



Press Release

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### **Public views welcome for Kowloon City Section of Shatin to Central Link**

Public consultation on the Kowloon City Section of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) – the three stations Kai Tak, To Kwa Wan and Ma Tau Wai – begins with a kick-off ceremony today, 17 June 2009.

Following the Government's decision in March 2008 for the MTR Corporation to proceed with the further planning and design of the SCL, the Corporation carried out a series of activities to gauge the views of the public. Having taken into consideration public views and the updated development plan of Kowloon City District, the Corporation has refined the plan for this section of the line to run along Ma Tau Wai Road all the way through Ma Tau Chung Road, in order to better serve the population centre in To Kwa Wan.

MTR Corporation has joined hands with Kowloon City District Council to consult the local communities on the new railway service through exhibitions and forums in the district. Members of the public are invited to provide their views in the coming months.

"We have been longing for a good transportation network with railway service to be extended to this part of the territory," said Mr Wong Kwok-keung, Chairman of Kowloon City District Council. "We encourage members of the public to share your views on the new rail line in the upcoming public consultation, with a view to coming up with a design which serves residents in the areas well and benefits the overall development of Kowloon City."

"We are delighted to work with Kowloon City District Council to conduct the public consultation in Kowloon City District," said Mrs Miranda Leung, General Manager – Corporate Relations of the Corporation. "We encourage the public to give us their valuable views on the new rail line so that we can provide them with a railway service that meets their needs."

Following funding approval from the Legislative Council in May 2008 for the further planning and design of the Shatin to Central Link, the railway project is expected to be gazetted in the third quarter of 2009. The construction of the rail link is expected to commence in 2010, with completion of the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section and the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section planned for 2015 and 2019 respectively.

When SCL is opened for service, Hong Kong's travelling public will be able to enjoy a better integrated rail network with less travelling time. The new railway link will also bring other social and economic benefits to Hong Kong.

## Coming Activities on Shatin to Central Link Kowloon City Section Public Consultation

Exhibition	
Date	Venue
17 June 2009 (Wednesday) – 30 June 2009 (Tuesday)	L/G, Kowloon City Plaza 128 Carpenter Road, Kowloon

Public Forums		
Date	Time	Venue
27 June 2009 (Saturday)	1:30 – 3:00 pm	B1, Kowloon City Plaza 128 Carpenter Road, Kowloon
3 July 2009 (Friday)	8:00 – 9:30 pm	ELCHK Hung Hom Lutheran Primary School 39 Pau Chung Street, Kowloon
10 July 2009 (Friday)	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Notre Dame College 51 Shing Tak Street, Ma Tau Wai, Kowloon

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### Photo caption:

At the Kick-off Ceremony on 17 June, (from left) Ms Li Lin, Chairman of Traffic and Transport Committee of the Kowloon City District Council; Mr Wong Kwok-keung, Chairman of the Kowloon City District Council; Ms Winky So, District Officer of Kowloon City and Ms Maggie So, Senior Manager – Projects and Property Communications of MTR Corporation unveiled the public consultation for Kowloon City Section of the Shatin to Central Link, inviting members of the public to share their views on the new railway service.

