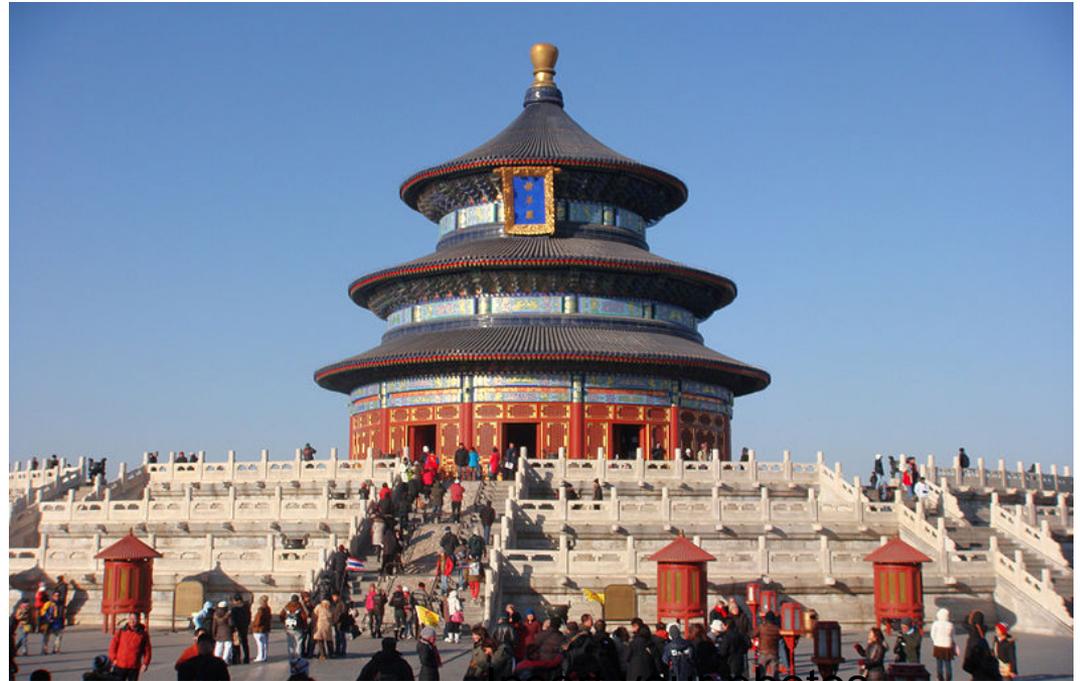




International Programs Overview



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International Division Highlights



- **Official FRA foreign travel coordination**
 - FRA's Annual International Travel Plan
 - FY15's approved plan includes 177 trips with a total cost of \$215,850
 - FRA leadership and staff individual travel plans
 - Required approvals, equipment, briefings and documentation
- **Bilateral agreements negotiation**
 - FRA currently has 9 active agreements
 - 2 new agreements signed in 2014
 - 2 current requests for agreements
- **Foreign visitors to FRA / presentations**
 - FRA hosts over 200 international visitors each year
 - Webinars, VTCs, coordinate with other modes & OST
- **Support other agencies trade missions (USTDA, Commerce)**





FRA Foreign Collaborations



- **International Union of Railways (UIC)**
 - FRA is an affiliate member.
- **European Railway Agency (ERA)**
 - Sets mandatory requirements for European railways and manufacturers in the form of Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs).
 - FRA currently has five areas of cooperation underway with ERA/UNIFE/APTA.
- **The Association of the European Rail Industry (UNIFE)**
 - Represents the European rail manufacturing industry.
- **Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG)**
 - FRA and its Transport Canadian counterparts co-chair the rail sessions.
- **US China Transportation Forum (TF)**
 - FRA meets with Chinese rail counterparts on areas of mutual interest via annual work plan.





International Program Actions



- Foreign rail database information
 - Jane's Railway Information
- Rail requests
 - Embassy
 - Web Inquiries
 - International Rail Groups
 - Foreign Governments
 - Other modes / US Government
- Outreach for collaborations
 - Passenger/Freight Rail Interest
 - Rail Safety
 - Research & Development
 - High Speed Rail Technology



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