

Ningbo Railway Station Welcomes a Unique Blue Train

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At 11:14 on January 20, a Fuxing bullet train slowly pulled into Platform 6 of Ningbo Railway Station.

Unlike almost all- white high-speed trains, it is light blue in colour, standing out in the station. The CR300BF bullet train, a new charming addition to the Fuxing bullet train family, has an adorable nickname: "Blue Friend".

This is the debut of "Blue Friend" in Ningbo.

It was reported that the new-type Fuxing bullet trains will be put into service on the railway linking Hangzhou and Shenzhen, all set for easing transportation pressure in the Spring Festival travel rush. The route also connects Ningbo, Xiamen and Shenzhen.

In terms of appearance, the CR300BF train follows the design of the "Golden Phoenix", also a Fuxing bullet train, adorned with two golden strips from end to end. It is affectionately dubbed as "Blue Friend" by the Chinese netizens for its azure body and type of "BF" (abbreviation of boyfriend).

208.95 meter- long, 3.36 meter-wide(maximum) and 4.05 meter-high (maximum), the CR300BF train is comprised of 8 short carriages. De-



signed to run at a speed of 250 kilometers per hour, it has a seating capacity of 613, among which 48 are first-class seats and 565 second- class seats. When necessary, the CR300BF can be adjusted to the mode of coupled running, doubling its transport capacity.

Apart from free WiFi connection, several temperature sensors are in-

stalled in every carriage so that the intelligent air- conditioning system can make the temperature more comfortable. Besides, 250 displays showing seat numbers are set up under baggage racks that flank the aisle, making it easier for passengers to access and check their seat numbers.

If your train number is one of the

following four (all starting from Ningbo Railway Station): D2281, to Shenzhen Bei Railway Station at 11:25; D3135, to Ganzhou Railway Station at 13:25; D3136, to Nanjing Nan Railway Station at 15:22; or D2282, to Nanjing Nan Railway Station at 18:46, you may have a delightful journey in company with "Blue Friend".

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