

Press Release

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Ministers meet in May for Summit on Seamless Transport

Registration opens for the International Transport Forum's 2012 Summit - early registration discount until 1 April.

Registrations are now open for the 2012 Summit of the International Transport Forum, a leading global transport policy platform linked to the OECD. The Summit will take place on 2-4 May in the city of Leipzig, Germany. It will bring together ministers, industry leaders and top experts from the Forum's 53 member countries and beyond.

The theme of the 2012 Summit is "Seamless Transport: Making Connections".

For the first time, China will be participating as a full member in the Summit.

"Seamless transport is a powerful strategic vision for our future. Wherever people and goods move in highly connected ways, transport has proved a dynamic engine for growth and well-being," said Mr. Takeshi Maeda, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan and Dr. Peter Ramsauer, Federal Minister of Building, Transport and Urban Development, Germany, in a joint welcome message.

Japan holds the presidency of the International Transport Forum in 2012.

"Seamless connections between cities and regions, notably through high-speed rail, have had huge impact on national and regional economies. Seamless access to transport improves citizens' access to schools, universities, labour markets and leisure activities. Being able to move between geographic locations and transport modes with minimal impediments is a prime desire of all transport users."

The International Transport Forum at the OECD is an intergovernmental organisation that acts as a strategic policy think tank for the transport sector and organises an Annual Summit of ministers. The Summit has become the leading platform for a global dialogue on the future of transport and mobility between policy-makers, business leaders, research and civil society.

To find out more about the programme of the International Transport Forum's 2012 Summit and to take advantage of the early registration discount, please visit:

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