

Extension of Hangzhou Metro Line 1 Commences Service

A 5.7-kilometre 3-station extension of Hangzhou Metro Line 1 commenced passenger service on 24 November 2015. Hangzhou Metro Line 1, a joint venture between MTR Corporation and Hangzhou Metro Group, has a route length of 54 kilometres with 34 stations after the opening of new extension.

“Hangzhou is a key commercial hub in the rapidly developing Yangtze River Delta,” said Mr Lincoln Leong, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, “The new extension marks another step forward in the Corporation’s business in Hangzhou and we will continue to work closely with Hangzhou Metro Group, the Hangzhou Municipal Government and the Hangzhou community to provide efficient, reliable and world class metro service to the people of the city.”

“To ensure smooth delivery of the new extension, a three-month trial run was carried out from July to October,” said Mr Jacob Kam, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, “The result was good with approval from the regulatory departments.”

Building on the success of railway operations in Beijing and Shenzhen, Hangzhou Metro Line 1 is MTR Corporation’s third metro investment project in the Mainland. It is a Public-Private Partnership project with a total capital cost of about RMB¥ 22 billion and the railway is operated by a joint venture company named Hangzhou MTR Corporation Limited (Hangzhou MTR). MTR Corporation has a 49% stake in Hangzhou MTR with the balance owned by Hangzhou Metro Group Company Limited. Hangzhou MTR will operate the line for 25 years.

Hangzhou Metro Line 1 mainly runs from the south to the north of the city, with the new extension stretching from the existing Wenzhe Road Station (文澤路車站) to the Xiasha District (下沙區) in the eastern part of the city. The world famous tourist spot West Lake (西湖) is only a 5-minute walk from Longxiangqiao Station (龍翔橋站) and the line passes through the centre of Hangzhou at Wulin Square Station (武林廣場站).

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Photo Captions:

1. Accompanied by General Manager of Hangzhou MTR Mr Frank Liu (middle), Vice Mayor of Hangzhou Mr Xiang Yongdan (left) takes a ride on the extension of Hangzhou Metro Line 1.



2. Staff at the new stations on the Hangzhou Metro Line 1 extension are well set to welcome passengers for the first day of service on 24 November 2015.

