

**Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam Visits MTR Crossrail in London**

Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mrs Carrie Lam visited the offices of MTR Crossrail in London on 20 September 2017 to learn more about the latest progress of the MTR Corporation's railway operations in Europe and future business opportunities.

Accompanied by MTR Chairman Professor Frederick Ma and Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Mr Edward Yau, Mrs Lam met with management representatives and staff of MTR Crossrail, including trainee drivers, as they prepare to expand services for the future Elizabeth Line next year.

"We were very pleased to have this opportunity to update the Chief Executive on the latest progress and achievements of our European railway business and how MTR is bringing our Hong Kong core values and continuous improvement culture to our hubs. We are proud to be able to show her how a home-grown Hong Kong company is transferring its experience and expertise to London and other cities around the world to enhance railway operations and customer service," said Professor Ma.

MTR Crossrail, a wholly owned subsidiary of MTR Corporation, currently operates TfL Rail services on a 32.5-km route between Liverpool Street Station and Shenfield as the first phase in the Crossrail operating concession. The next phase providing service between Paddington Station and Heathrow Airport will open in May 2018. The line will eventually extend for 118-km from east to west across London and will be renamed as the Elizabeth Line, in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, when the newly built central London underground section opens in December 2018.

In the UK, MTR also operates the South Western Railway service through a joint venture franchise with FirstGroup which commenced on 20 August 2017. MTR also has an extensive presence in Sweden where it is the largest railway operator in terms of passenger volume, carrying more than 1.6 million passenger journeys a day on the Stockholm metro and Stockholm commuter rail networks, as well as the MTR Express intercity service between Stockholm and Gothenburg.

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## 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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Photo captions:

1. Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mrs Carrie Lam is greeted on her arrival at MTR Crossrail's offices in London by Chairman of MTR Corporation Professor Frederick Ma (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Legal & European Business Director Ms Gill Meller (1<sup>st</sup> right) and CEO – European Business Mr Jeremy Long (middle). Mrs Lam was accompanied by Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Mr Edward Yau (1<sup>st</sup> left).



2. Accompanied by Chairman of MTR Corporation Professor Frederick Ma, Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam is shown a simulator kit which introduces MTR Crossrail's trainee drivers to concepts of track layout and signalling systems.

