

Press release

Happy 120th anniversary to Ding Ding, Hong Kong's iconic tram!

[Paris, July 30, 2024] - The iconic Hong Kong tram network, known for its successful blend of tradition and modernity, celebrates its 120th anniversary. Operated by Hong Kong Tramways, a subsidiary of RATP Dev, the Hong Kong tram is nicknamed affectionately Ding Ding and known by its cat mascot.



Serving Hong Kong since 1904, Ding Ding transports today 150,000 passengers daily in one of the world's densest cities, and is an environmentally-friendly mode of transport. With its fleet of 165 cars, Hong Kong Tramways operates the world's largest fleet of double-decker tramcars in operation – including two antique party tramcars, a unique “TramOramic Tour” sightseeing tramcar, and a one-of-a-kind Tram No.18 for premium social gathering experiences.

In Honk-Kong, RATP Dev delivers localized world-class expertise

With over 120 years of experience managing the ultra-dense Paris network, RATP Group is a global leader in high-capacity urban rail, offering comprehensive A-Z solutions. Our expertise encompasses design, operations, maintenance, asset management and customer experience, ensuring outstanding performance around the clock.

We strive to deliver best-in-class solutions tailored to the specific needs of Hong Kong residents and visitors - and apply the same approach in other major cities worldwide. Our footprint includes tram networks in the USA, in France, Italy and Morocco.

RATP Dev has managed Hong Kong Tramways since 2009, first as a joint venture and fully since 2020.



Since then, we have made it our ambition to offer the greenest, most affordable and most joyful transport mode in Hong-Kong through:

- Making this century-old mode of transport into an iconic local brand, as vibrant as the city itself
- Creation of a control center to regulate traffic and ensure high-quality service in a very dense city
- Rolling out a world-class Electronic Payment System
- Focusing relentlessly on safety and security
- Ensuring the future of Ding Dig thanks to in-house maintenance and manufacturing of tramcars, components and spare parts, no longer available on the global market
- Constantly upskilling our dedicated, locally-trained workforce
- Partnering with local universities to attract the brightest minds
- Improving environmental impact via a tram renewal program that includes energy efficiency - Ding Ding is the first electrical public transport in Hong-Kong history!

Key figures

- Travels / day: 150 000
- Tram fleet: 165 - largest double-decker tram fleet in the world
- Tram system: 30 km
- Devoted workforce: 500 including 270+ drivers
- Tram stops: 120
- Tram routes : 6
- Tram depots: 2

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About RATP Dev

RATP Dev is an RATP Group subsidiary and the third-largest urban transport operator worldwide. Every day across the globe, we oversee the design, operation, and maintenance of networks ranging from automated metros, buses, trams, and other modes of public transit.

Backed by over 120 years of experience operating the ultra-dense Paris network and a diverse portfolio of expertise in various regions and cultures, we offer our clients and their passengers custom-fit mobility solutions that cater to the specific challenges of individual cities.

Our 23,000 employees, spread out across 15 countries in over 100 subsidiaries, are passionate, driven, bold, and transparent in their commitment to transporting passengers every day, connecting communities, promoting smart and helpful innovation, and contributing responsibly to social and economic development.

As public transport is the way forward for the planet, communities, regions and daily lives, we commit every day to better city living.

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