

The 4th BIMSTEC Chief Executives of Railways Meeting 3-4 December 2007, Bangkok



The 4th Meeting of BIMSTEC Chief Executives of Railway was held on 3-4 December 2007 at the Novotel Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was organised by the State Railway of Thailand with the assistance of the Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD), New Delhi.

The Meeting discussed and considered various issues including human resources development, multimodal transport, roles of railways in logistics and supply chain, and integration of railway systems etc. Series of training course associated in this area are available to 12 countries of the region irrespective of their membership of different regional organisations, supported by AITD up to December 2010, which opens a new era of enhanced cooperation in rail transport. It was noted that the specific projects of inter-country rail connectivity developed by regional groupings—SAARC, MGC, GMS, etc. in south and south-east Asia should be integrated so as to obtain optimal benefits.

The Meeting was presided over by Mr. Sansern Wong-Chaum, Thailand's Deputy Transport Minister. The participants included delegates from Bhutan, India, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. In addition, representatives of AITD, BIMSTEC Centre, World Bank, ADB, UNESCAP, CRIS, IRCON, JICA, KOICA, KfW, Mass Rapid Transit Authority, Bangkok, Bangkok Mass Transit System Public Company Limited and Boston Consulting Group also participated.