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# "Art in MTR" Exhibition Showcases Diversified Potential of Students with Special Educational Needs at MTR Central Station

Passengers will be able to enjoy a series of diversified artworks in a new "Art in MTR" exhibition near Entrance/Exit J of MTR Central Station from this Sunday (1 October 2017) to 31 October 2017. Entitled "36th Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled Diversified Potential Development Project Art Exhibition", the exhibition takes passengers to explore the world of a group of students with special educational needs (SEN) through their art creations.

Organised by the "36th Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled", the exhibition themed as "Flying High with Art", is divided into four zones to showcase students' artworks ranging from paintings and sketches to ceramics and three-dimensional creations. "The Diversified Potential Development Project' with art as its theme is newly added to the scholarship this year to offer encouragement to students from special schools. Through the exhibition, we hope the public can appreciate the efforts involved in the creation of these amazing artworks," said Mr Daniel Ng, spokesperson of the 36th Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled.

"We are delighted to provide an art venue for the exhibition to support this meaningful cause. The exhibition not only unleashes students' art potential, but also gives recognition to their remarkable efforts on continued learning as well as pays tributes to their teachers and parents who have been supporting them in overcoming various challenges in their school life," said Ms Linda So, Corporate Affairs Director of MTR Corporation.

The "36th Shell/ Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled Diversified Potential Development Project Art Exhibition" is the latest art exhibition under the "Art in MTR" programme under the Community Connect platform of MTR Corporation. "Art in MTR" has been a popular platform for aspiring artists, designers and talented individuals in the creative industries to showcase their works to the community. The objective of this programme is to enhance passenger's travelling experience through easy access to different art elements including live performances, short-term art exhibitions and permanent displays of art pieces.

## **About MTR Corporation**

MTR Corporation is regarded as one of the world's leading railway operators for safety, reliability, customer service and cost efficiency. In its home base of Hong Kong, the Corporation operates ten commuter railway lines, a Light Rail network and a high-speed Airport Express link on which about 5.6 million passenger trips are made on a normal week day. Another 5.6 million passenger trips are made on the rail services it operates outside Hong Kong in the Mainland of China, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Australia. In addition, the Corporation is involved in a range of railway construction projects as well as railway consultancy and contracting services around the world. Leveraging on its railway expertise, the Corporation is involved in the development of transit-related residential and commercial property projects, property management, shopping malls leasing and management, advertising media and telecommunication services.

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#### About "Community Connect"

"Community Connect" is the Corporation's platform for initiatives that aims to support everyone from the young to the old while enhancing the liveability of our city. What all the programmes have in common is that they've been carefully developed to nurture the communities we serve, so that together we can grow and thrive in a sustainable Hong Kong. Specifically,

- We invest in young people as they are our customers, future leaders, innovators, and game changers supporting their development is an investment in our communities' futures.
- We contribute to making cities more connected and vibrant through staff volunteering, and collaborating with NGOs and social enterprises to address evolving community needs.
- We enhance the travelling experience through integrating art into our station architecture and facilitating artists to stage their art-related activities or displays in our stations and malls.

## About Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled

The Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled was established in 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons. Since its inception, the scholarship awards programme has been highly popular among schools, students and parents. Each year, 10 outstanding students are selected for the Outstanding Disabled Student Award. In 1993, the Best Progress Award was established to further motivate students with SEN to achieve improvements. The Best Integrated Student Award was set up in 2001 to encourage students with SEN who are studying in ordinary schools. In recognition of students who demonstrate notable effort in helping students with SEN integrate into school life and significantly foster integrated learning experience in schools, the Caring Integrated Student Award has been established in 2011 to further advocate integrated education. In 2017, Diversified Potential Development Project was brought out to offer encouragement to the students studying in special schools to show recognition to their efforts and to encourage them to further pursue their visions on diversified ability development.

# **Photo Caption:**

A splendid array of artworks created by a group of students with special educational needs are on display at the "Art in MTR" exhibition entitled "36th Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled Diversified Potential Development Project Art Exhibition" near Entrance/Exit J of MTR Central Station from this Sunday (1 October 2017) to 31 October 2017.







