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The fundamental idea of our principles and activities.

(Kyoichi Oda, President)

Our three principles which first appeared in LocoShed No.10, have explained our basic ideas to establish and encourage an international relationship. This is also carried on our website for easier reference. Here are its background and fundamental ideas in detail:

Good partnership and co-operation are naturally formed only through good relationship, derived from the impression revealed by your speech and behaviour from the start. This is the most important but is difficult if you have preconceptions and biased views of your respondent's nationality, race, age, sexuality and social position. If your attitude changes depending on your respondent, no good relationship will be formed and can result in loss of your and your organisation's credibility.

It is also important to understand the diversity of people's way of thinking and business style which differ by region and country. Understanding and consideration of other's situation are essential to forming good partnerships. It is the best to follow people's ways if you visit another country and want to build a good relationship there with them. No good result would be achieved by pressing your way one-sidedly.

Good international relationships and co-operation cannot be achieved without respect, courtesy and consideration towards any country, activity or person with their own historical and social backgrounds. Empathy in speech and behaviour is needed to build good relationships and co-operation.

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. Converting a steam engine to oil burning at Shibanzi Railway in China;
- e. Forming friends' association and introducing driving courses at Jordan Hejaz Railways; and
- f. Financial assistance for some delegates coming to our annual conference.

Incorporation moving to India

It is expected the process will be resumed and completed by January 2020, now our vice president Rajesh Agrawal is in post with support by Ms Vinita Srivastava.

Partner Programme

We introduced a partner programme for the bodies with which we are in a good relationship and co-operation but which are less easy for our members to join. Our Council expects further expansion and development of this programme. It will build relationships and co-operation for the future to bring benefit for our members. The expected participants will be:

1. Such other regional rail heritage bodies as: HRA, NERHT, FEDECRAIL, and COTMA.
2. International bodies relating to industrial heritage and marketing: UNESCO, ICOMOS, TICCIE, PATA
3. Other industrial heritage bodies.

We could maybe consider introducing some other programmes for relationship and co-operation looking to a mutual benefit with those bodies.

The partnership with the following three bodies already have been formed: ANIH (Asian Network of Industrial Heritage), FarRail Tours and Sichuan Chuantou Emei Tourism Development Co., Ltd.

Members' on-line database

Members' online database on our website is planned for the near future. The database will carry members' practice, purpose, endeavour, achievement and so on. Our members and partners can access this database and can know and learn other ways and practices which could be useful for them.

Examples so far of the following countries / railways will be built in turn:

Taiwan, Jordan, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Australia, New Zealand.

The first one will be expected to be available towards early 2020 and a few each year will then follow.

Conference 2019 in Amman, Jordan

(Nai-yi Hsu, Vice President)

APHTRO 2019 conference was held in Amman hosted by Jordan Hijaz Railway(JHR). This Railway was completed in 1908 by the Ottoman Turkish Empire with funding from many Muslims. It connected Damascus Syria and Mecca Saudi Arabia through Jordan for Mecca Pilgrimages with a total length of 1303Km. After damage in two world wars and the land divided between several countries, this railway was split into many sections. Only the section in Jordan and north to Syria is operating now. However, due to the war in Syria, there are no trains running into Syria. The length between Jordan borders is about 450Km while only about 40Km serves just charter runs without regular trains.



Our 2019 Conference was held from October 8th to 11th: welcome greeting on 8th ; AGM and business session on 9th; a charter train running between Amman and Al Jaze on 10th; and a joint train trip with local people on 11th. The members of APHTRO from Japan, Mr. Kyoich Oda; from Taiwan Mr. You-Wei Liu and Mr. Nai-Yi Hsu; from Jordan Mr. Sallah Allouzi, Mr Nader Malkawi and Ms. Duha Rahahleh; and delegates from NERHT, Mr. Stephen Wiggs, from FEDECRAIL, Mr. Heimo Echensperger; and from Wolsztyn Experience Mr. Christopher Clark and Mr. Peter Kennan. At the AGM Mr. Oda was elected as next president. We decided the next conference will be held in Indonesia.

We asked WATTRAIN to treat our members more fairly.

Also, we discussed how to raise funds for JHR to make a group of JHR friends.



The chapter train was hauled by #52, an oil burning steam locomotive which was built in 1952 in Germany and restored in 2003 by JHR themselves. It played a role in the movie of “ the Mummy II”. It ran from Amman to Al Jeza and back to Amman - a distance of 34Km each way. This railway is 1050mm gauged for an axle load 10.5 ton and maximum speed of 40 kph. Since there were no regular trains, people were very excited to see our train passing near their homes and many ran out to take pictures with their mobile phones. But people, including taxi drivers, don't know where Amman Station is located. Alarmingly, car drivers didn't stop on the level crossing because they misunderstand. We had photo stops three times, including stopping at the splendid viaduct over a highway and another spot near a golden-domed mosque. At the restored Al Jeza Station terrace, delegates ate from the lunch boxes made in the kitchen car of the train. Everyone enjoyed this round trip. On the final day, 11th, we joined a group of college teacher and students to ride the diesel locomotive hauling the train on the same route with no photo stops.

Jordan is a peaceful country with friendly people so we enjoyed this visit very much. And at this Conference, we all made many friends: a nice meeting and trip.

Conference 2020 in Cepu, Indonesia

Next APHTRO conference will be held in Cepu and Solo (Surakarta), Indonesia.

The conference programme Schedule (TBD):

Mon 7- Tue 8 DEC Steam train on Cepu forest railway and a Business session

Wed 9 DEC Move to Solo, visiting Lawang Sewu in Semarang

Thu 10 – Fri 11 DEC Steam train in Ambarawa, Jaladara and Tasik madu

Delegates will fly to Semarang via Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur or Singapore then take the train to Cepu by Sunday 6 December.

Conference fee is expected to be 300USD or less depending on the number of delegates. Payment in Indonesian Rupiah will be welcomed.

The conference will end in Solo, in the late afternoon of Friday 11 December. Delegates can fly back from Solo airport through Jakarta, or Yogyakarta airport (one hour by train from Solo).

Presentations on the day of Business session will be broadcast on the Internet. You also can join subsequent discussion - please consult our webmaster:

Youwei Liu, youwei.rcs@gmail.com

More details and a booking form will be available on our website: www.aphtro.info



(Photo: Masatoshi Suzuki)

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 2020.

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