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California State Railroad Museum Enters into Sisterhood Agreement with the Railway Museum in Saitama, Japan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Today, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum entered into a sisterhood agreement with The Railway Museum in Saitama, Japan. The formal Memorandum of Affiliation was signed by California State Parks Director Lisa Mangat and The Railway Museum of Japan Director Masaki Oshida during a special ceremony in the Roundhouse at the Railroad Museum.

The origins and heritage of railways in Japan and the U.S. are historically, technologically and culturally linked. Separated by an ocean and located more than 5,000 miles apart, the two sister museums have shared visions to preserve the legacy of the world's railways for a worldwide audience.

"By design and since their very inception, railroads connect people and bring diverse cultures together," said California State Parks Director Lisa Mangat. "We are thrilled to welcome The Railway Museum from Saitama, Japan, as our official 'sister' museum. We share the same mission to interpret, protect and preserve our historic treasures."

The new affiliation will foster a sharing of knowledge, expertise, information on collections, education and public programs, technology, exhibits, best practices and the potential exchange of artifacts, personnel and exhibits of mutual benefit to the museums and their respective visitors.

"This sisterhood agreement will enhance our understanding of railway culture in both California and Japan," said Masaki Oshida, Director, The Railway Museum of Japan. "From its roots in Britain, rail technology has spread around the globe, reaching west to California and the Far East to Japan, developing in differing ways. Now, a new 'sister museum' bond reconnects us across the Pacific! We are honored to be linked with the California State Railroad Museum and its unique collection of American rail exhibits."

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