

Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor

Members of the House of Councillors of Japan visits BKC station of Metro Line-3

Mumbai, September 1, 2024 – Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) organised a site visit for Members of House of Councillors of Japan on Sunday at BKC station of Metro Line-3. The Members of the House of Councillors of Japan, Mr. Kazuhiko AOKI, Mr. Taiga ISHIKAWA, Mr. Kaneshige WAKAMATSU, and senior representatives from the National Diet of Japan, the Embassy of Japan, and Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai and JICA India were present during their visit.

The delegation led by Mr. Kazuhiko AOKI, Member of House of Councillors of Japan was received by Mr. S. K. Gupta, Director (Projects), Mr. R. Ramana, Director (Planning), and Mr. Rajeev, Director (Systems), MMRC.

The delegation was briefed about the project, progress, construction challenges and how Metro Line-3 will emerge as a game changer for India's commercial capital by connecting the unconnected parts of the city and will also help to ease the transportation woes and benefit Mumbaikars at large. The members then took a train ride from BKC to Marol Naka station of Metro Line-3 as a part of their visit.

The Members of the House of Councillors of Japan expressed satisfaction over the progress so far and appreciated that the Official Development Assistance (ODA) has been gainfully utilized by MMRC as Metro Line-3 will help increase mobility and grant easy access to slum areas as well as ease the transportation woes and change the way Mumbaikars travel.

The Govt. of Japan provided ODA in the form of JICA loan amounting to Rs. 21, 280 Cr. (57.09% of project cost). The project is in the final stages of commissioning of Phase-I from Aarey to BKC. The underground metro line spans across 27 stations from Aarey JVLR to Cuffe Parade stations and passes through prominent locations in the city like BKC, Airport Terminal-1 & Terminal-2, Worli, Dadar, Siddhivinayak, CSMT, Churchgate, Hutatma Chowk and Vidhan Bhavan. *(Ends)*

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