

Tour Day 9

Yongchuan Coal Line - Honglu Part 3



One of the bigger bridges on the line near the passing loop on the lower section.



At the far end of the the line, this new loading bin is one of two active loading points on the line. The other is at Honglu.



On the left, the old passenger station at the far end of the line. On the right, the old loading bins which the new one replaced.



The new loco - No. 6 but unnumbered - waits to depart with a post-lunch coal train for China Rail.



The builders plate of No. 6 showing a 2014 build date. It was expected during my 2014 visit.



Loco No. 1 had been damaged in a road crossing accident which required the new loco. It is slowly being repaired having taken 5 years so far.



We were lucky to bump into a mine PR who remembered me from the 2014 trip. She facilitated a visit to the depot where Paul grabbed the chance to cab No. 2 and the rest of our group pose with two of the maintenance crew at the depot.



Rod Smith found a 600mm battery electric in action at the top mine. ©Rod Smith, 2019



This trip would not have been possible without the reports from the man on the right. We bumped into Keiichi Kii at Chongqing North as his group had booked the same hotel as the one we used to meet up with two of our tour members joining us for Parts 2 and 3. My sincere thanks to Mr Kii for making this tour possible. In the middle is his friend Mr Takeuchi.

After an overnight train to Chenzhou in Hunan Province, we are now into Part 2.

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