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In co-operation with others in the transport heritage sphere (Kyoichi Oda, President)

We have been dedicating improvement of our rail heritage through international co-operation since our establishment, five years ago. Of course it is very important to build and keep a good relationship and co-operation with other regions' rail heritage organisation - however the other possibility I suggest.

There are co-operational national / international organisations for transport heritage in: aviation; maritime; automobile for example. Communication, exchanging ideas and information with them will bring us benefits, not only in relation to transport heritage but in the industrial heritage sector too. We should like to expand our co-operation in this direction.

I will visit Taiwan and meet the people of the Asian Network of Industrial Heritage to this purpose.

I can suggest another possibility: for most of our rail heritage purposes, promoting better funding is vital, because rail heritage sites can hardly gather people from many countries as Disneyland can. We don't have to be Disneyland but we can learn much from successful museums and other tourist attractions.

The programme of our next conference includes a visit to the Giant Panda research and breeding centre in Chengdu. It is expected you will find useful ideas and practice for your museum or train from this most successful exhibition centre.

Supporting members' projects

We are currently supporting the following projects:

- a. Transforming the former Taipei Railway Workshops into a Railway Museum in Taiwan;
- b. A steam train revival plan by Manila Railroad Club in The Philippines;
- c. Steam locomotive boiler inspections at Royal Railways in Cambodia; and
- d. Rolling stock overhaul at a lower price by businesses in other countries.

Consulting service

Consulting Services for our members will be provided as and when requested. Currently some of our members are excellent at organising social activities, heritage evaluation, fund-raising, etc. These are important purposes of our international co-operation.

Incorporation moving to India

This is on hold until Autumn 2018 due to the postponement of Conference 2018.

President's visit to Rail Museums in Seattle and Denver, USA

Northwest Railway Museum

Northwest Railway Museum is one of the brilliant rail museums in the States. It is located in small town Snoqualmie, in the outskirts of Seattle in Washington state.

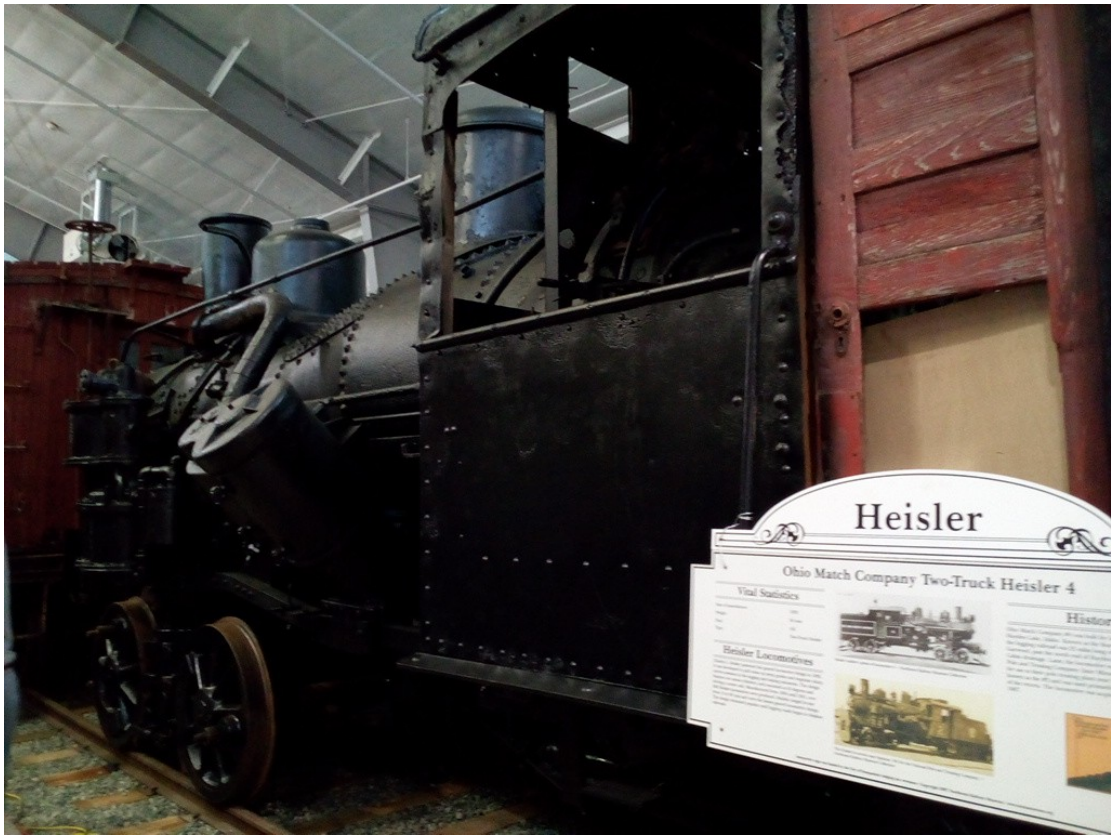
The museum has a few main sites: Railway History Center; Snoqualmie Depot; and North Bend Depot. Train for visitors are run every weekend.

Beautifully restored historical stations and rolling stock are masterpieces of the collection. A well-equipped workshop restores and maintains steam locomotive and other stock. It is very impressive especially in high woodworking technology.

Snoqualmie is a popular site with a famous waterfall that attracts many people - the location of the museum seems ideal.

I met with Mr. Richard Anderson, Executive Director with fruitful discussion including a possibility of further international co-operation.

<https://www.trainmuseum.org/>





Colorado Railroad Museum

There is another beautiful rail museum in a suburb of Denver, Colorado. Colorado Railroad Museum has a vast collection of rolling stock including marvellous presidential cars. Many events include train rides for visitors are frequent on every weekend.

It has a roundhouse used for its depot and workshop, with steam locomotives and historical passenger cars in restoration. It is interesting they use modern practice technology. For example, a numerical control router machine is used for making beautiful decoration on wooden parts of passenger seats.

Executive Director, Mr. Donald Tallman gave me an impressive short tour and I was able to converse with their very nice museum people.

<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/>



Conference 2018 in Shibanxi Railway, China

Next conference will be held in Shibanxi Railway in Qianwei, Sichuan, China.

Conference Programme

The conference programme Schedule (TBD):

15 Oct Mon – Visit Giant Panda research and breeding centre in Chengdu (optional)

16 Oct Tue – Travel from Chengdu to Qianwei

17 Oct Wed – Visit and ride in Shibanxi Railway steam train

18 Oct Thu – AGM and business session

19 Oct Fri – Visit Leshan Giant Buddha and Luocheng Ancient Town (optional)

Delegates will fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan, on or before Sunday 14 October. Qianwei, the venue of conference is located two hours bus ride from Chengdu.

We will visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding on the Monday. This exhibition is not a heritage site, but is very popular and good to visit and bring something for our museums and activities. The entrance fee is 58RMB.

<http://www.panda.org.cn/english/>

We will transfer to Qianwei the next day. Steam train ride on Wednesday, leaving Qianwei in the morning to take a 30 minutes local bus ride to the station. We expect to visit the engine shed and workshop, then make the return trip on a steam train with a few hours stay at the terminus, where you can visit a mining exhibition.



AGM and business session on 18 October is planned to be held in meeting room at Sichuan Provincial Investment Group Co Ltd.

Other visits on Friday can be to popular local heritage sites: Leshan Giant Buddha is registered as World Heritage; Luocheng Ancient Town is famous as an old and historic town which is kept as it would have appeared hundreds of years ago.

For long distance delegates, other steam train rides are available in Bangkok, Thailand on 23rd October and Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on every Wednesday and Saturday. Please ask for details.



<https://www.newsflare.com/video/51089/travel/mothers-day-steam-train-in-thailand>



<http://www.suteraharbour.com/rail-train-sunset-cruise/north-borneo-railway-train>

Future Conferences

Conference 2019

We hope to hold our 2019 Conference in Amman, Jordan. Confirmation and announcement will be in Autumn 2018.

COTMA conference

COTMA (Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia) will hold its bi-annual conference from 13th to 18th September 2018 in Perth, Australia.

Two session days on 14th and 16th with a visit programme to some beautiful tram heritage sites, etc., are being planned.

Post conference tour is also planned from 19th to 23rd.

The president and Mr. Nai-yi Hsu from Taiwan is going to participate and make a presentation as APHTRO delegates.

The details will be shown on <https://www.cotma.org.au>

Temporary website

Currently our website is temporarily closed for just a few weeks due to changing domain registration.

You can use alternative websites;

<http://aphtro.railway.tw>

<http://aphtro.railway.org.tw>

Vacancies

Please recommend if you or someone you know would be happy to help us.

Secretary

We are seeking a new secretary following the retirement of our former secretary Nathan Williams, whom we thank.

Volunteers

All APHTRO activities are maintained by volunteers and we are currently seeking a

- Newsletter Editor - This newsletter appears at least twice a year

Our Newsletter cannot be sustained without fresh content. Latest news, photos and articles from your heritage railways will be very much welcomed.

The next issue will appear in December 2018.

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(We thank *tw* for checking the draft.)