

Press Release

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L&TMRHL WELCOMES FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND DELEGATION

HYDERABAD: L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd. (L&TMRHL) had the distinct honour of hosting His Excellency **Dr. Thierry Mathou**, Ambassador of France to India, along with his esteemed delegation. The delegation included **Mr. Thierry Berthelot**, Consul General of France, **Mr. Pascal Loreau**, Deputy Consul at Bureau de France – Hyderabad and **Mr. Bertrand de La Forest Divonne**, Economic Counselor – Regional Economic Service (South India).

The delegation was welcomed by **Mr. NVS Reddy**, Managing Director, HMRL, **Mr. KVB Reddy**, Managing Director & CEO, L&TMRHL, **Mr. Sudhir Chiplunkar**, Chief Operating Officer, L&TMRHL along with **Mr. SC Mishra**, Managing Director, Keolis Hyderabad.

In a display of innovation and collaboration, L&TMRHL and Keolis Hyderabad, the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) partner for the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) gave insightful presentations on the diverse facets on HMR. The presentations served as a window into the network's state-of-the-art technology, operational excellence, and commitment to sustainable urban mobility.

During their visit, the Ambassador and his team were taken on an in-depth tour of the Hyderabad Metro Rail's crown jewel - the state-of-the-art Operations Control Centre (OCC). This central hub serves as the brain of the entire network, overseeing train movement, passenger safety, and real-time system management. Within the OCC, the delegation witnessed firsthand the advanced technologies employed by the Hyderabad Metro Rail, including Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) – a pioneering system in India. This visit provided a unique opportunity to understand the intricate details of how Hyderabad Metro Rail ensures smooth and efficient operations.

Shared Vision for Collaboration

H.E. Mr Thierry Mathou expressed his admiration for the Hyderabad Metro Rail, stating, *"I am highly impressed by the Hyderabad Metro Rail system. It is a shining example of innovation and technological advancement in urban transportation."*

Mr. NVS Reddy, MD, HMRL, highlighted the potential for future partnerships. "We are delighted to welcome Ambassador Mathou and his delegation to the Hyderabad Metro Rail's OCC. This visit ignites a spark for future collaboration, aiming to exchange knowledge and develop innovative solutions for sustainable urban mobility."

Mr. KVB Reddy, MD & CEO, L&TMRHL, stated, "It was L&TMRHL's pleasure to host His Excellency Dr. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India and his senior colleagues at the Hyderabad Metro Rail facility. This visit emphasizes the growing international recognition of the Hyderabad Metro Rail's control centre as a testament to its technological prowess. Such visits always encourage valued cooperation and association. This visit is a milestone visit for Hyderabad Metro Rail."



Mr. NVS Reddy, MD, HMRL welcoming His Excellency **Dr. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India** to Hyderabad Metro Rail Operational Control Center.



Mr. KVB Reddy, MD & CEO, L&TMRHL welcoming **Dr. Thierry Berthelot, Consul General of France** to Hyderabad Metro Rail Operational Control Center.



Mr. KVB Reddy explaining the various aspects of HMR OCC to His Excellency **Dr. Thierry Mathou**.



Group Photograph - Mr. NVS Reddy, MD, HMRL, Mr. KVB Reddy, MD & CEO, L&TMRHL, along with the French delegation - His Excellency Dr. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India, Mr. Thierry Berthelot, Consul General of France, Mr. Pascal Loreau, Deputy Consul at Bureau de France – Hyderabad and Mr. Bertrand de La Forest Divonne, Economic Counselor, Mr. Sudhir Chiplunkar, Chief Operating Officer, L&TMRHL along with Mr. SC Mishra, Managing Director, Keolis Hyderabad.



His Excellency **Dr. Thierry Mathou**, Ambassador of France to India along with **Mr. NVS Reddy**, MD, HMRL, **Mr. KVB Reddy**, MD & CEO, L&TMRHL, at HMR OCC along with the French delegation.



French delegation along with team HMRL, L&TMRHL & Keolis Hyderabad.

About L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited:

L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited is a subsidiary of Larsen & Toubro - L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited ("The Company") to implement the Project on Design, Built, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis. The Company signed the Concession Agreement with the then Government of Andhra Pradesh on 4th September 2010 and completed the financial closure for the Project on 1st March 2011 in a record period of six months. This is the largest fund tie-up in India for a non-power infrastructure Public Private Partnership (PPP) project.

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