

**Full Tuen Ma Line Commences Trial Operations
Preparation Underway for Launch of Passenger Service**

Trial operations of the full Tuen Ma Line (“TML”) have begun, marking a major milestone towards the commencement of passenger service which is planned for the third quarter of this year.

“The full TML has moved from the construction phase to the final stage of preparations for passenger services. The TML connects the east and the west of the New Territories without interchange, creating an enhanced railway network with higher accessibility to passengers. We are thrilled to see the full TML coming to fruition,” said Mr James Chow, Divisional General Manager - Project Construction of MTR Corporation.

The trial operations will involve selected non-passenger trains running daily between Wu Kai Sha and Hung Hom stations during traffic hours. Starting from 16 February, all passenger trains on the Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 will progressively run on the new railway section (i.e. between Kai Tak and Hung Hom stations) after passengers have alighted at Kai Tak Station.

Additional station staff will be deployed at Kai Tak Station to provide assistance at platform-level and ensure that all passengers have alighted, before the trains then proceed towards Sung Wong Toi Station. The arrangements will also be publicised in notices and conveyed through public announcements at Kai Tak Station and on trains.

“Our operations staff are fully engaged to serve passengers travelling on the TML during this period. During the trial operations, the operations team will be going through various drills and exercises to prepare for the full opening of TML,” said Mr Sammy Wong, Chief of Operating of MTR Corporation.

With 27 stations spanning approximately 56 kilometres, the full TML will be the longest railway line in Hong Kong upon commissioning. Residents along the line will enjoy enhanced connectivity with the rest of the city’s railway network, using the six interchange stations.

The full TML will extend the existing TML Phase 1, which commenced operation in February last year, from Kai Tak Station to Hung Hom Station to connect with the existing West Rail Line, via the new Sung Wong Toi and To Kwa Wan stations and new SCL platforms at Ho Man Tin Station.

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1. Testing of various railway systems, train services and station facilities is being carried out along the full Tuen Ma Line to ensure the smooth integration of the new and existing railway systems.



2. During Trial Operations, trains will progressively run on the new railway section of the Tuen Ma Line after passengers have alighted at Kai Tak Station.

