



## Review and Prospects

For close to 30 years, planning, design, construction, and operation of the Taipei MRT has involved joint effort by domestic and foreign professionals. During this period, under assistance from municipal leaders and related agencies, the completed network has been expanded to 134.6 km in length. It now carries an average of 2 million passenger trips a day. Taipei MRT is recognized for its quality service, leading the public to request that the MRT extend to farther areas. In terms of overall transport demand and configuration in the Taipei metropolitan area, there is still a lot of potential for increasing MRT development. Facing keen anticipation from the public and policy goals from government officials, DORTS staff remains dedicated to fulfilling the DORTS' vision: "Excellent construction, easy travel in Taipei."

Looking to the future, DORTS will continue to implement second stage construction: the Xinyi eastern extension, Wanda line Phase I, Tucheng extension to Dingpu, Circular line Phase I, and Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport line (Sanchong – Taipei Main Station). In addition, a total of 110.3 km of routes are planned for future expansion, consisting of the Minsheng-Xizhi line, north and south sections of the Circular line, the Shezhi-Shilin-Beitou light rail transit network, the Wanda-Zhonghe-Shulin line Phase II, the North-South line, the Sanying line, and the Ankeng line. Upon completion, the Taipei metropolitan MRT network will extend to more than 270 km and handle an average of over 3.6 million passenger trips per weekday. DORTS is confident that expansion of the MRT will reduce private vehicular traffic and the congestion it brings. As the network provides better transit service quality for Taipei and New Taipei City residents, will improve the living environment and enhance Taipei's position as a leading metropolis.