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As the Tung Chung Cable Car reaches its final stages, we are turning our attention to Tseung Kwan O South Station and the West Island Line

Hong Kong network expansion projects

Two significant expansion projects were completed and came into service in 2005, with the opening of DRL in August and the new AsiaWorld-Expo Station in December. Construction of the Tung Chung Cable Car is in its final stages, the provision of Tseung Kwan O South Station has been committed, the Government has approved the taking forward of the West Island Line three stations extension, and discussions continue with the Government on further extensions of the network in Hong Kong.



The South Island Line (East) will serve the residents of Ap Lei Chau and Wong Chuk Hang and visitors to Ocean Park



Tung Chung Cable Car

The Tung Chung Cable Car construction continued to progress. Combined with a cultural themed village, the project, branded "Ngong Ping 360", will add a major new tourist destination to Lantau Island accessible from both the airport and urban areas of Hong Kong via the MTR network.

Works on the superstructures at Ngong Ping Skyrail Terminal, Tung Chung Skyrail Terminal, Airport Island Angle Station and Nei Lak Shan Angle Station were all substantially completed, together with the cable car towers and the installation of the electrical and mechanical equipment. All 112 Cable car cabins were delivered to Hong Kong by January 2006. All sections of rope pulling were substantially completed in February 2006, including the first rope pull over the 1.5-kilometre stretch of water in Tung Chung Bay covered by the cable car route. Managed by Skyrail-ITM (Hong Kong) Ltd., whose Australian parent company built and operates the famous Skyrail Rainforest Cableway in Cairns, "Ngong Ping 360" is expected to open in mid 2006.

Airport projects

The AsiaWorld-Expo Station at the end of AEL at Hong Kong International Airport was opened to the public in December. Situated a mere one-minute ride away from the airport by AEL, and with trains running every 12 minutes, the station provides direct access to Hong Kong's newest and largest exhibition centre.

Following the signing in July of a provisional agreement with the Airport Authority for construction of a connection to the Plaza retail development at the airport, fit out works for the second

platform at the departure level of Airport Station are under way with completion anticipated in the second half of 2006.

Tseung Kwan O South Station

Following commencement of the Area 86 property development at the Tseung Kwan O South Depot site, the Company has committed to a programme to complete the station to serve the development by 2009. Detailed design has been completed and construction tenders invited. The work scope will include Government entrustment of the Area 86 Northern Access Road to the Company.

Network extensions under consideration

In February, MTR Corporation submitted to the Government revised proposals for WIL, South Island Line (East) and South Island Line (West).

Under the proposals, WIL will extend the Island Line from Sheung Wan to Kennedy Town via Sai Ying Pun and University stations. Following the Government's request to the Company in June to proceed with further planning and preparation work for WIL, preliminary design work, geotechnical investigation and environmental impact assessment began in October. The line is targeted to open in 2012. Discussion meanwhile has continued with the Government over detailed scope, cost and implementation as well as funding issues.

The South Island Line (East) is envisaged as a medium capacity system that will run from the South Horizons on Ap Lei Chau, via Lei Tung, Wong Chuk Hang and Ocean Park to Admiralty, where it will



