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“Eurasia Rail 2017”, the international summit of the worldwide railway sector, is now open!

International Rolling Stock, Infrastructure & Logistics Exhibition – Eurasia Rail is open for the 7th time. The opening ceremony was conducted by Republic of Turkey Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication Ahmet Arslan, UIC International Union of Railways General Manager Jean Pierre Loubinoux, UIC Vice President and TCDD Chairman of the Board & General Manager İsa Apaydın, ITE Group Regional Manager Vincent Brain, ITE Turkey Member of the Board Burcu Başer and ITE Turkey Transport & Logistics Group Director Moris Revah.

The exhibition, which is taking place at Istanbul Expo Center within an area of 21.000 m² and hosting more than 200 exhibitors companies, is being attended by 25 different countries. Eurasia Rail, which will be open until Saturday March 4, is being attended on a country basis by Germany, Czech Republic and France.

Eurasia Rail, which has the characteristics of being “the only railway exhibition in Eurasia region and one of the three biggest railway exhibitions in the world”, is gathering the region’s sector professionals with focus on new investments, products and technologies. The conference program, which will take place simultaneously with the exhibition, will provide information flow to the sector.

International Rolling Stock, Infrastructure and Logistics Exhibition – Eurasia Rail, organized by **EUFB – E Uluslararası Fuarçılık** which is among the group companies of **ITE Turkey** which organizes leading exhibitions in leading sectors of Turkey, is open for the 7th time.

The exhibition, which will be taking place on March 2 – 4 2017 at Istanbul Expo Center within an area of 21.000 m², will bring up the developments, innovations and investments in the sector with its conference program. The exhibition is being supported by Republic of Turkey Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, Republic of Turkey State Railways, The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey – TOBB, KOSGEB and Republic of Turkey Ministry of Economy.

The “Railway Panel” took place...

Within the scope of the conference which took place on the first day of the exhibition, the **“Railway Panel”**, which was moderated by **Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications Deputy Secretary Orhan Birdal**, took place with UIC Vice President and TCDD Chairman of the Board & General Manager **İsa Apaydın**, UIC International Union of Railways General Manager



Jean Pierre Loubinoux, Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) Executive Director **Dr. Libor Lochman**, Infrastructure Investments General Manager **Erol Çıtak**, Railway Regulation General Manager **İbrahim Yiğit** and TCDD Taşımacılık A.Ş. General Manager **Veysi Kurt** as speakers. The panel hosted the sharing of recent developments related to railway sector.

Within the conference program which will continue throughout the exhibition, information related to “Public Transport’s Effect on National Economy”, “Institutionalization in Urban Public Transport”, “Automation”, “Safety”, “Energy Saving”, “Renewable Energy”, “Cost Reducing”, “New Production Techniques” and “Railway Safety: Automatic Line Warning Systems” will be provided to the exhibitors and visitors at panels “Urban Rail System Problems”, “New Railway Regulation”, “Developments in Tractive and Hauled Stock”, “Railway Safety”, “Special Subjects on Railways”.

ITE Turkey Transport & Logistics Group Director Moris Revah: “Due to their fast, economical, environment-friendly, safe and modern nature, rail systems become more and more important throughout the world. This year, our exhibition is being attended by 25 countries including Germany, Czech Republic and France. Eurasia Rail, which provides a platform for new purchasing, business development, business and partnership opportunities, is providing great contributions to railway sector and national economy.

Moris Revah pointed out that the amount of successful projects in Turkey keeps on increasing every single day and continued; “Our domestically produced tram cars, which attract attention from sector giants all around the world with their success, have positive reflections on Turkish industry and engineering and this becomes more visible every passing day. Today, railway sector giants from all around the world want to benefit from our local suppliers for their overseas projects as well. This is a tremendous development for the future of Turkish railway sector and our local suppliers. Among the targets of Turkish railway sector, there are plans to reach **25.000 km** of total railway length by building **13.000 km** of railway; **7.500 km** of high-speed and **4.000 km** of conventional railways. There are also targets of renewing **4.400 km** of railway, completing the renewal of all lines, increasing the railway conveyance rate to **10%** for passengers and **15%** for freight and completing the liberalization process of the railway sector. Eurasia Rail is aiming to help the sector reach its goals for 2023.”

Revah also revealed developments related to Eurasia Rail and a new exhibition project: “As of 2019, we will be organizing Eurasia Rail once in two years in Izmir at fuarizmir which has a wider exhibition area. Our new exhibition project “Istanbul Rail Tech”, which we established upon the needs of the sector, will take place in 2018 with focus on the new technologies in railway sector.”



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