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Current Status of the 12th World Congress on Railway Research (WCRR 2019)

RTRI will host the 12th World Congress on Railway Research (WCRR 2019) that will take place in Tokyo, Japan, from October 28 to November 1, 2019, and will be held at the Tokyo International Forum, a multi-purpose exhibition center. The theme of this congress is *Railway Research to Enhance the Customer Experience*, as previously reported in *ASCENT No. 4*. This is the world's largest international congress on railway research, proudly unprecedented in the sense that railway researchers and engineers gather together with managers and executives of railway operators in one congress.

Currently, the secretariat of WCRR2019 is reviewing the abstracts that have been posted in order to identify those papers that will likely best express the world's development of railway technologies and accurately discuss future directions to be taken by railway operators. Approximately 350 papers will be presented in WCRR2019.



Various social events are being planned in conjunction with the congress, including a Tokyo Bay cruise on Tuesday night, October 29, and a gala dinner at TOKYO KAIKAN on Wednesday night, October 30. Exhibitions and advertisements from over 50 companies and institutions will be featured in booths throughout the WCRR2019. Several technical visits, including various guided tours, will be conducted to major sites in Japan related to railway research and development, including RTRI on Friday, November 1.

In the autumn of 2019, when we host WCRR2019, the Rugby World Cup will also come to Japan and will be followed the next year, in 2020, by the Tokyo Olympic Games. As a result, I firmly believe that visitors attending the congress will be able to experience a highly-charged, vibrant metropolis of Tokyo.

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