

Over 100 mln railway trips made during holiday



Passengers queue to take a subway after arriving at Beijing Railway Station in Beijing, capital of China, Oct. 7, 2017. As the National Day holiday draws to its end, Beijing greets a large number of passengers back to work and college. (Xinhua/Tao Ye)

Chinese railways have been busy during the National Day holiday, carrying people to tourist attractions or back home for family reunions before returning to work and school.

People in China have made about 105 million trips by railway since the holiday travel rush started on Sept. 28, the China Railway Corporation (CRC) said Saturday.

The National Day holiday has been extended to eight days this year to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Cake Festival, which fell on Oct. 4.

On Friday, about 12.4 million trips were made, up 8.6 percent year on year, making it the seventh day in a row with more than 10 million railway trips, said the company.

Expecting 13.6 million trips to be made on Saturday, the company said it had arranged 911 more trains to ensure smooth travel.

Chinese railways set a new record in daily passenger traffic as more than 15 million trips were made on Oct. 1, or the National Day, the first day of the

eight-day holiday.

Railways nationwide will serve around 130 million passengers in the 11 days following Sept. 28, according to an early forecast by the CRC.