

North Section of Beijing Metro Line 16 Opens for Passenger Service

The North Section of Beijing Metro Line 16, MTR Corporation's fourth metro project in Beijing, will open on 31 December 2016 for passenger service in the capital city. This 19.6-kilometre section of the new line runs through Haidian District in northwestern Beijing, featuring nine stations with a connection to Beijing Metro Line 4 at Xiyuan Station.

"This is an important milestone in 2016 for MTR's growing railway services. We have recently commenced railway service on two lines in Hong Kong, namely the Kwun Tong Line Extension and South Island Line," said Dr Jacob Kam, Managing Director – Operations and Mainland Business of MTR Corporation. "We are honoured to extend our safe, reliable and convenient metro service to commuters in Beijing."

"The North Section is connected to the rest of the Beijing metro network," said Mr Wilson Shao, General Manager of Beijing MTR. "To ensure easy interchange, additional staff will be deployed at Xiyuan Station for the first day of operations to offer assistance to passengers."

Beijing MTR Corporation Limited (Beijing MTR) is a joint venture between MTR Corporation, Beijing Capital Group Limited and Beijing Infrastructure Investment Corporation Limited. The company also operates Beijing Metro Line 4, Daxing Line and Line 14.

The civil construction of the RMB ¥47.4 billion Line 16 is being undertaken by Beijing Infrastructure Investment Corporation Limited. Under the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) arrangement, Beijing MTR is responsible for the electrical and mechanical systems as well as rolling stock which take up about 30% of the project's capital cost or approximately RMB ¥15 billion. As part of the Concession Agreement, Beijing MTR will operate the line for a term of 30 years.

When the remaining section is completed, Line 16 will have a total route length of 49.8 kilometres and 29 stations, stretching from Beianhe (北安河) to Wanping Town (宛平城) and running through three major districts namely Haidian (海淀), Xicheng (西城) and Fengtai (豐台).

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About MTR Corporation

MTR Corporation is regarded as one of the world's leading railway operators for safety, reliability, customer service and cost efficiency. In its home base of Hong Kong, the Corporation operates nine commuter railway lines, a Light Rail network and a high-speed Airport Express link on which more than 5.5 million passenger trips are made on a normal week day. Another 5 million passenger trips are made on the rail services it operates outside Hong Kong in the Mainland of China, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Australia. In addition, the Corporation is involved in a range of railway construction projects as well as railway consultancy and contracting services around the world. Leveraging on its railway expertise, the Corporation is involved in the development of transit-related residential and commercial property projects, property management, shopping malls leasing and management, advertising media and telecommunication services.

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Photo Captions:

1. Xiyuan Station is ready for passengers with a new concourse and facilities to serve as one of the major interchange stations on Beijing Metro Line 16.



2. Alignment of Beijing Metro Line 16

