

Inauguration of the section of Delhi Metro Pink Line between Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake and Shiv Vihar stations, supported by the Government of Japan

On 31st October 2018, the section of Pink Line between Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake and Shiv Vihar (17.9 km), with 15 stations, was inaugurated. This illustrates Japan's active support for the Delhi Metro through Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans as well as Japanese railway technologies and safety management.

The Japanese principles of railway safety management and project management are being implemented in this newly-inaugurated section of Delhi Metro, with Oriental Consultants as the project management consultant. In addition, Japanese technologies and quality control values are also being applied to this section. Mitsubishi Electric is supplying the propulsion system for the rolling stocks, and Mitsui & Co. has been roped in for rail procurement.

Minister Sone attended the inauguration ceremony, along with H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State, Housing and Urban Affairs, and Mr. Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi. The congratulatory message from H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, was introduced and projected on the screen. (Text of Ambassador Hiramatsu's congratulatory message is as follows.)

--- Congratulatory Message from Ambassador Hiramatsu at the inauguration of Delhi Metro's Trilokpuri Sanjay Lake - Shiv Vihar section of Pink Line (Line 7)---

I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations on the successful completion of this segment of Delhi Metro's line 7.

Japan is proud of partnering in the Delhi Metro from the very beginning of the project. Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan covers the construction of about 116 km section out of a total of 159 km of the Delhi Metro Phase 3. On 29th October, I signed and exchanged the notes on an additional yen loan, amounting to JPY 53.7 billion, approximately INR 3,506 crore. Delhi Metro is definitely a symbol of the cooperation and the friendship between Japan and India.

I express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the people who have been

working so hard for the inauguration today.

Thank you very much.

Kenji Hiramatsu

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to India