

The message from Ambassador Hiramatsu

Right at the outset I would like to congratulate each one of them on the successful completion of this segment of Delhi Metro Magenta Line.

Opening up this section between Botanical Garden and Kalkaji Mandir stations is expected to boost the public transport network in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh and to ease daily commuter's travel. This expansion of the metro networks will also reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Japan is proud to have played a key role in this important project since its very beginning. The Government of Japan is supporting the construction of about 116 km section out of a total of 159 km of Delhi Metro Phase 3, through the financing by Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan, amounting to JPY 276.8 billion.

In addition, Japanese expertise and technologies are being made available to the Delhi Metro, in areas such as civil works, propulsion systems, signaling and telecom, track and project management. The Japanese principles of railway safety management and project management are being implemented in Delhi Metro. Especially, this section will be the first section to adopt the driverless train operation

system; “the Unattended Train Operation (UTO) mode” based on the new signaling technology.

Japan has established a highly developed urban transportation network in large metropolitan areas, and manages these networks with supreme expertise. I firmly believe that Japan’s vast know-how in the arena of public transportation can contribute meaningfully to the efficient running of Metro projects as well as conventional railway networks in India.

I reaffirm our commitment to support the city’s public transportation networks, both financially and technically.

Finally I would like to stress that Delhi Metro is a shining example of the heights that India and Japan can achieve, drawing strength from each other, working sincerely and with commitment.