

Milestones 2005

January

More than HK\$2 million was raised from passengers and patrons of Telford Plaza to support tsunami relief work in South Asia.



The tender for the Tseung Kwan O Area 86 Package One property development was awarded to City Investments Limited, a subsidiary of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited.

February

HK\$1 million was raised for the Hong Kong Community Chest through Chinese New Year promotion events in our shopping centres.

The Lloyd's Register Rail report on service performance and asset management regime was received, and immediate action was taken to implement its recommendations.

The Concession Agreement for Beijing Metro Line 4 was initialled between the Beijing Municipal Government and the Company jointly with its public-private partnership (PPP) partners.

March

The Company was recognised as Hong Kong's most socially responsible company in a survey of university students sponsored by the Government's Sustainable Development Fund.

April

Co-organised by the Company and the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, the inaugural "MTR Hong Kong Race Walking 2005" was successfully held in Central, raising public awareness of the importance of good health and more than HK\$900,000 to fund programmes promoting healthy living.

The Company's 2004 TV commercial "MTR – Metro News version" was awarded "The Most Delightful TV Commercial Award" at ATV's 11th Annual Most Popular TV Commercial Award Presentation.

Our fifth shopping centre, "The Lane", located above Hang Hau Station, opened for business.



May

The Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wuhan Urban Construction Investment and Development Group Co. Ltd. and Wuhan Municipal Development Planning Commission to explore co-operation opportunities for the construction and operation of metro lines in Wuhan.

The Company's Sustainability Report 2003 was accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Hong Kong with the "Best Sustainability Report Award".

In recognition of its contribution to enhancing the quality of life in Hong Kong, the Company was awarded *East Week Magazine's* "Quality Living Award HK 2005" – Public Transport Category.



The Company initialled the Concession Agreement for Shenzhen Metro Line 4, and signed an MOU to cover co-operation on investment, construction and operation for Line 3, with the Shenzhen Municipal Government.



June

The Government requested the Company to proceed with further planning of, and preparations for, the West Island Line and announced it would begin negotiations on the scope, funding and implementation programme of the project.

The Company won *Next Magazine's* "Top Service Award 2005" – Public Transport Category for the seventh consecutive year.

July

The Company signed a preliminary long-term head lease on the 31,000 square metre shopping centre Oriental Kenzo at Dong Cheng District in Beijing, which it plans to redecorate for opening and subletting in late 2006.

August

Disneyland Resort Line (DRL) commenced service on 1 August.

The Company started conversion of its fleet of 11 Airport Express 7-car trains to 8-car to meet the anticipated increase in passengers following the opening of AsiaWorld-Expo Station.

The Company's service was once again ranked top among local transport operators by the general public of Hong Kong, according to a survey conducted by a political party, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong.

The Company was awarded the PAS 55-1:2004 Asset Management Certification by Det Norske Veritas, an internationally respected certification body, in recognition of its efforts in enhancing its world class asset management system.

September

The Company won the "2005 China National Quality Management Award" from the China Association for Quality, and was named runner-up in the "Robert W. Campbell Award", jointly sponsored by the US National Safety Council and Exxon-Mobil Corporation.



Express Post was launched on 17 September as the only free weekend newspaper in Hong Kong, to be distributed every Saturday morning at MTR stations.

The National Development and Reform Commission of China granted project and Concession Agreement approval for the Beijing Metro Line 4 PPP.

Customer traffic at Maritime Square increased substantially, registering a 30% year-on-year growth since September, thanks to the opening of DRL and effective marketing.

November

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Trial Section of Phase 2 of Shenzhen Metro Line 4 project was held on 4 November, marking a significant milestone for the project.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the International Commerce Centre at Union Square, Kowloon Station of the Airport Express Line was held on 9 November.

To support the International Day of Disabled Persons 2005, the Company offered free rides on MTR and Airport Express lines for disabled people on 27 November.

In support of Senior Citizens' Day on 29 November, free rides on MTR Lines were offered to senior citizens with Elderly Octopus cards.

December

The Company carried 2.81 million passengers on 23 December, the highest number of passenger trips ever recorded on a single, regular 19-hour service day.

Tenders were invited for Tseung Kwan O Area 86 Package Two property development and the package was awarded in January 2006 to Rich Asia Investments Limited, a subsidiary of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited.

AsiaWorld-Expo Station on the Airport Express Line opened on 20 December, providing direct access to Hong Kong's newest and largest exhibition and event centre.

The Town Planning Board approved the mixed-use complex of hotel, office, retail and residential development above Area 56 at Tseung Kwan O Station.



The Ministry of Commerce of China granted approval to the Joint Venture Agreement and Articles of Associations for the Beijing Metro Line 4 PPP.

The project to retrofit platform screen doors at all 30 underground stations saw 18 more platforms completed in Diamond Hill, Choi Hung, Lam Tin, Tin Hau, Fortress Hill, Quarry Bay, Tai Koo, Sai Wan Ho and Sau Kei Wan stations.