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Three years have passed since we were established

(Kyoichi Oda, President)

It is almost three years since APHTRO was established in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. I would like to thank all friends who joined, helped and supported us.

It seems to me our activities are at the half-way mark. Individual support for our friends at heritage railway sector in the Asia-Pacific region has carried on, e.g. in Taiwan, The Philippines, Cambodia, Jordan and so on. Communication among individuals via Facebook or email have bonded our relationship. We have held our successful annual conferences. APHTRO Bangkok Charter, for all Asia - Pacific railway heritage activities, has been adopted. We were incorporated in Queensland, Australia.

And we are on the way to success with one of our basic ideas: mutual co-operation. Our online discussion forum has been opened but as yet no fruitful discussion has evolved to share and exchange our experience, skill etc., to improve our preservation activities. Committees will take a major role in support and benefit - giving advice and consultation to members - an important part of APHTRO.

Our activities are at present mostly limited to relationship between individuals, still somewhat less systematic and organised, which I believe essential to achieve 'mutual co-operation'.

I hope that APHTRO activities will make progress on such things, to improve YOUR heritage railways.

The current our activities: things to do

We are currently supporting following members' projects:

- a. Transforming former Taipei Railway Workshop into a Railway Museum in Taiwan;
- b. The steam train revival plan by Manila Railroad Club in The Philippines;
- c. Steam locomotive boiler inspections at Royal Railways in Cambodia; and
- d. Boosting custom for steam charter services at Jordan Hejaz Railways

Finance and Marketing committees members are still being sought. Only one for each have been found. Nomination from anyone who has skills will be welcomed.

We still seek volunteers for Webmaster and Newsletter Editor – can YOU help, please?

Our on-line forum now has 27 members from 11 countries. We need to encourage more active discussion in order to make it more useful and fruitful for improvement of members' activities by exchanging knowledge and experience.

New Members

We are expecting to welcome a some new full or affiliate members from India at the next AGM at Conference in India.

We welcome the following new members to our online forum:

Tom Senghaseng (Railway Travel Writer in Thailand)

Ismail HjAhmad (Chief Civil Engineer of Sabah State Railway)

Grant Craig (President of Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand)

Brad Peadon (Philippine Railway Historical Society, Strange Modelers of Universal Trains)

Conference 2016 in New Delhi, India

Registration for the conference is open now, please visit following the site for booking, details, cost, etc.;

<http://aphtroindia.org/conference.php>

Pre-Conference Tours, 15-18 October 2016-Select from these options;

- Nilgiri Mountain Railway
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
- Kalka Simla Railway
- Kangra Valley Railway
- Matheran Light Railway
- Golden Triangle Jaipur & Agra
- Kama Sutra & Ganges

Cost including accommodation, based on number of persons booking, will be between INR20,000 and INR40,000.

APHTRO 2016 Conference & Visit programme, 19-21 October 2016

19 October – Inauguration, AGM & Delhi Steam Ring-Rail Ride

20 October - Business Sessions

21 October - Business Session and Fairy Queen Steam Ride

Cost is 105USD for APHTRO members and 150USD for other delegates.

Accommodation from INR3,000/night(2stars) to INR20,000/night(5stars).

Post-Conference Tours, 22-23, 29 October 2016 : Selection from two options

- Steam Train to Sariska Tiger Sanctuary (22 and 23 Oct.)
- Heritage of India Maharaja Express (22-29 Oct.)

Details will be put on the above site soon.

Unofficial visit to FRONZ conference in June 2016 and Jordan Hejaz Railways

FRONZ, Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand is a national organisation for heritage railways in New Zealand. The conference was held in Auckland, 3-6 June. Kyoichi Oda and Nai-Yi Hsu attended.

3rd June: Visit to Glenbrook Vintage Railway, located in a suburb of Auckland. We enjoyed the ride on their beautiful steam train and visited their depot.



4th June: Business session in Auckland. Keynote speech by Tim Fischer, former deputy prime minister of Australia. Then eight presentations which include a case study from Accident, Health & Safety matters by Kiwi Rail and New Zealand Transport Agency.

5th June: Morning session which includes presentation by Kyoichi Oda about APHTRO and Nai-Yi Hsu about Alishan Forestry Railway. Visit to Museum of Transport and Technology Auckland. This brilliant museum is separated into two sites connected by a heritage tramway, riding in a beautiful steam tram.



6th June: Visit to Driving Creek Railway, a fantastic forestry tourist narrow gauge located opposite Hauraki Gulf. Very scenic on a thrilling, steep, zigzag line.



Jordan Hejaz Railway is a precious heritage railway, unique in the world's Arabic culture. Currently they are restoring a fourth steam locomotive since their business is going pretty well. A new route to Amman airport is planned, and construction of a new railway museum at Amman station is about to start in a few months. It is going to be completed in around one year. Its General Manager Mr. Salah Allouzi and Kyoichi Oda have agreed to hold the APHTRO Conference 2018 in Amman.



This 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 2016**. info@aphtro.org

(I would like to thank *tw* for checking the draft.)