

News Release

Inauguration of the First Urban Railway (MRT Line 1) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh City Mass Rapid Transit Line 1 (Ben Thanh - Suoi Tien Section), in which Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "NK") has provided the consulting services as a lead member of General Consultant, officially commenced its operation on 22 December 2024.

An opening ceremony was held in Ho Chi Minh City on the same day. At the ceremony, Mr. Naoki Ito, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Vietnam, Mr. Phan Van Mai, Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, Mr. Yuichi Sugano, Chief Representative of JICA Vietnam Office, and many others were in attendance to celebrate the inauguration.

The Project, funded by Japanese ODA loans, is positioned as top priority line among city metro network to solve traffic congestion and air pollution, which are worsening due to rapid population growth in Ho Chi Minh City. This MRT line is the first urban railway with underground section in Vietnam, with three underground stations and 11 elevated stations, connecting Ben Thanh Station in the center of Ho Chi Minh City, to Suoi Tien Station in the northeast of the city, a distance of 19.7 km, in about 30 minutes.

As a lead member of General Consultant, NK has been provided the consulting services for the entire project (civil, architectural, electrical, track, signaling, communications, and rolling stock) since the start of the services in 2008, covering from Basic Design, Detailed Design, Tender Assistance, Construction Supervision, to pre-opening training.

NK will continue to support the safe and comfortable operation of the line by providing Operation and Maintenance Advisory Services to the railway operating company (HURC1) for five years after opening.



Inside Ben Thanh Station



MRT Line1



Bird view of the Ben Thanh Station



Long Binh Depot

▼Overview of the Project

Project Name	General Consulting Services for Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Construction Project, Ben Thanh - Suoi Tien Section (Line 1)
Employer	MAUR : Management Authority for Urban Railways
Service	Basic Design, Detailed Design, Tender Assistance, Construction Supervision, O&M Advisory
General Consultant	NJPT Association consisting of : Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. (lead) Japan International Consultants for Transportation Co., Ltd. Japan Transportation Consultants, Inc. Tonichi Engineering Consultants, Inc., Transport Engineering Design Incorporated South Transport Construction, Investment & Consulting
Duration	Basic Design-Construction Supervision : Feb.2008-Dec.2024 O&M Advisory : Jan.2025-Dec.2029

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