

PRESS STATEMENT

1 February 2021

**MTR Re-affirms Commitment to Delivering  
the Shatin to Central Link Project**

MTR Corporation notes the release of the Final Report of the Expert Adviser Team (“EAT”) on the Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”) Project by the Government today (1 February 2021). The report noted that it is safe in practical terms to use the related built structures at Hung Hom Station for their intended purposes after the implementation of the suitable measures. The Corporation will review the comments and recommendations made in the report and implement improvement measures on the project management and related fronts as it further proceeds with the SCL Project.

Appointed by the Government in August 2018, the EAT was tasked with conducting a review of MTR’s project management system and recommending additional management and monitoring measures to be undertaken by the Corporation and the Government in taking forward the SCL project. At the same time, the Corporation’s Capital Works Committee carried out a review in 2018 and the Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the SCL Project in 2019/20. The Corporation has supported and cooperated with the EAT during their investigation and preparation of this report and indeed the interim report released in October 2018.

As a result of the several reviews, the Corporation has already introduced a number of improvements in its project management systems. Many of these enhancements have now been incorporated into the Corporation standard project management practices and procedures which will be applied for the conclusion of the SCL project as well as the new railway projects.

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