

## **Outline of Presentation Papers at WCRR2008**

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The 8th World Congress on Railway Research (WCRR 2008) was successfully held in Seoul, Korea, from May 18 to 22, 2008, under the auspices of the Korea Railroad Corporation (Korail), the Korea Rail Network Authority (KRNA) and the Korea Railroad Research Institute (KRRI) with the full support of the country's railway industries. Approximately 800 members from 35 countries participated in the Congress, whose 48 sessions were contributed by a total of 281 theses. The principal theme of the Congress was Towards a Global Railway. About 80 people from Japan attended the conference and RTRI sent 23 members to make presentations. At an exhibition held in parallel, the RTRI ran a "RTRI JR GROUP" booth to introduce advanced technologies using JR group brochures, posters and videos. Three RTRI members also presided over a session each. Mr. Masao Uchida, RTRI Executive Director, gave a keynote speech entitled Technology Innovation and its Implementation around the Asia at the plenary session.