

PRESS RELEASE

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Keolis opens its first tram network in China

Following thorough preparations and testing, Keolis, through its Chinese joint-venture, successfully opened its first section of the Songjiang tram line on 26 December 2018 and welcomed its first passengers.

The open section is 13.9 km-long, with 20 stations and connects into Shanghai's existing metro Line 9.

This important milestone reached by Keolis, reinforces its presence in China and its position as a world leading operator and integrator of shared mobility to better support urban mobility needs in China. Keolis pioneered the first automated metro line in Shanghai and will soon add to this, with the launch of an automated metro service at Shanghai International Airport.

The first tram network operated by Keolis in China

After being awarded a five-year contract to operate and maintain the Songjiang tram network in August 2018, Shanghai Keolis¹, the joint-venture between Shanghai Shentong Metro Group and Keolis, undertook the detailed operational preparedness required. This included staff recruitment, formulating rules and regulations, organisational structure, emergency planning, testing of the system and expertise review. All of which led to the successful opening of a first section of the network on December 26, 2018.

Songjiang is a suburban district of Shanghai which counts 1.8 million residents. The initial section of the tram line is 13.9 km-long and includes 20 stations and covers the area from Canghua Rd station in the west to Zhongchen Rd station in the east which serves residential areas and universities. The tram also connects to Shanghai's metro line 9, enabling residents in the area to benefit from an integrated shared mobility network which is efficient and environmentally friendly.

The service is being operated with 15 Citadis trams manufactured by Alstom and these will initially run every 10 minutes from 5am to 11pm. The Songjiang tram is the first tram to be operated by Shanghai Keolis in China.

Following the opening of a next section of the network, scheduled in mid-2019, it will then be 31km long and have 46 stations. In addition, there will be an increase to 30 Citadis trams in total, and with this opening of this section the network is expected to then carry about 170,000 passengers per day.

¹ Shanghai Shentong Metro Group (51%) and Keolis (49%)

Keolis continues to support urban mobility needs in China and reinforces its presence in the country

Shanghai Keolis JV was created in June 2014 and counts as of today around 250 employees. The JV operates the first automated metro line of Shanghai and now a section of the Songjiang tram network. In 2019, the group will launch the new rapid transit metro at Shanghai International Airport and will open the second section of the Songjiang tram.

Keolis world leader in tram operations

Keolis is responsible for 25 tram networks (985,5km of track) around the world:

- 14 networks in France (Angers, Bordeaux, Besançon, Brest, Caen, Dijon, Le Mans, Lille, Lyon, Nancy, Orléans, Paris region, Strasbourg et Tours) ;
- 7 international networks: Aarhus (Denmark), Bergen (Norway), Gold Coast and Melbourne (Australia), Nottingham, Manchester (UK) and now Shanghai (China);
- 4 networks soon to be launched: Newcastle (Australia), Lusail (Qatar), Waterloo (Canada), and in Odense (Denmark).

About Keolis

Leading the way in public transport, Keolis partners with public decision makers to make shared mobility an asset for cities and their communities. Internationally recognised as the leading operator of trams and automated metros, Keolis adopts a determined innovation approach with all its partners and subsidiaries (Kisio, LeCab, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo) to develop new forms of shared and customised mobility, and reinforce its core business across a range of transport modes including trains, buses, cars, trolleybuses, shared private hire vehicles, river shuttles, ferries, cycles, car sharing services, electric autonomous vehicles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is now the leader in medical transport services through the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017 and positioned as the number two car park operator, through its subsidiary EFFIA. The company is 70% owned by SNCF and 30% by the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). Keolis employs 63,000 people in 16 countries and recorded a turnover of 5.4 billion euros in 2017. Today, over 3 billion passengers worldwide have used one of the shared mobility services offered by Keolis. www.keolis.com

**Historically based in France, Keolis has expanded its operations in Germany, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, India, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Sweden, the UK and the USA.*

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