Ten New Trains for MTR Service Enhancement

Ten new MTR trains will be delivered to Hong Kong between 2011 and 2012 to enhance train frequency on the existing lines to cater for ongoing patronage growth on the existing Island Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line and Tseung Kwan O Line.

The contract for new trains was awarded to Changchun Railway Vehicles Co. Ltd. (CRC), the largest mainline passenger vehicle supplier in the Mainland of China. “It is the first time that we award a passenger train contract to a supplier in the Mainland. We are delighted to work with CRC to ensure that the best quality of new trains is delivered to support our train service enhancement programme,” said Mr Russell Black, Projects Director of MTR Corporation.

With over 50 years’ experience in the rolling stock industry, CRC has a workforce of over 8,000 staff and runs five carbody production lines for stainless steel, carbon steel and aluminum. Currently, CRC supplies over 80% of metro cars in China, including the new fleets for Shenyang Line 1 and Tianjin Metro. CRC is also the first to develop and manufacture high-speed trains in China. Trains running on Beijing-Tianjin High Speed Line with a maximum speed of 300 km/hr are supplied by CRC.

The ten new trains will be delivered to the specifications which are in line with the current MTR system with enhanced features including the upgraded 22” colour liquid crystal display (LCD) panels, instead of the existing LED display. It would be able to provide the travelling public with train service information, news, and weather information on board. The new digital technology is also expected to enhance information dissemination, and to provide passengers with more up-to-date infotainment during their journeys.

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