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The Sister Agreement between the SCMAGLEV and Railway Park and the National Railway Museum

The SCMAGLEV and Railway Park and the National Railway Museum of the United Kingdom signed a sister museum partnership agreement at the National Railway Museum on Wednesday, May 20 this year.

The National Railway Museum is located in York, a city in the United Kingdom—widely regarded as at the forefront of railway development in the 19th century — and boasts the world’ s greatest collection of railway-related artifacts.

In Japan, the country’ s first railway opened in 1872 under the guidance of British engineers. Since then, railways have continued to evolve, and in 1964 Japan launched commercial operations of the Tokaido Shinkansen, the world’ s first high-speed railway. Railway technology has since advanced further with the development of superconducting maglev systems.

In addition, our company has built a strong relationship of trust with the National Railway Museum through more than 30 years of personnel exchange and training programs with British railway companies, as well as collaboration in exhibitions related to the Shinkansen and superconducting maglev technologies.

Through this partnership between the National Railway Museum and the SCMAGLEV and Railway Park, the two museums will engage in exchange as sister institutions, with the aim of passing on the value of railway technology and culture to future generations and sharing it with the world.

RAILWAY MUSEUM

[Reference] 【National Railway Museum logo】

About the Partnership Signing Ceremony

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 11:35 (local time)

Venue: National Railway Museum, United Kingdom

Main Attendees:

Craig Bentley (Director, National Railway Museum)

Andrew McLean (Assistant Director and Head Curator)

Sarah Price (Head of Locomotion and Public Programme)

Cherie Huang (Senior Global Engagement Manager)

Hitoshi Okabe (Director, SCMAGLEV and Railway Park, Central Japan Railway Company)

Naoyuki Ueno (General Manager, International Department, Corporate Planning Division, Central Japan Railway Company)

Tomoko Oshi (General Manager, London Office, Central Japan Railway Company)



【SCMAGLEV and Railway Park logo】



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