

PRESS STATEMENT

31 January 2019

**MTR Corporation to render full cooperation to the Government's
Commission of Inquiry on the Shatin to Central Link Project**

The HKSAR Government announced today (31 January 2019) that the Chief Executive in Council will consider expanding the scope of the Commission of Inquiry's investigation to cover the construction issues in the connecting structures of the Hung Hom Station extension under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project, including the North Approach Tunnel, South Approach Tunnel and Hung Hom Stabling Siding. The Corporation notes the Government's announcement and will continue to render its full cooperation to assist the Commission in its investigation.

The Corporation would like to emphasise that the quality and safety of railway projects has always been our top priority. The Corporation is very disappointed with the Contractor, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited ("Leighton"), in their lack of documentation and we reserve our rights to take action against them. The Corporation should have done better regarding our vigilance on the contractor and we will implement necessary improvement measures.

In the meantime, the Corporation will follow up with Leighton in relation to the preparation and submission of as-constructed drawings. We will review all documents and records very carefully with a view to taking forward the statutory submission procedures.

We would like to emphasise that there is currently no evidence or sign of any structural issues that may raise concerns regarding safety in these areas.

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