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Incheon Airport maglev line opens

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KOREA marked a milestone in the development of its maglev technology on February 3 with the start of passenger operations on a 6.1km automated line at the country's largest airport, Incheon International.



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The system was co-developed by Hyundai Rotem and the Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials and has only two stations, Incheon International Transport Center and Yongyoo Tourist Complex Station, with trains reaching speeds of up to 110km/h. Services operate at 15-minute intervals between 0900 and 1800 and no fares are charged for travel on the line.

The line was completed in 2012 after two years of construction, but has remained closed to the public for the last four years.

The Won 414.9bn (\$US 342m) project was financed by the Korean Government (69%), the city of Incheon (5%), Incheon International Airport Corporation (19%) and private investors (7%).

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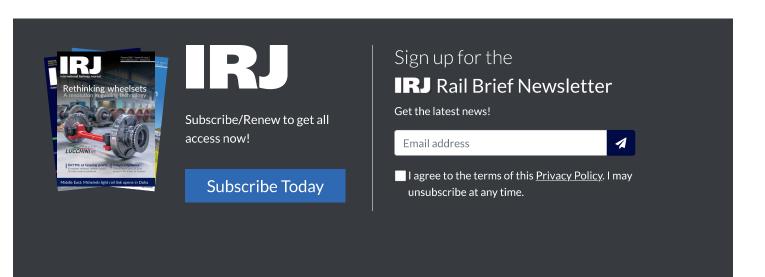
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