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Past six months and next six months

(Kyoichi Oda, President)

It is now six months since our last issue appeared. We've had many changes and events and there will be more in the next six months.

Sadly, we had to postpone our conference in China, possibly due to a political problem. I hope our activities and co-operation are not affected by political issues, as I mentioned in LocoShed No.12.

Our Vice President MingHsun Hsieh and Council member Maisoon Shaheen retired. New Vice President NaiYi Hsu and other Council members will work for our activities soon.

Myself and NaiYi Hsu participated in the COTMA conference in September and we agreed on exchanging information for our new scheme: federation of Asian part and Oceania part.

It seems our communication facilities and service need improvement for further fruitful results, a Council priority for the next six months.

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;
- d. Promotion steam charter service of Jordan Hejaz Railways; and
- e. 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

It is expected the process is going to be resumed from early 2019 and completed by Conference 2019.

Council members, new and retired

Vice President MingHsun Hsieh and Council member Maisoon Shaheen retired at the end of October. We would like to thank them for their effort and contribution for the past five years.

The appointment of new Vice President NaiYi Hsu has been approved by Council and full members. Other new Council members are expected to be appointed in early 2019.

COTMA Conference 2018 and Federation in the future

President Kyoichi Oda and Vice President Nai yi Hsu participated in a presentation at the conference of COTMA (Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia) in Perth, Australia.

The conference was held at Whiteman Park in Perth, a brilliant museum with tramcars and a steam train run.

The outcome of discussions with COTMA board members means that we shall continue exchanging information for our new scheme: federation of the Asian part and the Oceania part.





Partner Programme

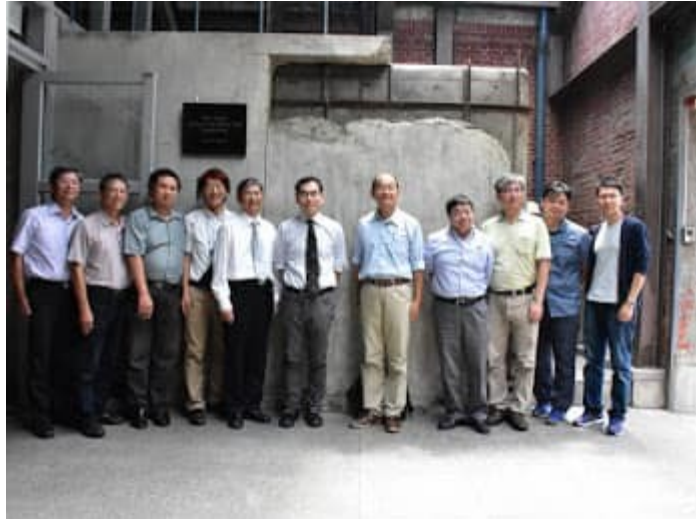
There are some bodies with which we are in a good relationship and co-operation but which are less easy for our members to join. APHTRO Council agreed to invite them as our partners instead and our first such partner will be ANIH (Asian Network of Industrial Heritage).

Events from last issue

Asian Network of Industrial Heritage

President Kyoichi Oda and Vice president Ming-Hsun Hsieh attended an event held by ANIH in Taichung in September. The event had an exhibition, presentations and a panel discussion. The office of ANIH in the Taichung Cultural & Creative Industries Park was established as APHTRO's Taiwan Office.





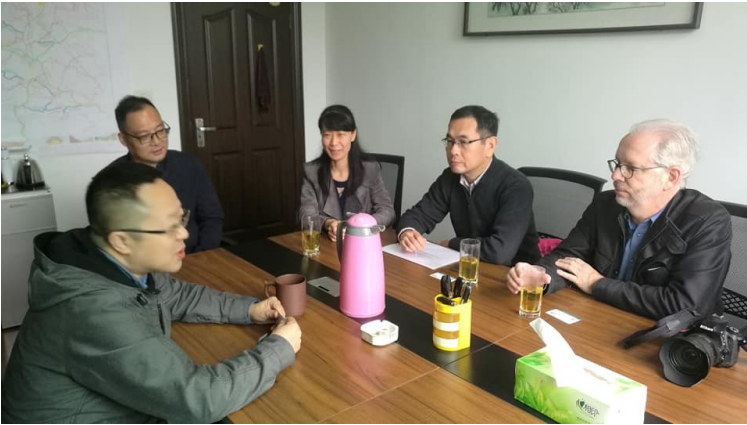
Visiting Philippine National Railways

President Kyoichi Oda, and Alberto Nual, President of Manila Railroad Club, met with Ms Joseline Geronimo, Operating Department Manager of Philippine National Railways in September, expressing support and assistance for the steam train revival plan in Manila.



Update with Shibaxi Railway, China

President Kyoichi Oda and Mr Heimo Echensperger, Vice President of FEDECRAIL visited Shibaxi Railway in Sicuan, China in October. We had a meeting with Mr Zhang Duo, General Manager of Sichuan Chuantou Emei Tourism Development Co. Ltd., which operates the railway and agreed to maintain relationship and co-operation.



Conference 2019 in Amman, Jordan

Next conference will be held in Amman, Jordan, courtesy of Jordan Hejaz Railways.

Conference Programme

The conference programme Schedule:

Tue 8 OCT Visit to Museum and Workshop in Amman Station

Wed 9 OCT General meeting and Business Session

Thu 10 OCT Steam train ride to North

Fri 11 OCT Local excursion train ride to South

Delegates will fly to Amman, capital of Jordan, on or before Monday 7 October.

All Programmes are in or from Amman Railway station. Expected Conference fee is 300USD.

A General Meeting and Business Session will be held in the new railway museum and a partner programme will be arranged on 9 October.

More details and the booking form is available on our website: www.apthro.info



(Photo: Shigeru Okamoto)

Website move

Due to domain registration problems, the APHTRO website will be moved to a new domain:

<http://www.aphtro.info>

Vacancies

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

Secretary

We are seeking a new secretary.

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.

Our next issue will appear in June 2019.

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