

First South Island Line (East) Train Arrives in Hong Kong

The South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)) is one step closer to opening with the arrival of its first 3-car train on 19 February 2014 at MTR Siu Ho Wan Depot.

"We're very excited to start taking delivery of the train fleet for the South Island Line (East). It not only signifies another important milestone for the railway project but also means we are closer to extending fast, convenient, world-class railway service to people living and working in Southern District, not to mention the millions who visit the many tourist attractions on the South side of Hong Kong Island each year," said Mr Jay Walder, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

The train that arrived today is part of a fleet of 10 3-car trains being manufactured for SIL(E) by Changchun Railway Vehicles Co. They will gradually be delivered over the next few months.

"A series of rigorous static and dynamic tests and a 5,000-kilometre test run have been conducted at the manufacturer's factory. The delivered trains will go through repeated critical tests and integrated tests in Hong Kong in the coming months to make sure that the new train fleet is ready to serve on the South Island Line (East) with high performance in safety and operation," said Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation.

The train sets will undergo a series of initial tests at Siu Ho Wan Depot in the coming months and will then be transported to the Wong Chuk Hang Depot from late this year for final testing and commissioning before they start to serve passengers in 2015.

To achieve a higher level of reliability and flexibility in train operations, the SIL(E) trains are designed with a Fully Automatic Operation system, a proven technology widely adopted in metro systems around the world.

The South Island Line (East) is a 7-kilometre railway running from Admiralty to South Horizons with three intermediate stations at Ocean Park, Wong Chuk Hang and Lei Tung. The medium capacity railway will operate trains at a frequency of approximately 3 minutes during peak travel periods. To date, around 60% of the works have been completed.

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Photo Captions:

1. The first 3-car train of the South Island Line (East) train fleet arrived by sea and was offloaded at MTR Siu Ho Wan Depot.



2. The new South Island Line (East) train will undergo the first series of tests at Siu Ho Wan Depot before being transported to its permanent home in Wong Chuk Hang later this year.

