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Analysis of urban public transport in Manila

Many large Asian cities recognised early on the urgent necessity of urban public transport. However, there are often considerable differences in the quality with which it is implemented.

In addition to this, the rapid growth in population forces city fathers to give thought to permanent expansion and increases in capacity. This has been the case in the Philippines and, in particular, the capital, Manila.

This mega city has three rail systems run by independent operators, which are not compatible with one another, and which have a high passenger demand.

Up to now, however, the railways have not been integrated into the urban environment, which means that passengers repeatedly have to buy new tickets based on different fare structures when changing trains.

Change of operators imminent

The operating and technical problems are manifold: operator contracts are about to expire, there has been no investment, the city does not possess the necessary know-how and experience to operate economically or carry out maintenance itself, or, in the event, to award contracts for this to companies offering such services.

The priority here is to integrate urban transport operators into the city, which has long been overdue.

Proposals are required

- to improve the connections between the routes,
- for a uniform ticket concept,
- for the systematic expansion of urban rail transport in line with passenger demand in Manila.

Support for pioneering decisions

HC, acting jointly with TEWET, is supporting a potential investor in the search for a suitable partner for the operation and maintenance of a part of the rail system. If the search process is successful, it is planned for HC and TEWET to cooperate on site to implement this.

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