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Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward welcomes the week long test of Taiwan's new light rail system

TramForward welcomes the initial testing of the Kaohsiung light rail system - the first in Taiwan. The new line is set to run on a circular route around the city with a total of 37 stops. Construction has been divided into two phases.

The light rail system has been designed and built by Spanish company Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles, S.A. and runs with no wires above the trams.

New Taipei is also building a light rail system, after breaking ground on the system in Tamsui Township in September 2014.

Jim Harkins of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group Secretariat and Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association's External Relations Group said "The All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group on their visit in 2013, in discussions with the Taiwanese Minister of Transport, advocated that the line should be built at grade (ground level) to enable retail and residential development along the route. It is pleasing to see the Taiwanese government has taken our advice".

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. **TramForward** is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA).
2. The LRTA is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport in urban areas through light rail, tramway and metro systems and has been in existence for more than 75 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail and TramTrain technology.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their areas.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs less than 14p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport museums.
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