

Chief Executive Announces the Commissioning of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section)

Following the Opening Ceremony for Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) ("HSR") jointly officiated by Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mrs Carrie Lam and Governor of Guangdong Province Mr Ma Xingrui at Hong Kong West Kowloon Station ("WEK") today (22 September 2018), the new cross-boundary railway will commence passenger service tomorrow (23 September 2018), with the first train departing for Shenzhenbei Station at 7am. It will open a new chapter of the city's cross-boundary travel, benefiting leisure and business travelers and strengthening cultural and economic connections between Hong Kong and the Mainland of China.

Upon commencement of passenger service tomorrow (23 September 2018), the 26-km HSR operated by MTR Corporation will connect to the extensive national high speed rail network with a total length of over 25,000 km to date.

Speaking at today's ceremony, Professor Frederick Ma, Chairman of MTR Corporation, said the launch of HSR was a historic occasion for Hong Kong, "This is one of Hong Kong's most important infrastructure projects since 1997. Upon the commencement of passenger service, we open up a new chapter for Hong Kong and generate immense opportunities for Hong Kong people. MTR is honoured to be able to participate in this great project and make history together with the Hong Kong people."

"Upon the completion of the High Speed Rail project, the duty of MTR as the Project Manager will come to an end. However, at the same time, the MTR operations team will take up its important task. We understand that the government and fellow citizens will have great expectation of us. We are committed to providing safe, reliable and comfortable High Speed Rail services to our customers," Prof Ma added.

Joining today's ceremony were about 400 guests, including representatives from relevant Central People's Government ministries, Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government, local community and business leaders, and representatives from the tourism sector. After the ceremony, they joined the officiating guests on a special Vibrant Express train to Guangzhounan Station to enjoy the comfort and convenience of HSR.

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During the initial phase of operation, HSR services from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station will connect to 44 destinations including six short-haul stations at Futian, Shenzhenbei, Guangmingcheng, Humen, Qingsheng and Guangzhounan on the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High Speed Rail route, and the 38 mid- to long-haul destinations such as Beijing, Shanghai, Kunming, Guilin, Guiyang, Shijiazhuang, Zhengzhou, Wuhan, Changsha, Hangzhou, Nanchang, Fuzhou, Xiamen and Shantou.

On the first service day, special arrangements have been made to open Entrance D of Hong Kong West Kowloon Station earlier at 5:00am, whereas other entrances will open at 5:10am.

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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.

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Photo Captions:

1. The Opening Ceremony of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) was held today and marks a new milestone for Hong Kong's cross-boundary travel. The officiating guests included (from left) Professor Frederick Ma, Chairman of MTR Corporation; Mr Wang Weizhong, Secretary of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee; Mr Xie Feng, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR; Mr Wang Zhimin, Director of Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR; Mr Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Mr Ma Xingrui, Governor of Guangdong Province; Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Mr Tung Chee-hwa, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Mr Zhang Xiaoming, Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council; Mr Lu Dongfu, General Manager of China Railway Corporation; Lieutenant General Tan Benhong, Commander of the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison and Mr Frank Chan, Secretary for Transport and Housing,



2. More than 400 guests joined the officiating guests to experience the convenient and comfortable HSR service.

