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UIC World Congress on High-Speed Rail 8-11 July 2025

Save the date and join us for this key event

(Paris/Beijing, 17 July 2024) The International Union of Railways (UIC) and China Railway (CR), are delighted to announce that the 12th edition of the UIC World Congress on High-Speed Rail is being organised.

This unmissable event will take place on 8-11 July 2025, in Beijing, China, in two symbolic locations: the China National Convention Center (CNCC) and the National Railway Test Center (NRTC). The congress is being jointly hosted by UIC and CR, in cooperation with all high-speed rail stakeholders around the world.

An event with a global reach

The Chair of the Board of CR, Liu Zhenfang, and the UIC Director General, François Davenne, would like to extend a warm invitation for world transport leaders to join this prestigious gathering. This is a one-of-a-kind event, bringing together more than 3000 participants from five continents.

Beijing, the host city

The congress is returning to Beijing for its 12th edition, 15 years after being held there for the first time, in order to shed light on the incredible progress and speed of the technological developments in China. This is a unique opportunity to gain insight into the remarkable achievements of the high-speed rail network.

Theme: “High-speed rail: innovation and development for a better life”

With this inspirational slogan, the congress will explore how high-speed rail, in China and around the world, has moved from being an exception to being the norm. Previously a rarity, high-speed lines are now part of national and continental networks, transforming global transport.

A platform for expertise and collaboration

The congress is an important and highly esteemed event, attracting an audience from all areas of the railway and technological sectors. Expected participants include CEOs from railways across the world, policy makers, transport authorities, as well as key figures in intermodality, infrastructure management and industry innovation. The congress offers a platform without precedent for sharing ideas and working together.

Multi-stakeholder participation

All of the major figures in transport will be present, not limited to political decision-makers, infrastructure managers, manufacturers, financial institutions, researchers, academics, students, designers, enthusiasts, consultants, start-ups and journalists. Moreover, representatives from other sectors such as energy will find value in attending.

Participants will have access to informative work sessions, a dynamic trade fair, and exciting technical visits.

Call for contributions

Researchers, academics, students and railway experts will shortly be invited to submit papers to be presented at the conference. Don't miss this chance to contribute to the future of high-speed rail!

For more information about the 12th UIC World Congress on High-Speed Rail and the call for contributions, please go to www.uichighspeed.org, with www.uichighspeed2025.com coming soon.

Take part!

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event, which will shape the future of high-speed rail worldwide. Join us in Beijing for a journey to the heart of innovation and international cooperation.

Congress logo and mascot



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UIC is the worldwide organisation representing the railway sector and promoting rail transport and collaborative development in the sector. It brings together more than 200 members across all five continents, including railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, and railway service providers. UIC maintains close cooperative links with all stakeholders in the rail transport domain around the world, including manufacturers, railway associations, and public authorities, as well as in other domains and sectors whose experiences may be beneficial to rail development. UIC's main purpose is to understand the operational business needs of the rail community, develop innovation programmes to identify solutions to those needs, as well as to prepare and publish documents, such as reports, specifications, guidelines and IRSs that facilitate the implementation of these innovative solutions.

China State Railway Group Co., Ltd. (China Railway) is a solely state-owned enterprise focusing on railway passenger and freight transport services and carrying out diversified business operations. Its responsibilities include railway construction, transport operations, and safety. It also has an industry management role, which includes the unified control and command of railway transport, unified allocation of network transport capacity, and railway revenue clearing and income management. In recent years, China's railway industry has accomplished remarkable achievements and witnessed historic changes. It has built both the world's largest high-speed railway network and a generally advanced conventional system, with its overall technology ranking among the most advanced in the world, as well as its high-speed railway, plateau railway, railway operated in cold areas, and heavy haul railway technology being pioneering. By the end of 2023, 159,000 kilometres of railways were in operation in China, including 45,000 kilometres of high-speed railway. In the same year, national railways recorded 3.68 billion passenger journeys, 1.47171 trillion passenger-kilometres travelled, a freight volume of 3.91 billion tons, and 3.26385 trillion ton-kilometres travelled. Adhering to the principle of extensive consultation, joint contributions, and shared benefit, China Railway has worked hard to promote international railway cooperation, successfully building and operating major overseas railway cooperation projects such as the China-Laos Railway and Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, and has effectively established the China Railway Express as an international logistics brand.