group, will make a keynote speech in a dedicated conference session on Digital Railway Transformation. This session will also include interventions from Francis Bedel, UIC’s Chief Digital Officer, Dr Prodyutt Dutt, Chief Development Officer of
SPAD, and Prasarana’s Chief Strategy & Information Officer, Ezwan Hazli Abdul Malek.

Other conference sessions will debate congestion in urban networks, investment in freight corridors, and intermodal passenger transport.

During the Summit, Huawei will showcase its latest platforms, technologies and solutions to accelerate digital railway transformation, such as Railway IoT, Urban Rail Cloud, Rail operational communication network.

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General of UIC remarked: “UIC is happy to collaborate on the 5th International Railway Summit, which underlines the ever-increasing importance of safety in the daily operations of railways. Beyond the existing processes, transparent benchmarks and the sharing of experience from all stakeholders is certainly a must to make the most of efficient collaboration. Obviously, digital is a new element to take into consideration in the development of technologies and the necessity to anticipate, as much as possible, an endogenous approach to cyber security in all safety devices.”

Yuan Xilin, President of the Transportation Sector of Huawei’s Enterprise Business Group, said: “It is a great pleasure for Huawei to share the latest rail industry trends, innovative solutions and global application cases with leaders of key rail operators, rail infrastructure owners, as well as international rail authorities. Huawei is dedicated to joint innovation with customers and partners in fields such as cloud computing, IoT, Big Data, communications networks, and other new ICT technologies. We aim to become a preferred partner in railway digital transformation that helps customers improve operational safety, operational efficiency, and passenger experience.”

Jules Omura, Managing Director of IRITS Events, commented: “We are delighted to organise the 5th International Railway Summit in association with UIC and Huawei. UIC’s unique position representing and promoting the global railway industry will significantly enhance the quality and reach of the summit. As the world’s leading information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider, Huawei are active across a vast range of sectors and will bring great skill and expertise to the Kuala Lumpur meeting. We look forward to working closely with them to make the summit a success.”

To learn more about UIC’s activities visit: [http://www.uic.org/](http://www.uic.org/)

For further details of Huawei’s solutions visit: [http://e.huawei.com/en/solutions/industries/transportation](http://e.huawei.com/en/solutions/industries/transportation)

Organisations and individuals interested in learning more about International Railway Summit and about how they can participate in the event can visit [www.irits.org](http://www.irits.org) or contact the organisers, IRITS Events.
About International Railway Summit

International Railway Summit is an exclusive meeting of the world’s key rail operators, national and local governments, and leading technical experts. Rail sector leaders receive free bespoke consultation from innovative experts, relevant to their future projects. The summit also offers a full conference programme, technical visits, and evening dinners, designed to forge lasting relationships between participants.

After four successful events in Europe, the summit makes its Asia Pacific debut in 2017 when it hosts its 5th edition in Kuala Lumpur on 15-17 November. The 6th edition will take place in Prague on 21-23 February 2018. The International Railway Summit is hosted by IRITS Events Ltd. To find out more visit www.irits.org

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