



Press Release

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**Airport Express Celebrates 10th Anniversary
With Free Rides for Children and
THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage Train**

Over the last decade, the Airport Express has provided the travelling public with one of the fastest and most convenient links to Hong Kong International Airport and since 2005 also to AsiaWorld-Expo. On 6 July 2008, the Airport Express will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. To mark the occasion, a series of exciting activities has been planned for passengers.

Children Ride Free

Going away for the summer holidays? The Airport Express will make family vacations even better value for money with offers of free rides to children under 12 using Child Octopus cards. At the same time, participating young travelers will receive a special Airport Express THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage Octopus Card holder. The offer is valid from 1 July to 31 August 2008. To redeem free rides, passengers simply need to present the Child Octopus card at the Airport Express Customer Service Centre before passing through the ticket gate.

"We hope these complimentary rides for youngsters will provide a fun start to family holidays overseas or an interesting outing to the Airport during the summer holidays," said Ms Jeny Yeung, General Manager – Marketing and Station Commercial of MTR Corporation.

THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage Theme Train

To add even more excitement to Airport Express journeys, children can look out for the THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage theme train which went into service today as the highlight of the "Airport Express 10th Anniversary Unveiling Ceremony" held at Hong Kong Station. The theme train will be serving passengers until the end of August.

The THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage characters, well-loved by children around the world, have been named official ambassadors for the Airport Express 10th Anniversary festivities. Other than on the theme train, they will also be appearing at Airport Express Hong Kong and Tsing Yi Stations, to greet tourists and local residents alike.

Thomas the Tank Engine and his locomotive friends will soon be chugging into town to present their internationally acclaimed "THOMAS & FRIENDS Live! On Stage" musical in Hong Kong for the very first time.

Hong Kong's First Wi-Fi Train and more

For business travelers, they can look forward to enjoying the convenience of the first Wi-Fi enabled Airport Express train in August. "Gradually, we will be extending the coverage of our wireless broadband service from Airport Express station concourses to all our trains. This will be a first for rail transport in Hong Kong, so our passengers can stay in touch via the Internet up to the very last minute before boarding their flights."

Travellers who wish to relax during their Airport commute can read up on the latest personal finance and investment news by picking up a complimentary copy of *Benchmark* magazine at Airport Express stations. The monthly magazine is the first publication to be distributed free to Airport Express passengers.

"Other than providing a fast and convenient transport service, we are always looking for ways to enhance and enrich the travel experience for Airport Express passengers," said Ms Yeung. "We want to thank passengers for their support over the last decade and will continue to explore more value-added services to introduce for the benefit of our passengers."

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Photo Caption:

Ms Jeny Yeung, General Manager – Marketing and Station Commercial of MTR Corporation (right) and Mr D F Lai, Operations Manager – Airport Express, Tung Chung Line and Disneyland Resort Line of MTR Corporation (left) officiate at the cake-cutting ceremony of the Airport Express 10th Anniversary Unveiling Ceremony" held at Hong Kong Station today.

