



A Word from the Commissioner



Enhancing Quality MRT Network Completed Stage by Stage

Significant effort by DORTS contributed to great progress on the Taipei MRT system in 2013. The final section of the Xinzhuang line, between Fu-Jen University and Huilong stations, was inaugurated on June 29. Opening of the entire Xinzhuang line not only provides a convenient transportation option for Sanchong and Xinzhuang residents but also boosts economic prosperity in surrounding areas. Following the Nangang line, on November 24 the Xinyi line became the second east-west route to open for service. It added three new transfer stations to the Taipei MRT network — Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall Station for the Xindian line, Dongmen Station for the Xinzhuang line, and Daan Station for the Wenhua line. These reorganized more routes by color, thereby easing traffic congestion on the Bannan line during rush hour, strengthening overall MRT network transportation benefits, and improving service quality. Thus far, 126.1 km of MRT line (of which 121.3 km are operational) and 109 stations have been completed and opened

to the public.

In conjunction with MRT construction, DORTS has been implementing a joint development (JD) program. Related land development and urban renewal not only yield huge economic benefits but also affect the public's rights and interests and Taipei City Government's image. DORTS has always conducted land acquisition, investor assessment, and rights and interests allocation associated with the JD program in accordance with regulations. However, as time and the environment changed, close supervision by the public led to fierce criticism of regulations and procedures and allegations against the authorities who enforced them. DORTS therefore responded with a comprehensive review of rights allocation procedures followed by the drafting of related reforms.

Providing the public with convenient, eco-friendly, and people-oriented transportation has always been the primary goal of DORTS. The convenience, comfort, and safety of Taipei MRT make it the pride of the nation when it comes to transportation service. After opening of the Xinyi line, daily transportation volume on the full network reached record highs, with an average daily ridership of over 2 million passenger trips on Fridays. With the Songshan line scheduled for completion by the end of 2014, MRT service in Greater Taipei will expand further. Taipei MRT will enjoy greater recognition for the convenient and rapid transit service it offers and for its role in creating a brand new outlook for the Taipei metropolitan area.



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