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**09:00**      **Registration & Morning Coffee**

**09:20**      **Opening and Welcome remarks from the Chairperson**

**09:30**      **Thailand Rail Thailand Transport System Development Strategy (2017–2036)**

- Aligned with Thailand 4.0 initiative to improve connectivity and promote sustainability through technological innovation and policy integration
- Prioritising railway sector development to include 1,726 miles of double-track lines and 1,527 miles of high-speed rail lines, along with intermodal freight terminals and electrification
- Strategy No. 2 – developing rail infrastructure for trade, growth and economic advancements
- To increase rail freight transportation volume up to 10% in the transport mix

**10:00**      **Driving Transport Policy for Thailand's Opportunities (2025–2026) Plan**

- Encompassing 64 projects in 2026 costing 116.96 billion baht (3.5 billion USD)
- Rail transport leads with 69 projects, focusing on reducing logistics costs and expanding networks
- Three new Red Line suburban train routes and a capped metro fare of 20 baht per trip
- Focus on enhancing connectivity, safety, and sustainability across multiple modes of transport

**10:30**      **Thailand's Railway Transport Policy: Strategic Directions and Key Reforms 2026**

- Modernizing the existing network through infrastructure upgrades
- Seven double-track railway projects with total investment of \$8.8 billion and 1479 kms coverage
- 12 new lines covering a total of 2419 kms added to the total network of 6463 kms
- Following "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" (SEP) for balanced and sustainable development in large scale infrastructure projects like railways

**11:00**      **Morning Refreshment and Networking Break**

## 11:30 Thailand's High-Speed Rail (HSR) Projects: Development Strategies and Progress

- Northeastern HSR (Sino–Thai Project) – Phase 1:  
A 251 km line costing approximately USD 5.3 billion, targeted for operation between 2028–2030
- Eastern HSR (Airport Link) – Phase 1:  
A 220 km corridor connecting major airports, with construction commenced in 2025 and concession with O&M until 2069
- Future Expansion Plans:  
Updates on upcoming projects, including Northeastern HSR Phase 2, Northern HSR Phase 1 (Japanese–Thai Collaboration) and Southern HSR Phase 1

## 12:00 Thailand's 2025 Rail Revolution: Phase 2 of Thai–China High-Speed Rail (HSR)

- New High-Speed Bangkok–Nong Khai Line (Phase 2) – target for completion by 2032
- 357.12-kilometer stretch extends from Nakhon Ratchasima to Nong Khai, near the Laos border
- 341.35 billion baht (USD 10 billion) investment required for completion

## 12:30 Thailand's Provincial Mass Rapid Transit Plan Updates

- Proposed development of light rail (LRT) projects in major cities like Phuket, Chiang Mai, Pitsanulok, Nakhon Ratchasima and Khon Kaen
- Mass Rapid Transit Authority (MRTA) overseeing operations complimenting State Railway of Thailand (SRT) operating double track intercity lines
- With 10 mass transit lines, 190 stations covering a total distance of 277 kilometres built over 25 years, Bangkok still faces traffic congestion – lesson learnt; to start in advance before the crowd swells

## 13:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00 Thailand's Updated Flat Fare System On All Electric Rail Lines

- Migrating from 20 baht to 40 baht daily unlimited rides
- Fare applicable across 8 electric train lines and 194 stations
- Encouraging a shift away from private vehicle use toward more sustainable transport modes as railways
- Ensuring single channel AFC with access to multiple cards

## 14:30 Elevated Lop Buri 2 Station: a new facility on the Northern Line

- \$5 billion Thai investment for modernising rail
- 148-kilometer double-track section between Ban Klap and Pak Nam Pho
- Boosting capacity and reducing delays caused by single-track sections
- Improve accessibility for residents and businesses in the region

## 15:00 Second Thai–Lao Friendship Bridge (Nong Khai–Vientiane)

- Second bridge to be located approximately 30 metres from the existing structure
- Standard gauge rail (1.435 metres) to link into the Thailand–China high-speed rail line and the Laos–China rail network
- A metre gauge rail to connect into Thailand’s existing rail system, construction expected to begin in 2027 and service to open in 2030

## 15:30 Refreshment and Networking Break

## 16:00 ASEAN Express: new rail link to transform regional trade

- A new cross-border freight rail service, connecting Malaysia, Thailand, Laos and China
- ASEAN Express rail cuts logistics costs by 30 per cent
- Track gauge compatibility: a major challenge for cross-border rail freight

## 16:30 Pan-Asian Railway Network (PARN): Kunming–Singapore Rail Link

- Large-scale infrastructure project that aims to connect China to Singapore via mainland Southeast Asia
- The project estimated to cost around US\$15 billion under Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with ODA from Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Route 1 for SKRL will cost approximately US\$1.8 billion and spans 5,382 kms

## 17:00 Panel Discussion: Funding large scale infrastructure projects through Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

- Using public-private partnerships (PPPs) for financing, building and maintaining non-core assets, which builds capacity by leveraging private expertise and capital
- Maximising capital investments from Private sector banking sector through project finance backing
- Using mechanisms like Viability Gap Funding, Green Bonds, Blended Finance to serve long term public sector project financing
- Enabling policies to integrate and facilitate Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) to increase required cashflow
- To reduce friction, minimise risk guarantee through shared approach and create asset through collaboration

## 17:30 Closing Remarks and End of Day 1

# Day 2 | 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026

09:00 Registration & Morning Coffee

09:20 Opening and Welcome remarks from the Chairperson

09:30 **Indonesia: Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway "Whoosh"**

- The Jakarta-Bandung high-speed line: launched in 2023 costing around \$7 billion covering a distance of 143 kms
- Benefits of acquiring funds by a JV
- Financial challenges with the increased cost and debt
- How non-farebox revenue is contributing to profitability

10:00 **Indonesia's National Railway Master Plan (RIPNas 2011 - 2030)**

- Expanding national railway network to 10,524 kilometers by 2030
- Expansion of the rail freight transportation adding 2000 locomotives by 2030
- Exceeding electrification rate by 90% on the existing tracks
- Government commitment of over 88 billion USD over 20 years

10:30 **Johor Bahru (JB) – Singapore Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link Project**

- 4 km (2.5 mi) long, twin-track rapid transit system connecting Malaysia to Singapore
- Connecting the underground Woodlands North Station in Singapore to the above-ground Bukit Chagar station in Malaysia via a 25m high bridge
- The RTS Link will be a standalone Light Rail Transit (LRT) System with the capacity to serve up to 10,000 commuters during peak hours
- A train journey time of about five minutes between the two stations targeted to commence operations by December 2026

11:00 **Morning Refreshment and Networking Break**

11:30 **Singapore's Rail Expansion and Development Plans**

- Renewing North-South and East-West Lines: replacing earlier generation NSEWL trains with new R151train by 2026
- Construction for Cross Island Line (CRL) – Punggol Extension adding 4 stations and to be completed by 2032
- Update on the progress and completion of Downtown Line (DTL) Extensions, Circle Line Stage 6 (CCL6), and Johor Bahru-Singapore RTS Link
- Mid-life Upgrade of the North East Line Trains: Upgrade to be completed by 2026
- Renewing the Bukit Panjang LRT and Sengkang-Punggol LRT to be completed by 2026

## 12:00 Malaysia Rail Project Updates 2026

- East Coast Rail Link (ECRL): The 665-kilometer line costing RM 50.27 billion (RM 50.27 billion) to be completed and open by 2027
- Perlis Inland Port – Anchoring Malaysia-Thailand rail link in the China-ASEAN corridor: An update on 1.7 kms spur line costing RM370 million functional since 2025
- Regional rail expansion including Trans-Borneo Railway Connectivity
- The proposed KL Singapore HSR under renewed consideration

## 12:30 Vietnam's 2021-30 National Railway Masterplan With A Vision To 2050

- Aims at developing nine new lines and upgrading seven existing lines
- To enhance connectivity, boost economic growth, and increase the railway's share of passenger and freight transport.
- Hanoi is set to develop 14 new urban railway lines
- Major Projects and Initiatives including North-South High-Speed Railway, Hanoi-Halong (Quang Ninh) Line and Hanoi-Dong Dang Line

## 13:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00 Vietnam's High-Speed Rail Initiative – An Ambitious Plan In Pursuit

- Modern North-South line connecting Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City with the estimated cost of \$67 billion, with construction to begin in 2027 and operations expected to start by 2035
- 120 kms HSR linking Hanoi with the northern coastal province of Quang Ninh costing USD 5.53 billion to be operational in early 2028
- Financing mainly through government and domestic and foreign ODA loans

## 14:30 Vietnam North-South High-Speed Rail Planning Connecting Ngoc Hoi Station (Hanoi) – Thu Tiem Station (HCMC)

- 1,541 km rail featuring a new dual-track system of 1,435 mm gauge for up to 350 kph speeds to be constructed in 3 phases
- First Phase (2025-2027) will include feasibility study and the Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) for the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) tender documents
- Second Phase (2027-2035) will include railway construction into three sections: Hanoi – Vinh; Vinh – Nha Trang; and HCMC – Nha Trang
- Final Phase (2035 onwards) will include the completion of project and trial operations, system safety evaluations, and the transition to full commercial operation

## 15:00 The North South Commuter Rail (NSCR) Project: Philippines

- One of the largest and most important infrastructure projects in the Philippines covering 147 kms with a total investment of USD 15.6 billion
- Designed to serve over 800,000 daily ridership with 36 stations
- To become fully operational by January 2032 and partial operation commences in 2027
- Navigating ROW issues and bureaucratic red tape – lessons learnt

## 15:30 Refreshment and Networking Break

## 16:00 The Metro Manila Subway Project (MMSP): Philippines

- \$7-billion subway project financed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- 36-kilometer underground heavy rail line designed to connect Valenzuela City to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Pasay City
- Navigating ROW issues and finally moving towards becoming operational by 2028
- Reducing travel time from nearly 2 hours to just 45 minutes between end points

## 16:30 Panel Discussion:

### Private sector participation and capacity building in railways infrastructure projects

- Right academic and educational partnerships for job creation and trained workforce
- Identifying need ahead of time to serve when required
- Developing local manufacturing capacity to serve requirement through global participation
- Developing bankable projects together with private sector for efficient delivery

## 17:30 Closing Remarks and End of the Conference

# More about the conference

## About Us :

**Bricsa Consulting** takes pleasure in organizing **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Thailand Rail 2026**, a 2-day large scale event scheduled to be held on the **30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026**, at **Le Méridien Bangkok – Thailand**. Thailand is the Southeast Asia's second-largest economy that has a strong domestic market and a growing middle class with a nominal gross domestic product (GDP) of around USD 500 billion. With a free-market economy, exports account for over 70% of GDP. Thailand also has a strong industrial sector (40% of GDP) and a robust and growing services sector (50% of GDP) centered on the tourism and financial services industries.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Thailand Rail 2026 Conference will explore the development of rail infrastructure in Thailand and neighboring countries, focusing on planning, execution, and future expansion. It will explore rail's digital landscape, giving all the dignitaries an opportunity to learn, meet, and be inspired by fresh ideas from connecting rail to a wider network in smart cities to connecting countries from visions of the sector's future to attracting the investment needed to make them a reality.

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## Highlights of the conference :

- Rail Development in ASEAN Region
- Thailand's Rail Transport Push
- Role of Technology in Railway Sector
- Land Transport Master Plan – Singapore
- Philippines DOTr Vision 2030

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This large-scale conference is designed to attract all those who are involved in the development of railways :

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- Railways
- Rail Infrastructure (MRTs, LRTs, Metro, Mainlines, High-speed Rail)
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