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## RAIL BUSINESS ASIA 2013: RAIL THOUGHT LEADERS IN KUALA LUMPUR



Rail Business Asia 2013 was held in Malaysia at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 10-12 September 2013. Rail Business Asia 2013 was officiated by the **Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Hj Abdul Razak**, which drew more than 600 guest during the Opening and Launch Ceremony. Alongside the Prime Minister was YB Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Minister of Works Malaysia, YBhg Datuk Himmat Singh, Secretary General of Ministry of Works Malaysia, YBhg Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar, Chairman of Land Public Transport

Commission (SPAD), YBhg Datuk Hamzah Hasan, Chairman of Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), YBhg Dato' Sri Dr Judin Abdul Karim, Chief Executive, CIDB and YBhg Tan Sri Dato Dr. Ahmad Mustafa Babjee, Chairman, UBM Malaysia.

Dato' Sri Mohd Najib also witnessed the MoU signing between SPAD and the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers (IRSE) to launch the Malaysian Chapter, at Rail Business Asia 2013.

Over 150 delegates attended the conference, comprising of regulators, rail asset owners, operators and leading solutions providers, as they discussed the pertinent theme of "Towards Excellence in Rail Innovation, Sustainability and Mobility."

The eminent speakers of Rail Business Asia was represented by rail industry leaders from Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand as well as from France, Germany and Spain. During the two day conference, delegates heard from and networked with the speakers who discussed project planning and updates, high speed rail projects, strategies and latest innovations, service optimisation and safety standards, human capital development, investment and financing, rail infrastructure and sustainability which also covered transit oriented development.



Rail Business Asia 2013 was co-hosted by SPAD and CIDB, and supported by MiGHT, ERL, KTMB, MRT Corp, Mega Jati Consultant, RAC,



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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rail Business Asia is scheduled for September 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia after a very successful inaugural event. Kindly email [conferences-asean@ubm.com](mailto:conferences-asean@ubm.com) to register your interest to receive updates.

#### Notes to Editors:

##### 1. About RAIL BUSINESS ASIA ([www.railbusinessasia.org](http://www.railbusinessasia.org))

RAIL BUSINESS ASIA 2013 hosted by **Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB)** and **Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD)** and supported by **Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MiGHT)** is the thought leadership platform of Asia's fast growing rail industry. It is a strategic event dedicated to delivering the latest in market insights, development projects and innovation, as well as in-depth dialogues from authorities, asset owners, operators and solution providers. In addition, the RAIL BUSINESS ASIA 2013 exhibition will showcase the latest technological advancements and provide a hub for networking and knowledge-sharing.

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