

Press release

RATP Dev and JR East Join Forces for the North-South Commuter Rail (NSCR) Project in the Philippines

[Paris, October 16, 2024] - RATP Dev and JR East (East Japan Railway Company) signed a memorandum of understanding marking the beginning of a strategic collaboration. This exclusive agreement aims to combine the expertise of both companies in preparation for the upcoming tender for the operation and maintenance of the (NSCR) project in the Philippines.

The signing of this agreement continues the long-standing collaboration between the two global railway leaders, both already established in the Philippines. The goal is to support the urban, economic, and social development of the country's most densely populated region by providing faster, more reliable, and sustainable transport solutions.

This trusted partnership between RATP Dev and JR East strengthens an already solid relationship of cooperation and technical expertise exchange for more than ten years.

The NSCR project, one of the country's most ambitious, represents a major opportunity for RATP Dev and JR East to leverage their unique expertise in managing high-capacity networks. This partnership aims to provide a high-quality service, meeting the growing mobility needs in the Greater Manila area.

Henri POTTIER, CEO Asia-Pacific for RATP Dev: *“We are delighted with this partnership, which reflects our shared ambition to transform the transport system in the Philippines. By joining our efforts, we are committed to leveraging the strengths of our two Groups to provide reliable and performant railway services that enhance the quality of life for users.”*

Junji KAWASAKI, Department Director, International Affairs Headquarters for JR EAST: *“We are thrilled that both groups have elevated our partnership and are now beginning to collaborate on the upcoming railway operation and maintenance project in the Philippines, where rolling stock manufactured by J-TREC, JRE’s subsidiary, has already been selected for use. By combining JR East's accumulated expertise with RATP Dev's global experience, we hope to make a lasting contribution to the growing urban rail system in the Philippines, enhancing the quality of life for the local community and its people.”*

Spanning 147 km, the NSCR line extension will significantly improve travel efficiency for residents and commuters between Manila, suburban areas, and Clark Airport, offering a direct and secure rail connection.

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About RATP Dev

RATP Dev is a subsidiary of the RATP Group, global leader in high-capacity urban rail and the world's third largest public transport operator. All over the world, our 23,000 people design, operate, maintain and modernize public transit networks of automated metros, commuter rail, tramway, bus and many other modes.

We have built our expertise in the ultra-dense, constantly-modernized Paris network. Since 120 years, our experts manage complex projects, improve passenger experience, participate in large-scale sport or cultural events.

Thanks to this unrivalled know-how, we serve more than 100 cities in 15 countries and 5 continents. We provide custom-made solutions that meet their specific challenges in terms of the environment, social inclusion, growth or attractiveness.

We build, deliver, and commit for the best of public transport, every day, everywhere, for everybody – to make it the natural choice for cities and passengers.

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About RATP Dev in APAC

Headquartered in Singapore, RATP Dev Asia-Pacific extends its operations to Hong Kong, Australia, and the Philippines. With a dedicated team of nearly 700 employees and a global network of experts, we contribute to the mobility of 500,000 passengers daily across various urban transportation modes. Over the past 15 years, we have built the strongest regional presence and extensive local expertise, enabling us to secure and manage multi-billion-dollar contracts spanning decades, while addressing the region's evolving challenges and driving sustainable growth.

About JR EAST

JR EAST is one of the largest railway companies in the world and a market leader in railway operations, maintenance. Every day, our 44,000 employees manage and operate 11,800 trains across our 7,400-kilometer network, which includes metropolitan, high-speed, and regional railways, serving 16 million passengers. Since our establishment in 1987, following the privatization of Japanese National Railways, we have continuously improved our railways to make them safer, more reliable, convenient, and sustainable.

The JR East Group is developing a variety of businesses overseas, primarily in Asia, such as by supporting the advancing of the Indian High Speed Railway, providing rolling stock and maintenance services for the MRT Purple Line in Thailand, and providing technical support to a railway operator in Indonesia. By taking advantage of its combined strengths in the mobility and lifestyle solutions fields, the JR East Group will deploy railway infrastructure systems that have high levels of quality and efficiency and provide lifestyle-enriching solutions mainly in Asia but also in other regions.

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