

High Speed Rail Services to be Enhanced with 14 Additional Mainland Destinations Added

The MTR Corporation is pleased to announce that with effect from 10 July 2019, the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (“HSR”) service between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (“WEK”) and the Mainland will be enhanced, with the total number of long haul train pairs to be increased from the existing 13 to 17 every day, and the number of all destinations connected by HSR to be increased from the existing 44 to 58.

Four new HSR long haul train pairs heading to Chongqing, Nanning, Tianjin and Zhaoqing will replace four existing short haul train pairs; but will also stop at intermediate stations between WEK and Guangzhounan Station. Besides, one of the five existing train pairs which terminate at Chaoshan Station will extend its service to Shantou Station. (Please see Annex for details of the latest HSR train service enhancement) For the latest train schedule and fare table, please refer to the following links:

<https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/ticket/timetable.html>

<https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/res/pdf/hkd-implemented-fare-chart-tc.pdf>

The HSR provides cross-boundary train services connecting Hong Kong to the Mainland’s national high speed railway network. HSR has carried over 13 million passenger trips to and from WEK since the commencement of service on 23 September 2018. Since the opening, overall train service operations have been smooth while WEK has been operating in good order.

The Corporation has been maintaining close liaison with the Mainland railway authority to address service needs and overall passenger demand. The HSR train service enhancement is a result of close communication between Mainland railway authority and the Corporation as well as the HKSAR Government.

“HSR’s high quality and efficient service is becoming more and more popular with travellers, especially during long public holidays when many of them prefer to take HSR to Mainland destinations to enjoy the holidays with family members and friends. With the latest train service enhancements, passengers will soon enjoy a more convenient HSR service and have more options for direct train service to different destinations. The 14 new destinations, including Chongqing, Foshan, Nanning, Shantou, Tianjin and Zhaoqing, are all popular cities for travellers. We believe the enhanced service will attract more passengers to take HSR to explore these cities. On behalf of the MTR Corporation, I would also like to extend my gratitude to China Railway for their support and effort on enhancing the train services,” said Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of the MTR Corporation.

Upon the service commencement of HSR, some of the Intercity Through Train passengers shifted to take HSR for travelling to the Mainland, which resulted in a drop of patronage for Intercity Through Train. For the purpose of optimising our cross-boundary train services, there will be adjustments to the Intercity Through Train service connecting Hong Kong to the Mainland, including the train schedule and the stations to be reached. With effect from 10 July 2019, there will be a reduction of three pairs of Intercity Through Train round trips running between Hung Hom Station and Guangzhoudong Station. Currently, Intercity Through Train provides a train trip from Hung Hom Station to Foshan Station every day. Given that HSR service will connect to Foshanxi Station under the new arrangement, the terminus of this daily Intercity Through Train trip will change to Guangzhoudong Station. For the latest train schedule and fare table, please refer to the following link:

[https://www.it3.mtr.com.hk/b2c/CMS/Upload/GZTT_New_Timetable_Fare\(10July2019\)R.pdf](https://www.it3.mtr.com.hk/b2c/CMS/Upload/GZTT_New_Timetable_Fare(10July2019)R.pdf)

Given the East Rail Line and Intercity Through Train services share the same track, the adjustment provides an opportunity for the Corporation to enhance the related train service on the East Rail Line by providing more evenly-distributed train trips. Starting from 10 July 2019, East Rail Line train service will be enhanced from 8:00am to 9:00am on weekdays with an additional south-bound train trip running from Lo Wu Station to Hung Hom Station, and two additional north-bound train trips running from Hung Hom Station to Lo Wu Station and Lok Ma Chau Station respectively. Under the train service enhancement, the average waiting time for the East Rail Line passengers during weekday morning peaks will be reduced by 4% to 10%.

“We always seize every opportunity to enhance our train service. With the adjustment of the Intercity Through Train service, MTR passengers will soon enjoy a more frequent service on the East Rail Line during the weekday morning peak hours,” said Mr Adi Lau, Operation Director of the MTR Corporation.

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MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with more than 40 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

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*includes our subsidiaries and associates in Hong Kong and worldwide

Summary of the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) train service enhancements effective from 10 July 2019:

Items	Enhancements
New long haul train services connecting to the Mainland cities	Four new long haul train services will connect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chongqing, Nanning, Tianjin and Zhaoqing
New destinations	Fourteen new destinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baiyangdian, Chongqingxi, Foshanxi, Guiyangdong, Handandong, Hengshanxi, Nanningdong, Sanshuinan, Shantou, Tianjinxi, Wuzhounan, Yueyangdong, Zhaoqingdong and Zunyi
Total number of destinations connecting to WEK	The total number of Mainland destinations with direct connections from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station without interchange will be increased from 44 to 58
Start of ticket pre-sales for new destinations	11 June 2019