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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)  
RAIL BHAVAN, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 2016/Heritage/APHTRO

New Delhi, Dated: 23.09.2016

Shri Pranab Sarkar,  
President  
Indian Association of Tour Operators  
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Subject : **APHTRO India 2016 – International Conference on Heritage Rail Tourism at National Rail Museum (NRM), Chanakyapuri, New Delhi between 19 – 21 October, 2016**

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Indian Railways are the proud owner of three out of five UNESCO accorded World Heritage Railways Worldwide. These three UNESCO inscribed Mountain Railways of India viz., Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) and Kalka Shimla Railway (KSR) are not only brand icons of rail heritage tourism in India but also major regional tourist attractions. In addition, seasonal tourist trains hauled by iconic Steam locomotives like Fairy Queen (year built 1855), placed in Guinness Book of World Record as being oldest working steam locomotive in the World and Akbar, the steam locomotive seen in many Bollywood movies, also supplements as major attractions to both domestic and international tourists.

Heritage rail tourism in India, besides presenting immense potential for economic development and employment creation, significantly supplements to Incredible India campaign for promoting Indian Tourism. Hon'ble Railway Minister in his budget speech (2016) has accordingly emphasized promotion of tourism through World Heritage Railways and Rail Museums.

As a stepping stone to harness heritage rail tourism potential in India and to place India at the centre of Heritage Tourism in Asia Pacific region, National Rail Museum (Ministry of Railways), New Delhi in collaboration with Asia Pacific Heritage & Rail Tourism Organization (APHTRO), is organizing an international conference cum exhibition on Heritage Rail Tourism in India at National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi between 19-21 October, 2016.

National Rail Museum (NRM), New Delhi is one of the prominent tourist destinations in New Delhi and is a member of International Association of Transport & Communication Museums (IATM), UK. Headquartered in Japan, Asia Pacific Heritage & Rail Tourism Organization (APHTRO) is the sole and pioneer organization in Asia Pacific Region for promoting heritage rail tourism in the region.

The Conference, first of its kind, will bring together eminent personalities, stakeholders, tour operators dealing with Heritage tourism from various parts of the Globe, deliberating on ideas and way ahead for promoting Heritage tourism in Asia Pacific region especially in India.

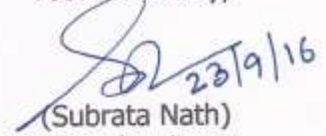
The conference will also present immense opportunities to domestic tour providers to showcase their products and services to clients, customers and international counterparts for attracting more inbound tourists as well as creating synergy to build a sizable domestic heritage tourism market. Details of the conference may be seen at <http://aphtroindia.org/>.

Considering long standing cooperation between Ministry of Railways and Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), Ministry of Railways solicit active support of IATO to make this Conference (APHTRO India 2016) a grand success.

It is requested that IATO may actively participate in the Conference and showcase tourism potential in the country through 2-3 display stalls during the conference. A 20 minutes presentation session will also be provided for interaction with conference participants. Details of Registration, Conference and Stall fees etc. can be perused in the attached form.

A line of confirmation will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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**Enclosed: Registration Form for APHTRO India 2016**

Copy to: Executive Director (PM), Railway Board, New Delhi- For information & necessary action please.



## Registration Form

### APHTRO India Conference

October, 19-21, 2016

National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India

I/We wish to participate in the APHTRO India Conference, 2016 and Book Stalls for display.

#### A. Registration details are as under.

Name/ Name of the Leader, \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Participants, \_\_\_\_\_; No of Days \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate dates if not registered for all 3 days )  
Name of the Organization, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address, \_\_\_\_\_  
City, \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province, \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code, \_\_\_\_\_; Country, \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone, (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile, \_\_\_\_\_; Email, \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. PLEASE INDICATE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE.

1. Conference Delegates, INR \_\_\_\_\_ (*INR 10,000 per delegate for 3 days or INR 4000 per delegate per day. Student discount-30%*)
2. Booking of Stalls, \_\_\_\_\_ Sq ft. (*INR 80,000 per 100 Sq ft*); Total INR, \_\_\_\_\_
3. TOTAL, INR \_\_\_\_\_ (DELEGATES+ STALL BOOKING)

#### C. DETAILS OF PAYMENT (STRIKE OUT WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE),

WILL BE DEPOSITED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION / PAYMENT ENCLOSED VIDE DEMAND DRAFT NO \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_ DRAWN ON \_\_\_\_\_ BANK, PAYABLE AT NEW DELHI, IN FAVOUR OF APHTRO INDIA CHAPTER/ PAYMENT MADE THROUGH BANK TRANSFER TO APHTRO INDIA CHAPTER, ACCOUNT NO 10000803854, IDFC BANK, BARAKHAMBHA ROAD, NEW DELHI, IFSC-IDFB0020101

Name & Signature, \_\_\_\_\_

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

[Please email scanned copy completed registration form to [info@aphthroindia.org](mailto:info@aphthroindia.org) and/or send the completed form alongwith Demand Draft to Apththro India Chapter, National Rail Museum, Chandra Gupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021, India.]