

High Speed Rail: Mobilizing a New Generation

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Numbers of attendees: 330

In April, 2009, President Obama announced his vision for high speed rail (HSR). This follows the growing expectations in the United States in recent years for HSR as an energy-efficient means of transporting large numbers of people. With forty five years of experience in the HSR field, we held this High Speed Rail: Mobilizing a New Generation Seminar in order to contribute to the expectation of an HSR network in the U.S.

In the Seminar's Keynote Speech by Secretary LaHood, Representatives, and Transport Specialists in the U.S., it was noted that the introduction of HSR was important for development of the economy and for creating jobs. It was also addressed that long term perspective would be necessary for realization of the HSR network. Three Japanese private enterprises explained the characteristics of the Japanese HSR system, called Shinkansen, as well as operational and economical experience of Shinkansen during their Presentation. In the Panel Discussion, the moderator and each panelist stated their opinions for the possibility of a railway society in the U.S. They actively discussed with the audience about this agenda.

Opening Remarks	Sumio Mabuchi , Senior Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Jiro Hanyu , President, ITPS
Keynote Speech	Secretary Ray LaHood , U.S. Department of Transportation Congressman James L. Oberstar , Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Congressman John L. Mica , Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Congresswoman Corrine Brown , Chairwoman of the Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials

	<p>Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr., North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Rail Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)</p> <p>Arthur L. Guzzetti, Vice President – Policy, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)</p>
<p>Presentation (Study on the benefits of HSR in the U.S.)</p>	<p>Lee Schipper, Project Scientist, Global Metropolitan Studies, University of California, Berkeley</p> <p>Yuki Tanaka, Director, International Affairs Office, ITPS</p>
<p>Presentations (Explanation of Shinkansen, Japanese HSR technology)</p>	<p>Akira Yonezawa, Deputy Director-General for Engineering Affairs, Railway Bureau, MLIT</p> <p>Satoshi Seino, President & CEO, East Japan Railway Company</p> <p>Tsutomu Morimura, Senior Executive Director & Director General of the General Technology Division, Central Japan Railway Company</p> <p>Masashi Ishizuka, Associate Officer & General Manager, Project Management Division, Rolling Stock Company, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.</p>
<p>Panel Discussion</p>	<p>Moderator: Louis S. Thompson, Principal, Thompson, Galenson & Associates</p> <p>Panelists: Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr., NCDOT, AASHTO</p> <p>Arthur L. Guzzetti, APTA</p> <p>Manmohan Parkash, Principal Transport Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Makoto Washizu, President, JITI</p>

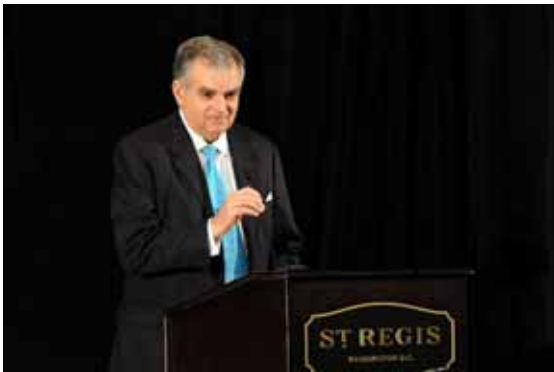
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Opening Remarks by Senior Vice Minister Sumio Mabuchi



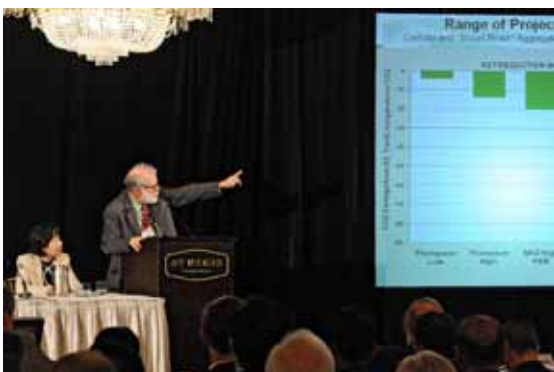
Opening Remarks by President Jiro Hanyu



Keynote Speech by Secretary Ray LaHood



The Audience



View of Presentation (by Dr. Lee Schipper)



View of Panel Discussion

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