

MTR Board Takes Construction Quality of Hung Hom Station Extension Works Very Seriously

The MTR Corporation updated the public on the follow up action regarding the construction of the Hung Hom Station extension works of the Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”) project today (6 June 2018). As the issue concerns public safety, the MTR Board stated that it takes the matter very seriously to ensure the quality of the construction works.

The MTR Board held a special meeting yesterday regarding the construction of the Hung Hom Station extension works of SCL during which the Corporation’s management presented a preliminary report on the issue. The Board has instructed the Corporation’s management to follow up on the Government’s request to appoint an independent consultant to conduct a safety test to affirm the safety of the Hung Hom Station extension works and submit a report to the Government.

“The Board fully understands the public’s expectation on the construction quality of railway projects. The Corporation will maintain a high degree of transparency to address public concerns and the findings of the report which we will submit to the Government will be made public,” said Professor Frederick Ma, Chairman of MTR Corporation.

“The quality and safety of construction works are very important to the Corporation and we have a comprehensive and stringent monitoring system for project management in place. Based on our experience in railway construction over the past years, this monitoring mechanism has been proven to be effective in ensuring the quality and safety of the structure of our railway facilities,” said Mr Lincoln Leong, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

The Corporation, as the project manager, has a clear division of labour and monitoring work with the contractor. The platform concerned for the Hung Hom Station extension works involves 26,000 couplers. According to the contract and the Hong Kong Buildings Ordinance, the contractor has the primary responsibility of ensuring all couplers are properly connected. In addition, signing-off and confirmation by the contractor as well as MTR engineer and inspectorate staff are required at the hold point of the construction work i.e. before concrete is poured.

“Safety has always been the first priority of the Corporation. We also attach great importance to transparency and if any violation is found, we will handle it very seriously and report it to relevant law-enforcement agencies,” emphasised Professor Ma.

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Professor Ma added that MTR staff will continue with their best endeavours to prepare for the commissioning of SCL.

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