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Developing countries face several challenges. One such challenge relates to rapid developments in technology in transport sector. This necessarily requires training in the skill set of transport professionals. Therefore there is a greater need for cooperative efforts aimed at human resource development. In this regard I commend the work of AITD. The Institute has also helped to establish a forum of chief executives of railways of South and South East Asian countries and Asian Railway Association. I note with great satisfaction that there is close collaboration between AITD and UNESCAP.