

High Speed Rail Seminar 2018 in New Delhi

5:00pm-9:00pm, Thursday, February 8th
The Taj Mahal Hotel

Seminar objectives

- To enhance accurate understanding of the essence of high speed rail
- To provide an opportunity for people involved in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project to exchange opinions and share information

Sponsors

International High-Speed Rail Association (IHRA)

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Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism

National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL)

Summary

- Representing India, Mr. Achal Khare, National High Speed Rail Corporation Managing Director, provided opening remarks as did H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Japan's Ambassador to India, and Mr. Masafumi Shukuri, International High-Speed Rail Association Chairman, on behalf of Japan.
The seminar had 88 attendees, who hailed mainly from Indian Railways and NHSRCL.

- The seminar had three speakers. Mr. Kahre gave the first presentation: "Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Railway Project: Challenges and Way Forward." Next, Mr. John Chen, Chief Operation Officer at Taiwan High-Speed Rail Corporation (THSRC), talked about the "Introduction of Taiwan High Speed Rail: Operation Performance, Maintenance Ability Establishment, and Financial Reform." Lastly, Mr. Yoshihiro Kumamoto, Senior Executive Officer at East Japan Railway Company (JR East), concluded with a presentation entitled: "For the Sustainable Development of High Speed Railways."



- The seminar was very worthwhile as it provided both the Indian and Japanese attendees an opportunity to hear directly and comprehensively how Mr. Kahre views the current challenges facing the Mumbai- Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project.



- Mr. Chen, COO of THSRC, talked in detail about his experiences ranging from the planning and construction phases up through the operation and maintenance phases of Taiwan High Speed Rail. Mr. Chen emphasized the importance of a total system approach when adopting a high-speed rail system.

Mr. Kumamoto, Senior Executive Officer of JR East, emphasized the importance of continuing to provide training and develop human resources even after high speed rail operations begin.

The Indian attendees showed great interest in both Mr. Chen's and Mr. Kumamoto's comments.

