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## Izmir Metro buys Chinese trains

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Railway Gazette reported that Mayor of Izmir Aziz Kocao?lu and CSR Zhuzhou VP Mr Fu Jianguo signed CNY 350 million contracts on October 28th 2009 covering the supply of 8, 4 car trainsets for the Izmir metro.

The vehicles will be used on the city's expanding metro network. Line 1 is 11•6 kilometers long with 10 stations and is worked by 45 cars configured as 3, 4 or 5 car trains. Construction of a 5•2 kilometers 6 station western extension to Fahrettin Altay started in May 2007 and further extensions to Bornova Merkez and D E U Hastanesiare are envisaged. An 11 kilometers line will eventually connect Dokuz Eylöl University to Line 1 at Üçyol.

The new 4 car trains will be technically similar to the existing Adtranz fleet with a maximum design speed of 80 kilometers per hour and capacity for 1 000 passengers. The 32 cars will be 2 650 millimeters wide and 23•6 meters long with a welded aluminum body and fitted with air conditioning; half will be motor cars with a driver's cab and half will be non driving motor cars.

CSR Zhuzhou achieved IRIS certification in March 2009. Deliveries will start in October 2011 with all vehicles due to be delivered by April 26th 2012.

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