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Japan Transport Engineering Company
East Japan Railway Company

The MRT Purple Line (Chalong Ratchadham Line) Opens in Bangkok, Thailand

Based on “JR East Group Management Vision V - Ever Onward”, and as a challenge to new business fields, the JR East Group is aiming to participate in overseas railway projects.

For the MRT Purple Line Project in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, Japan Transport Engineering Company (J-TREC), a subsidiary of East Japan Railway Company (JR East), has supplied 21 three-car commuter trains. JR East is also providing maintenance service through a special purpose company, Japan Transportation Technology (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (JTT), which JR East established together with Marubeni Corporation and Toshiba Corporation.

This is the first time for Japanese rolling stock to be introduced into Bangkok’s urban transportation, and it is also the first time for a Japanese team that includes a railway company to participate in a railway maintenance project overseas.

The MRT Purple Line will officially begin service on August 6th, 2016, and the “sustina” trains, made by J-TREC, will start operating in Bangkok then. JTT will also fully start its maintenance service.

By providing high quality, flawless rolling stock and maintenance service in the same way as in Japan, the JR East Group will offer safe and comfortable transportation to people in Bangkok. The JR East group will keep making greater efforts in order to alleviate traffic problems in Bangkok, and to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the area.

