

Second IHRA Meeting

The Second IHRA Meeting was held at the Hotel Okura Tokyo on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

○ Attendees

IHRA Officers:

Chairman Masafumi Shukuri,
Vice Chairman Torkel Patterson,
Director and Technical Advisory Board (TAB) Member Takao Nishiyama,
Director Shun-ichi Kosuge, Director and TAB Member Norihiko Yoshie,
Director Toshihiko Aoyagi, Director Wen-Liang Liu,
Auditor Shinji Hikasa, Auditor Kazuhiko Tsujimoto

Senior Advisory Board (“SAB”)

SAB Chairman Yoshiyuki Kasai,
Board Members:
David Howell, Susumu Ishihara, Bryan Nye, Tom Schieffer, N. K. Singh,
Tetsuro Tomita, Syed Hamid Albar (Observer)

Technical Advisory Board (“TAB”)

TAB Chairman Tsutomu Morimura,
Board Members:
Anson Jack, Osamu Kobayashi, Larry Kelterborn, Kevin Taylor,
Azmi Abdul Aziz (Observer), Chua Chong-Kheng (Observer)

○ Synopsis

This was the second meeting of IHRA directors and senior and technical advisory board members. The meeting occurred following the First IHRA Symposium, held the day before on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Tokaido Shinkansen. IHRA advisory board members also had the

opportunity to visit the Komaki Research Center of Central Japan Railway, and to ride on the Super Conducting Maglev line at Yamanashi.

During the meeting, members expressed appreciation for the week's activities and gave congratulations for the successful operation of the Shinkansen for over 50 years. Members also engaged in an active discussion regarding how IHRA should move forward to promote safe and efficient HSR through various activities.

There were several recommendations from the members, including that IHRA should promote the advantages of a "total system" solution that includes not only the crash avoidance principles, but also includes what the Japanese experience has taught concerning human resources and training, operation and maintenance, station oriented development and especially the financing of HSR projects. They also recommended that information from IHRA be harmonized with, and tailored to, the circumstances and context of the countries developing HSR projects, while maintaining the principles of crash avoidance and total system solutions.

The members agreed to continue to move forward keeping in mind the recommendations of the Advisory Boards.

○ Scenes of the Meeting



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