

Ambassador Kusaka's tour of the Gold Coast's light rail network

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On Friday August 7, Ambassador Kusaka paid an official visit to the city of the Gold Coast in Queensland, and was given a tour of the city's tram maintenance and operation facilities. The Gold Coast's light rail network (G:link) was developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract between state and city governments and private enterprise. Two representatives from Marubeni, which took part in the planning process as well as investing in the light rail project, explained to the Ambassador that the number of passengers has doubled the predicted amount (6 million passengers annually since operation began, compared to the predicted 3 million annually) as well as creating a high turnover, giving benefit for all of those involved. The Gold Coast's light rail is a successful example of PPP projects.

