

Arrival of New Generation Light Rail Vehicle



Two brand new Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) were delivered to the MTR Corporation's Tuen Mun Depot today (28 December 2018).

The new generation LRVs inherit the smart exterior design and colour scheme of the previous generation with sleek front and rear ends, and the driving cabin will provide a wider sightline for Light Rail Captains. The new LRVs will also bring a number of enhancements to passengers' journeys, including the improved LED lighting system to enhance the ambiance of the train saloons, and improved handrail and straphanger arrangements, etc.

A total of 40 new LRVs were ordered in 2016 from CRRC Nanjing Puzhen Co., Ltd., among which 30 LRVs will replace the existing LRVs while the rest will help to expand the Light Rail fleet size to 150 by 2023. The remaining LRVs will be delivered to Hong Kong in batches between 2019 and 2023.

The new LRVs have gone through a series of tests and examinations at the manufacturer's factory before acceptance and delivery to Hong Kong. Upon arrival, they will further undergo a series of stringent testing and commissioning procedures. In addition, they are required to pass the necessary safety and performance tests as well as obtain approval from Government authorities before entering passenger service. The first batch of new LRVs is expected to be ready for passenger service in 2019.

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