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Joey Wong (JW) Partners with Youth Band "VIRT" to Kick Off "Uth Live Saturdays" at MTR Hong Kong Station

A top local band, a dance troupe and two "a cappella" groups unleashed full potential of youth at the Living Art Stage in Hong Kong Station today (28 July 2018) to kick off the MTR Corporation's new initiative "Uth Live Saturdays". The event began with the melodious vocals of singer Joey Wong (JW) accompanied by the champion of the Hong Kong Asia Pacific Youth Band Sound Competition -- "VIRT" from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Beatboxer FATKING and "Passingers@Hong Kong Melody Makers" jointly gave a refreshing mix-and-match performance to integrate beatboxing with a cappella, while "Mosaic" from the University of Hong Kong sang in tune together to create a joyful and harmonic atmosphere. A hip-hop dance performance by "Danso for life" from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education brought Hong Kong Station to life and delighted passengers passing through the Central Subway.

"MTR Corporation is committed to promoting arts and culture. We are excited to have various outstanding performance teams, including JW and VIRT to kick off the new Uth Live Saturdays initiative, which aims to transform our station into a fun-filled and energetic performing stage for young people to show their talent every Saturday," said Ms Linda So, Corporate Affairs Director of MTR Corporation.

"Uth Live Saturdays" aims to foster the development of performing arts amongst students by providing a regular platform at the Living Art Stage in Hong Kong Station for music, dance and percussion performances. MTR Corporation collaborates with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to invite youth teams to promote performing arts in the community every Saturday afternoon.

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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 5.8 million passenger trips are made on a normal week day. Another 6.5 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 <u>www.mtr.com.hk</u>.

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 artrelated activities or displays in our stations and malls.

Photo captions:

1. Ms Linda So, Corporate Affairs Director of MTR Corporation (back row, sixth right), singer JW (back row, seventh right), beatboxer FATKING (back row, seventh left) and various youth performing groups kick off the new "Uth Live Saturdays" initiative at Living Art Stage in Hong Kong Station.



2. Live music jam session by singer JW and youth band "VIRT" from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.



3. A fresh mix of a cappella singing and beatboxing by "Passingers@HKMM" and local beatboxer FATKING.



4. "Mosaic" from the University of Hong Kong created a joyful and harmonic atmosphere through music.



5. "Danso for life" from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education energised the passengers with hip-hop dance.

