

**Express Rail Link entered into trial operations today**

The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (“Express Rail Link”) has entered into Trial Operations today (1 April 2018). The Trial Operations covers run-in of various train services and station facilities systems, such as signaling system and ticketing system, and staff familiarization of various systems will be commenced. Drills and exercises on railway services will also be conducted during the Trial Operations, and some involve with external authorities. The Trial Operations starts with series of activities on interfaces with Mainland networks, such as on integrated time-tables for trains running. The trains running and reliability run will be launched in stages, with no passengers in trains.

Satisfactory completion of the Trial Operations, the Line will be declared ready for operation. The passenger service is expected to commence by the third quarter of this year.

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