From 11–13 November 2019, the Railways of Islamic Republic of Iran (RAI) together with the International union of railways (UIC) will be hosting the 7th edition of the UIC Next Station international Conference in Tehran, the global reference for leaders and decision-makers to share the latest experiences and best practices regarding the design, financing and operation of railway stations.

This year, after six successful editions, the 7th UIC Next Station International Conference will take the key issues under the main theme of "Railway Stations Boosting the City".

The event will provide a unique opportunity for high-level speakers, including decision-makers, representatives of leading industries as well as for stakeholders involved in the city issue and panelists from different fields or backgrounds, to address all strategic issues related to the creation, development and operation of railway stations.

The 7th UIC Next Station international Conference will address the following 8 topics:
1. Station design (1)
2. Sustainability
3. Smart solutions for stations
4. Services & Commercial activities
5. Station design (2)
6. Mobility, accessibility & door to door solutions
7. Safety & security
8. Station management & financing
This international conference will be composed of:

- Two Plenary Sessions (opening and closing)
- Two Round Tables
- 8 technical sessions on specific themes
- A stand/exhibition area
- A programme of technical visit from Isfahan, A very famous historical touristic city in Iran

Note:

The Two Round tables will focus:

- The first one on the subject of "Rail-based city".
- The second one on the subject of "Generating added value for cities: main challenges".

Conference Website: www.nextstation.org

Date of the Conference: 11-13 November, 2019

Venue of the Conference: Parsian Evin Hotel- Tehran

Address: Yadegar Highway, South Chamran Highway, Tehran-IRAN. Tel.: (+009821) 2740500
Fax.: (+009821) 22344344

Website: enevin.pih.ir
Entry visa to Iran:
RAI will provide visa references from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran for foreign participants. The visa will be electronic and there will be no entry/exit stamp on the passports of the participants.
In order to get visa either from the embassies/consulates of Iran in other countries or at the Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKIA) in Tehran upon arrival, all participants in the conference are requested to contact the related people in charge in RAI & UIC, whose contact information have been listed at the table at the end of this practical information. The foreign participants who will need visa should send a copy of their passport together with a formal personal picture of themselves to the above-mentioned people in charge.

Logistic for the Transfer & Accommodation in Iran:

- Welcome Desk at the Airport
  A RAI-UIC Welcome Desk will be put in place at the Imam Khomeini Airport, opened 24 hours a day (with 2 people from RAI welcoming the participants). The Welcome desk will be designed with the three logos of UIC-RAI-Next Stations in order to be visible to the participant.

- Transfer from the Airport to the Hotel
  RAI will provide cars and taxis to transfer participants from the Airport to the hotel & conference center. The transfer will be free of charge.
Hotel Reservation
Parsian Evin Hotel will reserve the rooms with the special rates for the delegates of this conference. The hotel reservation link is in the conference website: www.nextstation.org.

Information Desk
The information desk will be set up in the hotel. The concerned staff will provide all necessary information, assistance and guidelines to all the participants.

On-site badge pick-up
The conference will start with an opening session on Monday, 11 November 2019, at 09:00 am. The conference badges and welcome packages will be delivered to the participants upon their arrival to the hotel that they will be residing in.

Technical visit for foreign participants:
A Charter flight will be planned to take foreign participants from Tehran to Isfahan, on 12th November 2019 in the evening.
Isfahan, a very historical, unique and touristic city in central Iran, worldly acknowledged for its Persian architecture, is 450 KM far away from Tehran and the flight duration from Tehran to Isfahan is maximum one hour. The delegates will be in a hotel in Isfahan on the evening of 12 November 2019. (one night stay in Isfahan). There will be sightseeing and technical visit of Isfahan on 13 November. It will be a full day, visiting the railway station & also sight-seeing of Isfahan. There will be flight back from Isfahan to
Tehran on Wednesday, 13 November in the evening. The flight times from Tehran to Isfahan and also from Isfahan to Tehran will be put on the website soon.

- **Expected Arrival dates of delegates:**
  Delegates/Participants are expected to arrive in Tehran 1 day before the Conference, i.e. on 10th November 2019. Welcome coffee in the evening of Sunday 10 Nov. 2019 will be arranged.

- **Fees for the conference:**
  Fees for the Delegates/Participants for the conference are as follows:
  - 700 Euros per Non-UIC Member participant,
  - 500 Euros per UIC member state,
  - 200 Euros per foreign student,
  - Free for speakers, moderators, VIPS, accredited journalist.
  - Fees for the Exhibitors (TBD.).
  - Fees for the sponsors (TBD.)

**Note:**
All foreign participants are requested to bring adequate cash with themselves due to the fact that presently international credit cards are not in use in Iran.

**Language of Proceedings:**
The official language of the Conference will be in English.
Security:
RAI company will coordinate and take all necessary security arrangements during the Conference with the cooperation of related bodies.

Contact Persons in RAI & UIC:
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