

Press Release

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New mobility axis with Doppelmayr ropeway Tricable gondola lift opens on Vietnamese island

Doppelmayr/Garaventa and Sun Group, one of Vietnamese top enterprises in the travel industry, have built another high-capacity island link. The new tricable gondola lift brings day-trippers by the shortest route to the popular vacation island Cat Ba. And, once again, Sun Group has earned itself a place in the Guinness World Records with a spectacular achievement: The world's tallest ropeway tower measures 214.8 m (704 ft 7 in). The official inauguration ceremony of the "Cat Hai – Phu Long cable car route" took place on June 6, 2020.

Cat Ba is the biggest island in the southeastern edge of Lan Ha Bay in Northern Vietnam. It is a popular destination for day-trippers and lies less than 20 kilometers east of Hai Phong City, Vietnam's third-largest city, which plays major economic role due to its port. The new ropeway creates a fast connection to Cat Ba, which up to now could only be reached by an expensive speedboat or a time-consuming ferry trip. The "Cat Hai – Phu Long cable car route" is part of the touristic development in the region and contributes to reaching the goal of reducing emissions on the island. When it came to constructing the new link, the Sun Group again placed its trust in Doppelmayr/Garaventa – and together they have built a ropeway of superlatives.

Top comfort and capacity

With a maximum transport capacity of 5,500 passengers per hour and direction, the tricable gondola installation proves its efficiency as a mobility solution. The spacious cabins for 30 passengers each and barrier-free access ensure a comfortable ride for all guests, including visitors with baby strollers, wheelchairs or bicycles. The carriage wheel generator integrated into the carriage of the cabins produces electricity during the trip, which is used to power different on-board functions. The almost four-kilometer route across the ocean enables passengers to enjoy stunning views thanks to the tallest tower rising up to a height of 214.8 meters. This has given the Sun Group its latest world record, which has already been officially recognized by Guinness World Records.

Long-standing partnership

Doppelmayr/Garaventa and Sun Group have designed and built several spectacular ropeway installations in the past years. They provide mobility for visitors of many popular destinations in Vietnam. The world's longest tricable gondola lift connects the islands Hon Thom and Phu Quoc, the tricable gondola lift with the highest elevation reaches the highest peak in Vietnam, Mount Fansipan, and the biggest ropeway cabin in the world can be found in Ha Long Bay. Visitors to Ba Na Hills will also reach their destination in one or another Doppelmayr/Garaventa installation.

Technical Specifications

Cat Hai – Phu Long cable car route

Customer:	Sun Group
Location:	Cat Ba (Vietnam)
Inclined length:	3,864 m
Vertical rise:	3.5 m
Capacity:	5,500 passengers per hour and direction
Carriers:	60 30-passenger cabins
Speed:	8.5 m/s
Trip time:	approx. 8.6 min
World-record tower:	214.8 m

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