

Launching Ceremony of the first TBM on Bucharest Metro Project

On 9 April, 2025, a ceremony was held to launch the first Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) in operation on the Southern Section of the Metro Line 6 at the future Tokyo Station in Bucharest, Romania. The ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister of Romania, Mr. Marcel Ciolacu, the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr. Sorin Grindeanu, Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Takashi Katae and Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Mr. Özgür Kıvanç Altan, the General Manager of Metrorex, Ms. Mariana Miclăuș and other representatives from Romania, Turkey and Japan.

PADECO has been undertaken consulting services, including basic design, tender assistance, and construction supervision, for the project with ORIENTAL CONSULTANTS GLOBAL CO., LTD and METROUL S.A.

The project commenced in 2007 with the project for Special Assistance for Project Formation by JICA. Its goals are to enhance public transportation services along the route between International Airport to the city center of Bucharest, reduce vehicle usage and mitigate associated environmental impacts. In July 2022, the contract for civil package was signed and implementation began despite facing challenges including COVID-19 pandemic, political changes and funding issues.

The Prime Minister of Romania emphasized at the ceremony that the construction of the metro to the international Airport Otopeni represents more than just an infrastructure project; it stands as a symbol of progress, ambition and commitment to the future of Bucharest. He also mentioned that every modern European capital should have a direct metro link to its main airport, and Bucharest deserves to set an example of modernity. Meeting the public's highest expectations, the project is progressing with the target of opening in 2029.

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TBM cutter head



Prime Minister of Romania, Ministers, Ambassadors and JICA



Ambassador of Japan, JICA representative and Consultants



Pressing ceremony of TBM launching button by the Prime Minister and other representatives



TBM launching Button