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8 February 2018**MTR Extends Festive Joy by
Providing 983 Additional Train Trips During Lunar New Year**

The MTR Corporation is celebrating the arrival of the Year of the Dog with passengers by providing an extra 983 train trips during the festive holidays for their travel convenience as they prepare for and welcome the start of the Lunar New Year. Train services will be strengthened starting from the afternoon of Lunar New Year's Eve (15 February 2018).

In addition, trains will be operated overnight on Lunar New Year's Eve on most MTR lines and Light Rail routes for the convenience of members of the public who wish to stay out late to welcome the Year of the Dog (Please see annex for details).

Holders of "Year of the Dog" Commemorative Tickets are reminded that they can enjoy unlimited rides around town on the MTR network (except Airport Express, East Rail Line First Class, and journeys to or from Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau and Racecourse stations) by using the special edition tickets on the first day of the Lunar New Year (16 February 2018).

"We wish our passengers an auspicious and prosperous Year of the Dog. During the festive season, MTR staff will continue to provide safe and convenient train services to facilitate the community's holiday celebrations. As Lunar New Year is an important occasion for family gatherings and meeting friends, we hope MTR train service will connect everyone with those who are close to their heart," said Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director of MTR Corporation.

MTR Corporation would also like to remind members of the public not to fly sky lanterns or remote-controlled drones in areas near overground sections of the railway network while celebrating the Lunar New Year. Passengers with floating LED balloons are also advised that they will be turned away from the MTR system as these objects, which could be explosive, pose a risk to passenger safety and safe railway operations.

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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.

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

MTR Train Service Enhancements during Lunar New Year Period

Lunar New Year's Eve (15 February 2018)

	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	8:00 pm to 12:30 am	Additional Trips (Daily)
Island Line	2.1 minutes	3.6 minutes	74
Tsuen Wan Line	2 minutes		70
Kwun Tong Line (Tiu Keng Leng – Ho Man Tin) (Tiu Keng Leng – Whampoa)	2.3 minutes 4.7 minutes	-- 3.6 minutes	52
	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	8:00 pm to 12:30 am	Additional Trips (Daily)
Tseung Kwan O Line (North Point – Tseung Kwan O) (North Point – Po Lam) (North Point – LOHAS Park) (Tiu Keng Leng – LOHAS Park)	2.2 minutes 2.5 / 4 minutes 6.7 minutes --	-- 4.1 minutes -- 12 minutes	65
	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	10:00 pm to 12:30 am	Additional Trips (Daily)
South Island Line	3.3 minutes	--	10
Tung Chung Line (Hong Kong – Tsing Yi) (Hong Kong – Tung Chung)	3 – 5 minutes 4 – 8 minutes	-- 8 minutes	17

	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
East Rail Line (Hung Hom – Sheung Shui) (Hung Hom – Lo Wu) (Hung Hom – Lok Ma Chau)	4 – 8 minutes 6 – 8 minutes 10 – 12 minutes	5
	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
West Rail Line	3.5 minutes	12
	4:30 pm to 5:40 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Ma On Shan Line	4 minutes	10

**MTR Overnight Service on Lunar New Year's Eve
(Straddling Thursday to Friday, 15 to 16 February 2018)**

	12:30 am to 2:30 am	2:30 am to 3:30 am	3:30 am to 6:00 am
Island Line	5 minutes	8 minutes	10 minutes
Tsuen Wan Line			
Kwun Tong Line			
Tseung Kwan O Line (North Point – Po Lam) (Tiu Keng Leng – LOHAS Park)	5 minutes 12 minutes	8 minutes 12 minutes	10 minutes 15 minutes
South Island Line	6 minutes	8 minutes	10 minutes

	12:30 am to 2:00 am	2:00 am to 6:00 am
Tung Chung Line	8 minutes	12 minutes

	12:30 am to 1:30 am	1:30 am to 3:00 am	3:00 am to 5:30 am
East Rail Line* (Hung Hom – Sheung Shui)	7 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes
West Rail Line			
	12:30 am to 2:00 am	2:00 am to 3:30 am	3:30 am to 5:30 am
Ma On Shan Line	6.5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

* Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations would be closed at the normal time

Disneyland Resort Line

Disneyland Resort Line will close as usual at 12:45am on Lunar New Year's Eve.

Airport Express

Early train service will be provided and the service will operate according to its normal schedule for the rest of the day.

Light Rail

To provide greater convenience to West Rail Line passengers and residents of the Northwest New Territories, Light Rail routes 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 705, 706, 751 & 761P will operate throughout the night at 13 to 22-minute intervals.

MTR Bus

MTR Bus routes K51, K73 and 506 feeding to West Rail Line will extend service to 2:00am with buses running at 10 to 15-minute intervals.

1st Day of Lunar New Year - Night Parade (16 February 2018)

	8:30 pm to 11:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Tsuen Wan Line	3.6 minutes	28

	8:30 pm to 11:30 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
West Rail Line	4 minutes	40

2nd Day of Lunar New Year - Fireworks Display (17 February 2018)

	8:00 pm to 10:30 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Island Line	3 minutes	40

	8:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Tsuen Wan Line	3 minutes	50
Kwun Tong Line	3.6 minutes	10

	8:30 pm to 11:30 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
West Rail Line	4 minutes	40

Disneyland Resort Line

Period	12:00 noon to 1:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
16 to 25 February 2018	5 minutes	46

Airport Express

For the convenience of those travelling overseas, Airport Express service will be enhanced as follows:

	Service Details
13 to 15 February 2018	The first train departs from Hong Kong Station at 5:00 am (50 minutes earlier than normal service) and at 5:26 am from AsiaWorld-Expo Station.
19 and 25 February 2018	The last train departs from AsiaWorld-Expo Station (via Airport Station) at 1:25 am (40 minutes later than normal service)

Points to note:

Passengers are recommended to use Octopus when travelling on the MTR during the holidays. Single Journey Ticket users are advised to purchase two tickets at their originating station, keeping one ticket for their return journey to avoid long queues.

In order to ensure smooth passenger flow in spite of an anticipated increase in passengers, special crowd control arrangements will be implemented at busy stations such as Wong Tai Sin, Admiralty, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, Tin Hau, Prince Edward, Jordan, Tsim Sha Tsui and East Tsim Sha Tsui during Lunar New Year period. Passengers are reminded to follow the advice of station staff and the Police.

To ensure safe and efficient service, the MTR reminds passengers not to bring floating LED balloons or inflammable materials into MTR premises.