

PR116/17
21 December 2017**Production and Testing Completed
for the First of the 93 New Urban Lines Trains**

A ceremony was held today (21 December 2017) in Qingdao to mark the completion of testing of the first 8-car train of the 93 new trains procured by the MTR Corporation to replace existing trains operating on the Kwun Tong, Tsuen Wan, Island and Tseung Kwan O lines.

To maintain high quality railway service for customers and as part of its long-term asset renewal strategy, after a rigorous tendering process, the Corporation awarded a HK\$6 billion contract in July 2015 to CRRC Qingdao Sifang Co., Ltd. (CRRC Sifang) to produce 93 new trains to replace those currently running on the four urban lines.

These trains are equipped with advanced operating systems and a number of new features in the passenger compartments including improved lighting systems, new dynamic route maps and double branched handrails. They are also compatible with the new signalling system which is being installed on Hong Kong's urban rail lines.

"We are looking forward to the delivery of the new trains to further enhance the travelling experience of our customers. I would also like to express my gratitude to our engineering staff who have been stationed at the factory since the commencement of production to work with CRRC Sifang in ensuring that the quality of our new trains is of a world class standard," said Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, at the ceremony to mark the production milestone.

The first new train is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong in early 2018 while the remaining trains will arrive in batches between 2018 and 2023. Upon arrival, the trains will undergo stringent testing and commissioning procedures before they put into service.

- End -

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.

For more information about MTR Corporation, please visit www.mtr.com.hk.

Photo captions:

1. (From left to right) Mr Ma Yunshuang, President of CRRC Qingdao Sifang Co., Ltd., Mr Lou Qiliang, Vice President of CRRC Corporation Limited, Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, Mr Wang Zhendong, Deputy Director of General Office of the People's Government of Qingdao Municipality and Mr Zhang Zaizhong, Board Chairman of CRRC Qingdao Sifang Co., Ltd. officiate at a celebration ceremony to mark the completion of the first new 8-car train for MTR's Hong Kong urban lines.



2. The officiating guests ride on one of MTR's new trains at the Qingdao Sifang production facility to have a first-hand experience at the new design features.

