

**MTR Observes Official Mourning For Sichuan Quake Victims**

Flags at all MTR Corporation buildings are flying at half mast from today (19 May 2008) to 21 May 2008 in observance of the three-day national mourning for victims of the 12 May earthquake in Sichuan Province.

Public broadcasts and electronic messages in the MTR network will remind members of the public to stand in silence for three minutes from 2:28pm this afternoon to remember those who lost their lives in the earthquake. MTR staff not performing essential duties at the time will also participate. The Corporation will pay its respects by sounding the horns on MTR trains at the start of the three-minute period.

Also today, the Corporation has launched a Dollar-for-Dollar Staff Donation campaign inviting staff members to raise funds for the Hong Kong Red Cross to help survivors in the affected areas. For every dollar that a staff member donates, the Corporation will contribute an equal amount to the cause. This is in addition to the HK\$1 million the Corporation donated last week through the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR. In the meantime, fund raising activities will continue at the Corporation's 12 shopping centres until 1 June 2008

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