

**First Two 8-car Trains Will Start Serving Ma On Shan Line Passengers Tomorrow**

Train service on the Ma On Shan Line (MOL) will enter into a new chapter as the first two 8-car trains start to serve from tomorrow (Sunday, 15 January 2017). Over the course of this year, the existing fleet of 4-car trains on the MOL will gradually be replaced with 8-car trains to pave the way for the 8-car train operation of the future East West Corridor under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project.

The first two 8-car trains that will commence service tomorrow have completed the dynamic testing on the MOL. Passengers will be able to obtain more updated information during their journeys from the newly equipped dynamic route maps and gangway displays in the 8-car train, which show the train's position and the next station.

"To facilitate dynamic testing, stopping positions for the 4-car trains have been aligned with the 8-car trains since the opening of the extended platforms on 20 November 2016. During the transition period, some passengers may have to walk farther on the platform to board a train and we would like to thank them for their understanding. As 8-car trains are gradually brought into service, passengers will be able to board and alight more easily along the entire platform," said Mr Nelson Ng, Head of Operating – North and East Regions of MTR Corporation.

As both 4-car and 8-car trains will operate on the MOL during the conversion period, tailor-made arrangements are provided at the MOL stations and platforms to enhance communication with the customers. These arrangements include:

1. An enhanced Platform Display System showing the number of cars in the next arriving train;
2. Giant colourful signage on station platforms to help passengers easily locate the queuing zones for 4-car trains and 8-car trains;
  - At the end of the stopping location for the 4<sup>th</sup> car, a brown sign on the Automatic Platform Gates/platform floor indicates the direction of the queuing zone for 4-car trains
  - Between the stopping locations for the 5<sup>th</sup> car and 8<sup>th</sup> car, green signage is posted along the platforms to indicate the extended queuing zones for 8-car trains
3. Additional platform assistants with directional signage to guide passengers to the 4-car and 8-car waiting zones;
4. Station notices and broadcasts to inform passengers of the relevant arrangements.

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The existing MOL will be integrated with the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section of the SCL and West Rail Line to form the “East West Corridor”. Targeted for completion in 2019, the “East West Corridor” will enhance the connectivity of the entire railway network by providing a direct train service between the eastern and western New Territories.

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Photo Caption:

1. The first two 8-car trains on the MOL will be put into service tomorrow (15 January 2017).



2. The new platform display system shows passengers the number of cars in the next arriving train.



3. Colourful signage and platform assistants are deployed to guide passengers to the correct boarding position.

