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With the economic growth in Southeast Asia.

(Kyoichi Oda, President)

In the past, the word 'hegemony' was used for high power countries. Spain in the great navigation times, The Netherlands took over, UK rose with the industrial revolution, then USA came to the fore in 20th century.

'Hegemony' has not been used after World War II, Japan became conspicuous in 1980s, China followed after millennium.

The next comers would be India, and the countries, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nigeria etc., now awaiting their turns. One of the most likely next economic hot spots in the world is Southeast Asia.

This will probably bring a beneficial influence to Heritage Rails in the Asian countries.

As I wrote in our previous issue, a new steam train is under planning in The Philippines. 'The Revolution Express' will run from Da Nang to Hue - one of the most scenic sections of the Vietnamese Railway.

I got some news in the last six months: a new steam train, 'Great Leisure Heritage Rail' is planned to start from Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia.

A steam train festival has been held in Teifa, near Shenyang in the Northern part of China. It stopped during the Covid Pandemic, but it revived and now attracts many local people.

People become richer, then spend on tourism. Rail Heritage steam engines and historic trains always attract people. Economic growth makes travel more comfortable and convenient in both transport and accommodation; it brings more tourists from overseas. We hope and expect further thriving activities will be started, or current activities will be improved with the economic growth of Asian countries.

Supporting members' projects

We are currently supporting the following projects:

- a. Encouraging building relationships between the new Taipei Railway Museum, York NRM, IATM and others;
- b. Proposing TICCIH Congress in Indonesia and India;
- c. A steam train revival plan by the Manila Railroad Club in The Philippines;
- d. Holding a Rail Heritage Trail Tour in Thailand and Taiwan;
- e. Holding photography tours in the Southern region of Jordan Hejaz Railways;
- f. New management at Rewari Steam Centre in India;
- g. Financial assistance for some delegates coming to our annual conferences.

Conference Visit Programme 2025

Conference Visit Programme 2025 is held from late November to early December in two parts: the first part is planned in Vietnam or China, the second one is planned in Thailand.

Current plan:

Vietnam

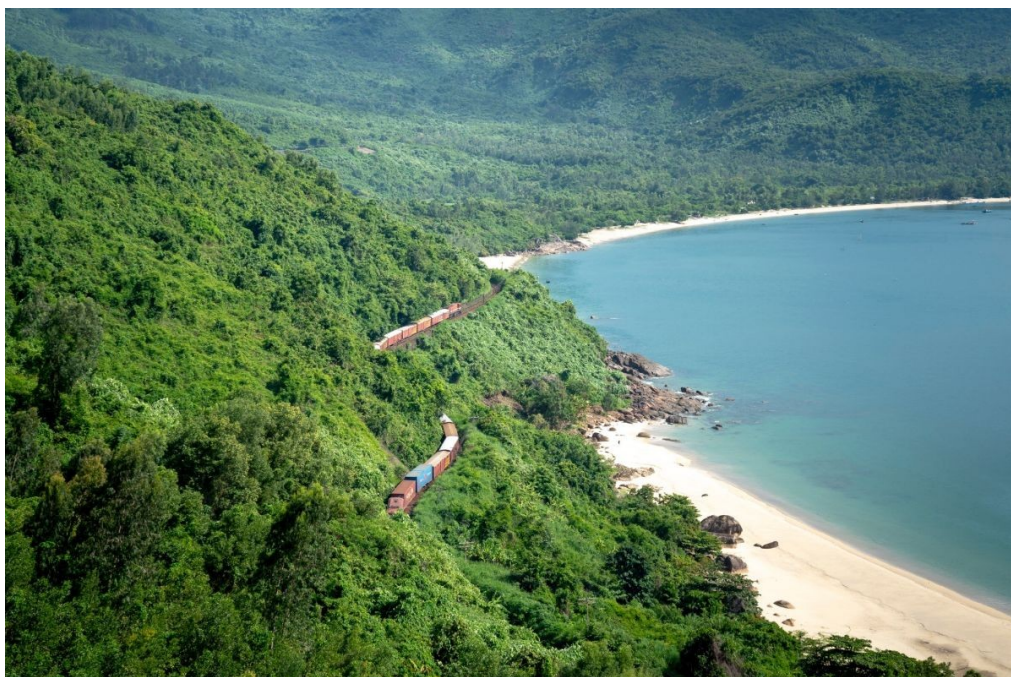
Friday 28 November: Arrive Da Nang, night train from Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi, or flight. Photo 'reconnaissance' (unofficial)

Saturday 29 November: Steam train ride Da Nang – Hue and return

Sunday 30 November: Photos of the steam train by chartered Car or Van (unofficial)

Monday 1 December: Visit the steam engine shed

Tuesday 2 December: Flight from Da Nang to Bangkok





China

Friday 28 November: Arrive Chengdu, chartered bus to the hotel near Bajiaogou station

Saturday 29 November: Visit local sites or photo 'reconnaissance' (unofficial)

Sunday 30 November: Photos of the steam train, chartered bus (unofficial)

Monday 1 December: Ride steam train and visit the steam engine shed

Tuesday 2 December: Flight from Chengdu to Bangkok





Thailand

Tuesday 2 December: Flight to Bangkok

Wednesday 3 December: Ride and visit Maeklong market line or 'reconnaissance' for photos (unofficial)

Thursday 4 December:

Visit railway museum, exhibition and the steam engine shed in Bangkok

Friday 5 December: Ride the steam train from Bangkok





Conference Webinar 2025

This year's Webinar will be held on 20 & 21 December.
The expected speakers are:

Mr. Albert Nual, Manila Railroad Club
Mr. Kayden Akisan, Malaysian Heritage Rail
Mr. Tim Doling, The railway history of Vietnam
Mr. Naiyi Hsu, Introduction of Visit Programme 2025
Mr. Kyoichi Oda, Introduction of Visit Programme 2026

Further conferences beyond 2026

Our Conference will be held as a 'hybrid' - comprising a real visit programme and Webinar. Our Visit Programme beyond 2026:

2026, 2028

Two from following venues:

Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu, Shenyang, Da Nang, Sri Lanka and Pakistan
or

New Zealand

2027

Taiwan

Vacancies

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

Secretary

We are seeking a new secretary.

Treasurer

We are seeking a new treasurer.

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 and will be a useful promotion of your railway.

Our next issue will appear in December 2025.

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(We thank *tw* for checking the draft)