

## **North America Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (NACOTA)**



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Established in January 1996, North America Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (NACOTA) is a registered non-profit professional organization with members from the transportation and related fields in North America and who are interested in the transportation development in China. The main objectives of NACOTA include: Promote transportation development in China by providing technologies and expertise through its members; Strengthen the links between transportation professionals in North America and their counterparts in China; Promote networking among Chinese overseas transportation professionals and students; and Disseminate information on transportation developments and major events in China. NACOTA has approximately 500 members and friends in North America and other parts of the world.

NACOTA is led by its Board of Directors composed of eleven members including the president, two vice-presidents, treasure, and seven other board members. In addition to the board, NACOTA has a total of six technical committees to work in different transportation related areas.

One of NACOTA's major annual events is its annual meeting. Every year during the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in January, NACOTA collaborates with WCTA to hold a joint Annual Technical Symposium in Washington, DC. Experts from all over the world gather at the meeting to discuss development of transportation in China, North America, and other parts of the world.

Also during the annual meeting, NACOTA hosts a reception on the evening of one week day. The reception provides NACOTA members and friends an excellent opportunity to meet old friends; to know new friends; to exchange ideas, to learn interesting projects, etc. The NACOTA annual meeting, including the board election, is also held during the reception.

Another significant event of NACOTA is its joint technical conferences with Chinese co-sponsors. Every year, NACOTA organizes at least one transportation related technical meeting with a different Chinese co-sponsor. The meeting attracts transportation professionals from North America, Europe, China, and other countries.

If you are interested in learning more about NACOTA, please visit its web site at [www.nacota.org](http://www.nacota.org). You are very welcome to come to participate any of the events.