

**2015 MTR and Light Rail Service Enhancement
under Listening • Responding Programme
Major Investments to Renew and Upgrade Railway Infrastructure**

MTR passengers will soon enjoy more frequent services on the Island Line, Tseung Kwan O Line and Ma On Shan Line as well as eight busy Light Rail routes as part of a package of service enhancements to be delivered under the MTR Corporation's 2015 Listening • Responding Programme to make journeys more comfortable and convenient.

Starting from 28 March 2015 (Saturday), a total of 541 additional weekly services will be added on the following MTR lines and Light Rail routes to boost overall carrying capacity by some 420,000 passenger journeys per week:

- Weekdays on Light Rail routes 507, 614, 615, 615P, 705 and 751
- Saturdays on Ma On Shan Line and Light Rail routes 507, 610, 614, 615, 705 and 751
- Sundays on Tseung Kwan O Line and Light Rail routes 507, 614, 614P, 615, 615P, 705 and 751
- Immediate post-evening peak period and weekends on Island Line as announced in mid-March 2015

In addition, more coupled set Light Rail vehicles will be deployed on nine routes - 507, 610, 614, 614P, 615, 615P, 705, 751 and 761P - to provide extra carrying capacity on both weekdays and weekends. (See Annex for further details)

In anticipation of future train service needs for existing rail lines, MTR will continue to invest in the renewal or replacement of railway assets over the next few years to keep the railway operating in good condition and enhance the travelling environment. Subsequent to the HK\$3.3 billion signaling system replacement contract awarded earlier this year, the Corporation is looking at refurbishing or replacing 78 eight-car trains serving the Kwun Tong, Tsuen Wan, Island and Tseung Kwan O lines.

"In the first three years of the Listening • Responding Programme, we have added over 2,400 train trips a week to different MTR lines and more than 200 extra weekly services on Light Rail routes to serve our passengers. In addition, we are undertaking major capital investment projects to ensure that the community continues to enjoy safe, reliable and convenient train service in the future," said Mr Lincoln Leong, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

To maintain the smooth flow of passengers on and off trains, MTR will be adding 300 additional station assistants at busier stations in 2015 and will continue to enhance station facilities, customer service and communications.

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"The refurbishment works at Light Rail Tai Tong Road Stop are well underway to create a more spacious and comfortable environment on the Light Rail stop. This work will be completed in the second quarter of this year. Other station improvement projects at Fo Tan and Mong Kok stations are also making good progress to provide a more convenient and enhanced station environment with improved facilities. A station improvement project at Kowloon Tong Station will begin later this year," said Dr Jacob Kam, Operations Director of MTR Corporation.

Other Listening • Responding initiatives in 2015 include the refurbishment of public toilets on the Ma On Shan Line. A new LCD information display system is being installed on Island Line, Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line station platforms to provide more timely and useful information to passengers. The award-winning mobile app "MTR Mobile" will enhance the point-to-point search function of Train Trip Planner to cover more landmarks along MTR's network and to allow for search by address. For the convenience of passengers, multiple banknote acceptors will be installed on ticket machines at all station progressively, and a new QR code ticketing for Airport Express will also be introduced.

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Photo Caption:

Mr Jacob Kam, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, introduces the upcoming train service enhancements under the Listening • Responding programme. He says the MTR Corporation will continue to invest to enhance services and facilities.



Annex 1

Heavy Rail service enhancements starting on 28 March and 11 April 2015

Effective Date	Line	Day	Period	New Frequency (sec) (Existing Frequency)	Additional Train Trips (Weekly)
10 April 2015	Island Line	Friday	8pm-11pm	213 (250)	14
11 April 2015		Saturday	8pm-11:30pm	250 (300)	18
29 March 2015		Sunday	9am-4pm	213 (245)	31
29 March 2015	Tseung Kwan O Line (Po Lam – North Point)	Sunday	9am-1pm	245 (300)	22
28 March 2015	Ma On Shan Line	Saturday	12nn-2pm	270 (332)	10

Annex 2

Light Rail service enhancements starting on 28 and 30 March 2015

Effective Date	Day	Route	Period	New Frequency (mins) (Existing Frequency)	Additional Train Trips (Weekly)
30 March 2015	Monday to Friday	507	8pm-11pm	8 (11)	240
			11pm-1am	10.5 (13)	
		614	8:45am-4:30pm	14.5 (18)	
		615	8:45am-4:45pm	15.5 (18.5)	
		615P	6:30am-6:45am	10 (12)	
			4:30pm-4:45pm	10 (12)	
		705	11:30pm-1am	8 (9)	
		751	6:30am-6:45am	7 (10)	
			11pm-11:30pm	9.5 (16)	
			11:30pm-1am	13 (16)	
28 March 2015	Saturday	507	8:45am-5pm	7.5 (8)	118
			8pm-11pm	9 (11)	
			11pm-1am	11 (13)	
		610	11pm-11:30pm	11.5 (14.5)	
		614	8:45am-8pm	12.5 (16.5)	
			8pm-10:30pm	16 (18.5)	
		615	6:30am-7am	12 (16)	
			7am-8:45am	12 (13.5)	
			8:45am-5pm	15.5 (16.5)	
			8pm-10:30pm	16 (18.5)	

Effective Date	Day	Route	Period	New Frequency (mins) (Existing Frequency)	Additional Train Trips (Weekly)
28 March 2015	Saturday	705	6:30am-8:30am	4.5 (5.5)	118
			8:30am-5:00pm	5.5 (6.5)	
			8pm-11:30pm	5.5 (7)	
			11:30pm-1am	8 (9)	
		751	6:30am-6:45am	7 (10)	
			8pm-11:30pm	9.5 (10.5)	
			11:30pm-1am	13 (16)	
29 March 2015	Sunday	507	6:30am-11am	9 (10.5)	88
			11pm-1am	10.5 (13)	
		614	9:30am-8pm	12.5 (15.5)	
			8pm-10:30pm	15 (16.5)	
		614P	6:30am-11am	12.5 (16)	
		615	9:30am-8pm	13.5 (16)	
		615P	6:30am-11am	12.5 (16)	
		705	9:30am-10:30am	5 (7)	
			10:30pm-1am	8 (9)	
		751	9:30am-10:30am	7 (9.5)	
			11pm-1am	13 (16)	

At the same time, more coupled set Light Rail vehicles will run on nine routes - 507, 610, 614, 614P, 615, 615P, 705, 751 and 761P - to offer additional carrying capacity.