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14 November 2018**MTR Promotes Railway Safety through Elderly Programme
and Offers Free Journeys on Senior Citizen's Day**

As a token of appreciation to the city's senior citizens, MTR Corporation will continue to support the Senior Citizen's Day (18 November 2018) by offering free rides on the MTR¹, Light Rail and MTR Bus to Elder Octopus cardholders aged 65 or above. No fare will be deducted when they use their Elder Octopus for MTR journeys that day.

To enjoy the free rides on the MTR on 18 November 2018, Elder Octopus cardholders can simply enter and exit through the ticket gates with their Octopus. For details, please call the MTR hotline at 2881 8888.

In addition, the Corporation joined Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Radio 5 to launch its annual Elderly Programme today (14 November 2018). 100 senior citizens participated in the kick-off event to learn about safety tips when riding on MTR and using escalators through a series of interactive games with popular artistes, including Ms Lily Leung, Mr William Hu, Ms Rita Maria Carpio, Mr Alfred Hui, Ms Joyce Cheng, Ms Jinny Ng, Ms Sukie S, Mr Jonathan Wong and Ms Hana Tam. Afterwards, they were taken on a tour to Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to find out more about the High Speed Rail service. Apart from today's event, a series of posters illustrating safety tips are being on display in the MTR network.

"Passengers' cooperation is indispensable for maintaining a safe travelling environment. As accidents relating to escalators and platform gaps remain the most common types of accidents, we would like to once again remind all passengers to stay vigilant when using escalators or getting on and off the train," said Mr Francis Li, Chief of Operating – High Speed Rail of MTR Corporation.

Mr Andy Chan, Head of RTHK Radio 5 said, "We are pleased to once again work with MTR Corporation in presenting the annual Elderly Programme to our audience. It is a pleasure to see the seniors enjoying the nice environment at the newly opened Hong Kong West Kowloon Station. We also encourage seniors to take advantage of the free ride offer on the coming Senior Citizen's Day to visit Hong Kong's newest landmark and explore the beauty of our city."

Remarks:

¹The free ride offer is not applicable to Airport Express or journeys to or from Lo Wu or Lok Ma Chau stations. Passengers travelling on the East Rail Line First Class will be charged the First Class Premium.

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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, an Airport Express link as well as a new High Speed Rail service connecting Hong Kong to the Mainland of China that was launched in September 2018. These services carry about 5.8 million passenger trips on a normal week day. Another 6.5 million passenger trips are made on the rail services MTR 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. MTR Corporation supports Senior Citizen's Day on 18 November 2018 by offering free rides on MTR, Light Rail and MTR Bus to Elder Octopus cardholders aged 65 and above.



2. (From right) Mr Francis Li, Chief of Operating – High Speed Rail of MTR Corporation, together with popular artistes Mr Jonathan Wong, Ms Hana Tam, Ms Sukie S, Ms Joyce Cheng, Ms Jinny Ng, Ms Rita Maria Carpio, Ms Lily Leung, Mr William Hu and Mr Alfred Hui share tips on railway safety with senior passengers.



3. Artistes supporting the Elderly Programme visit the new Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and learn about the High Speed Rail service at the High Speed Rail Visitors' Centre.



4. Apart from various safety tips, popular artistes also give an impressive music performance to the seniors.

