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**New “Art in MTR” Exhibition Spreads the Message of Love
Through Paintings and Photos by Talented Lady with Autism**

Love can overcome hurdles and break through limitations. Starting from today (11 October 2017) to 8 January 2018, customers passing through MTR Sheung Wan and Sai Wan Ho stations can enjoy 16 inspiring and touching photos and watercolour paintings by Ms Chang Man-yan. Diagnosed with autism when she was one year old, Ms Chang aims to promote love and equality, and to give hope to those with special needs through her works displayed at the “Art in MTR” exhibition entitled “Love Light Me Up”.

“Sitting still to draw is easy for most people. But it took me many years to achieve this after various treatments and training. Since then, I have discovered my interests in photography and painting. I definitely hope the public will, through the feelings I shared in my artworks, gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and feelings of those with autism,” said Ms Chang. “The unconditional love and encouragement from my parents and those who have shown their love and support, act as a shining star guiding my path,” she added.

“By showcasing Ms Chang’s passion for the arts, we hope to expose the talents of people with special needs, who deserve the respect, love, attention and opportunities as everyone else in the society,” said Ms Linda So, Corporate Affairs Director of MTR Corporation.

MTR Corporation offers space at different MTR stations for temporary art exhibitions under the “Art in MTR” programme to promote artistic talent and the public’s appreciation of art. Interested artists and organisations may call the MTR Hotline on 2881 8888 to enquire, or submit their proposals directly to the MTR Corporation.

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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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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.

Photo Caption:

Ms Chang Man-yan expresses her gratitude to those who have given her encouragement through her artworks at the “Art in MTR” exhibition entitled “Love Light Me Up” which is being staged at MTR Sheung Wan and Sai Wan Ho stations from today (11 October 2017) to 8 January 2018.

