

Loco Shed

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Our train is waiting, the starter signal shows clear. The steam pressure is at the red line, water level is at half a glass. We are hauling a heavy load so it's slow to get up speed. We must open the regulator and notch up the reverser carefully so as not to slip. It seems we're going well and we'll make it!

Launch at Next Conference

Our next conference in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia will be one of the most important event for APHTRO. The organisation is to be established officially by resolution.

We will also discuss and decide on the important matters:

1. **Administration**
2. **Constitution** – Finance, Meeting, Committees, Amendment
3. **Corporate registration and Bank account**
4. **Joining WATTRAIN**

The framework of the organisation will have been completed.

Application for joining APHTRO will be accepted after the session.

Conference 2013 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

The second APHTRO Conference will be held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia: 4th - 7th July 2013.

More than 25 delegates from Australia, Japan, Taiwan, The Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Jordan and UK are expected to participate.

The schedule planned is:

4 July Thu - Arrival, Registration and Banquet (from early evening);

5 July Fri - APHTRO AGM and Business Session;

6 July Sat - North Borneo Railway Steam Train, Kota Kinabalu city tour; and

7 July Sun - Sabah State Railway Train from Tanjung Aru to Tenom (return to Kota Kinabalu around 7pm)

Everyone with an interest in heritage railways and museums will be warmly welcomed.

Booking is now open. Please visit the conference web-page for details and to download your booking form: <http://www.aphtro.org/>

Administration

We need a firm structure to manage our organisation for future development.

Current structure proposed for agreement at next conference is:

- Patron - Mr. David Morgan TD MBE (WATTRAIN President, UK)
- Patron - Mr. Abed Al-Rahim Al Boucai (Member of the Parliament of Jordan)
- President - Kyoichi Oda (Japan)
- Vice president - Rajesh Agrawal (India)
- Vice president - Ming-Hsun Hsieh (Taiwan)
- Council Member - Maisoon Shaheen (Jordan)

Following posts are vacant:

- Secretary - TBD
- Treasurer - TBD
- Webmaster - TBD
- Newsletter Editor - TBD

New Patron and Working group member

We are delighted to welcome

Mr. Abed Al-Rahim Al Boucai

as our new honorary patron.

Mr. Boucai , who is a member of The Parliament of Jordan and former Mayor of Amman, has been supporting Hijaz Railways for a long time through the Al Boucai Group.

He sent Ms.Shaheen to our last conference in Indonesia, agreed to join APHTRO and declares support to APHTRO activities.

We are also able to invite our first Working Group member from Australia :

Mr. Nathan Williams - Australian Sugar Cane Railway

Mr. Williams is a central figure of ASCR (a lovely narrow gauge heritage railway in Bundaberg, north of Brisbane) and has agreed to join APHTRO. Mr. Williams will come to our next conference to give presentation about ASCR as he did at the last WATTRAIN congress in Brisbane.

The Group now consists of members from nine countries: **New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, The Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Jordan.**

Kyoichi Oda is planning to visit Cambodia in early April to meet with Mr. David Kerr, Chief Executive Officer of Toll Royal Cambodian Railway. Toll Royal Cambodian Railway keeps the beautiful French Pacific steam locomotive 231-501 in operational order and runs it for charter service.

Website

Our website, <http://www.aphtro.org/> has been opened with great help from Jaime Tiongson and Kibu Hsieh.

Some pages: About Us, Conference, Downloads, Join Us and Contact Us, have been set up already. The most important content which has not been installed is an on-line discussion facility. We hope this and other pages will be available by the next conference.

The website is currently a temporary version until beautifully designed and reformatted by Arrienne Lea Caringal. The work is due to be started from July and new website will be set up by early October.

News from members

Taipei Railway Workshop (Taiwan)

The Taiwan Railway Administration (TRA) has completed a new workshop in Fukang and will close the Taipei workshop opened in 1935 during the Japanese colonial era. The workshop is one of the most significant early industrial facilities in Taiwan and has been the major repair facility for the TRA for nearly eight decades.

Among the workshop's more iconic and historic buildings are a bath house featuring two large Japanese-style communal baths for workers, an administration building with classical Japanese architecture, the original main workshop that once maintained steam locomotives and a 1960s-built diesel locomotive workshop. The TRA seeks to sell the valuable site for development and only part of the workshop and bath house will remain.

The Railway Cultural Society Taiwan has proposed turning the site into a railway museum and has been appealing to save all facilities. After their strenuous effort, the Taipei city government designated part of the workshop as a cultural property in January 2013, one year after its closure. A "Railway Cultural Festival" event is planned to publicise this important historical site and transform it into a railway park site open to the public.



Electric Locomotive ESS 3201 is restored in Indonesia

Electric Locomotive ESS3201 was one of six Series 3200 locomotives made by Werkspoor, a Netherlands company. This electric locomotive from Batavia (Jakarta) was made by Elektrische Staats Spoorwegen (ESS), part of the Staats Spoorwegen (SS) company involved in rolling stock, buildings and operation of electric trains at

Batavia. It was operated from 1925 to 1976 on the electrified line from Tanjung Priuk to Meester Cornelis (Jatinegara).

After being abandoned for so long, ESS3201 was restored to operational order and returned to the line where it ran for 50 years.

ESS3201 is to be used for tourist trains around Jakarta.



Conferences and Meetings Calendar

APHTRO members

FRONZ Conference 2013 (New Zealand)

31 May - 3 June, Oamaru, New Zealand

<http://fronz.org.nz/>

Contact : Peter McCallum, secretary@fronz.org.nz

Railway Heritage Conference 2013 (Indonesia)

Around 28 September (TBD), Jakarta, Indonesia

<http://www.indonesianheritagerailway.com/>

Contact : Ella Ubaidi, ellaubaidi@yahoo.com

International Organisations

FEDECRAIL conference 2013 (Europe)

11-17 April, Albi, France

http://www.fedecrail.org/en/index_en.html

Contact : John Fuller, jrfuller_chalk@yahoo.co.uk

ATRRM Annual Conference 2013 (North America)

17-19 October, California, USA

Contact : Suzanne Grace, scg@lagniappeassociates.com

This Newsletter cannot be sustained without fresh content. Latest news, photos and articles from your heritage railways will be welcomed.
The next issue will be appear in August 2013.

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