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“Painting the Future Landscapes with High-Speed Rail: Bridging to a Better Tomorrow”

Approximately 300 guests from 13 countries

IHRA held its 5th International Forum—the first in 3 years—at Takanawa, Tokyo. The event convened experts to exchange insights and discuss the current status, challenges, and future prospects of high-speed rail projects worldwide.



DATE : Oct. 22nd – Oct. 25th, 2025

Oct. 22nd Shinkansen Briefing & Tour, Advisory Board Meeting, Welcome Reception

Oct. 23rd Main meeting, Poster Session, Grand Reception

Oct. 24th Technical Visit (TAKANAWA GATEWAY CITY, Construction Site of SC Maglev, Railway Technology Research Institute, Nippon Signal)

Oct. 25th SC Maglev Ride Tour

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Opening Session



Host Remarks:
Masafumi Shukuri
Chairman, IHRA,
Japan



Guest of Honor Remarks:
Shigeru Ishiba
Former Prime Minister of
Japan, Japan



Guest of Honor Remarks:
Yasushi Kaneko
Minister of Land,
Infrastructure, Transport
and Tourism(MLIT), Japan
(Read by Yoshimichi Terada, Vice-
Minister for Transport, Tourism and
International Affairs, MLIT)

Session 1

“What the World Expects in Reliable Rapid Connectivity for Global Growth”

Moderator:

Keynote Address:

Speakers:



Tomohiko Taniguchi
Specially Appointed
Professor, University
of Tsukuba, Japan



Yoshimichi Terada
Vice-Minister for
Transport, Tourism
and International
Affairs, MLIT, Japan



Jill Rossouw
Chair, High Speed
Rail Authority,
Australia



Achal Khare
Founding
Managing Director
of NHRCL, India



Odo R. M. Manuhutu
Deputy Coordinating
Minister for Connectivity,
Coordinating Ministry for
Infrastructure and Regional
Development, Indonesia



**The Rt Hon. the Lord
McLoughlin CH**
Former Secretary of
State for Transport, UK

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Session 2

“Shaping the Future Together: Railway and Urban Development”

Moderator:



Hironori Kato

Professor, Department of Civil Engineering,
The University of Tokyo, Japan



Speakers:



Yuji Fukasawa

Chairman of the Board
of Directors, JR East,
Japan



Cheng-Chung Young

Director, Taiwan High
Speed Rail Corporation,
Taiwan



Pichet Kunadhamraks

Director General, Department
of Rail Transport, Ministry of
Transport, Thailand



Yoichi Kanayama

Special Research Professor,
Department of Urban Design,
University of Toyama, Japan

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Session 3

“Present State and Future Outlook of HSR projects”

Moderator:



Joseph Schmelzeis Jr.
Vice Chairman, IHRA, US



Speakers:



Anjum Pervez
Managing Director,
NHSRCL, India



Pichet Kunadhamraks
Director General, Department
of Rail Transport, Ministry of
Transport, Thailand



Robert C. Lauby
P.E., President, RCL Rail
Safety Consulting, LLC
Associate Administrator for
Railroad Safety, Chief Safety
Officer (Retired), FRA, US



Nguyen Tien Thin
Deputy Director General,
Viet Nam Railway
Authority, Ministry of
Construction, Vietnam

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Session 4

“Driving the Evolution of HSR: Technology and Talent”

Moderator:



Larry Kelterborn
President, LDK Advisory Inc.,
Canada

Speakers:



Shunichi Usui
Corporate Executive
Officer, Central Japan
Railway Company,
Japan



Shinichi Tamai
Director-General for Railway
Technology, Japan Railway
Construction, Transport and
Technology Agency(JRRTT), Japan



Jim Brewin
Chief Director UK &
Ireland, Hitachi Rail,
UK



Neil Robertson
Chief Executive, The
National Skills for
Rail (NSAR), UK



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Closing Remarks



Danny Broad
Former Chairman, Australasian Railway
Association / Chairman, TrackSAFE Foundation,
Australia



Main meeting



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Welcome Reception at Grand Prince Hotel Shin Takanawa



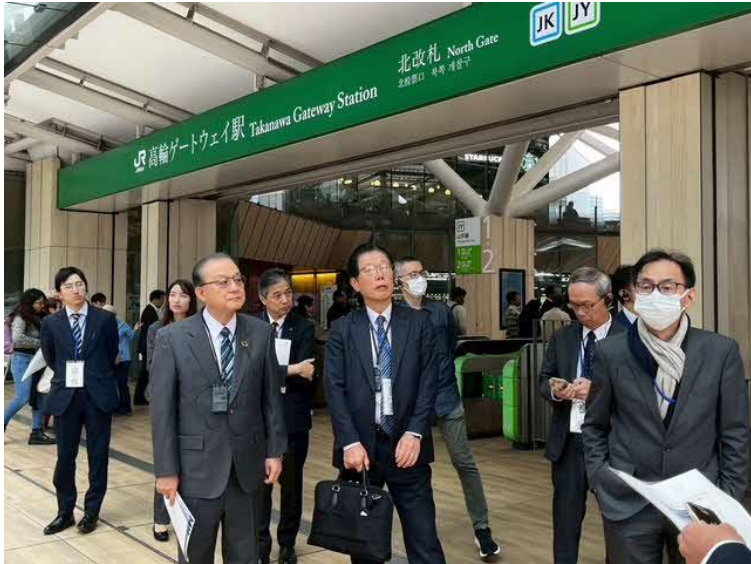
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Grand Reception at HAPPO-EN



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Technical Visit: TAKANAWA GATEWAY CITY



Technical Visit: Construction Site of SC Maglev (Kanagawa Prefecture Station *tentative name)



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Technical Visit: Railway Technology Research Institute



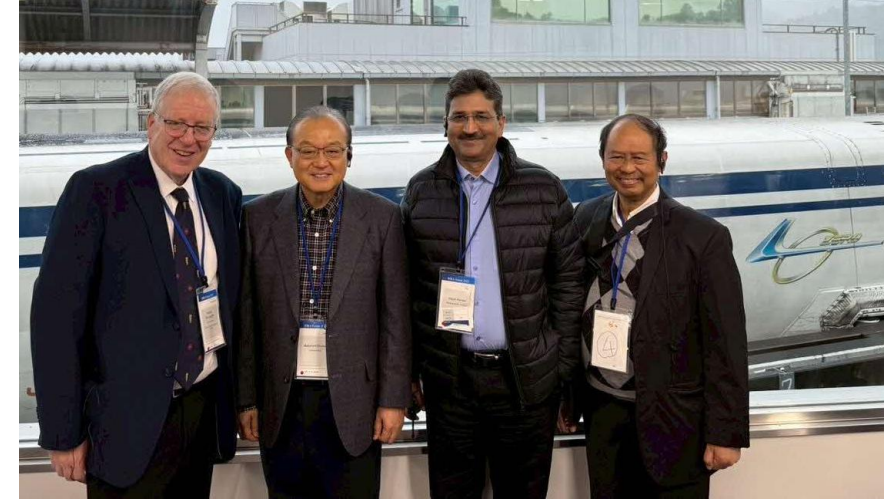
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Technical Visit: Nippon Signal



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Shinkansen Briefing & Tour



Advisory Board Meeting



Poster Session

