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MTR Steps Up Service for Olympic Equestrian Events

With the Olympic Equestrian Events taking place in Shatin and Sheung Shui from 9 to 21 August 2008, the MTR will be the most convenient means of transport to and from MTR University and Fanling stations where the Olympic Equestrian Company has arranged for dedicated shuttle buses to take spectators to the event venues.

Enhanced early-morning, late-night train service

To match the start and finish times of competitions, service hours on the MTR Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong and East Rail lines will be extended accordingly.

The first train will operate nearly three hours before the start of scheduled early morning events. The last trains will run one and a half to two hours after events that finish late at night. Trains will operate at 12-minute intervals during the early-morning and late-night services outside of normal MTR operational hours.

"We have been working closely with the Olympic Equestrian Company and related Government departments to work out the best transport arrangements for spectators," said Mr Wilfred Lau, Head of Operations of MTR Corporation.

"For events that are scheduled to begin at 6:30am, the first Tsuen Wan Line train will start service nearly three hours earlier at 3:35am, followed by the first Kwun Tong Line train at 3:40am. The first East Rail Line train will then depart at 4:00am to ensure spectators arrive at the venues in plenty of time to pass through security checks and settle in their seats," Mr Lau explained.

Passengers can obtain information on MTR train service hours for the Olympic Equestrian Events at all MTR Customer Service Centres starting today (31 July 2008). The information is also available on the MTR website or through the MTR Hotline at 2881 8888.

Clear signage

With many overseas visitors expected to be taking the MTR for the first time, the Corporation aims to ensure event-goers find it easy to get around.

Specially-designed signage printed with the event name will be displayed at the five main interchange stations - Admiralty, East Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok, Prince Edward and Kowloon Tong - to guide passengers to the correct platform to take trains.

At University and Fanling stations, colourful signage will direct spectators to the shuttle bus terminus.

More staff on duty

“Passengers should have no difficulty getting around the MTR system as our train operations staff will be out in full strength to offer assistance wherever they can,” added Mr Lau. “A number of MTR staff from non - train operations departments will also take on the role of Goodwill Ambassadors to help passengers at Fanling, University, Fo Tan and Sha Tin stations.”

In the meantime, passengers are advised to pay attention to special notices or public announcements informing them of any unscheduled events or changes in service.

“If a station becomes extremely crowded, trains may not stop at the station until the crowds have dispersed,” Mr Lau explained. “Accordingly, we may have to implement crowd management measures at certain stations without prior notice and we would ask passengers to follow the advice from our staff and police under such circumstances.”

Passengers will also see extra security guards on duty in the MTR, patrolling trains and stations. In the meantime, litter bins will be removed from station platforms.

“We know the removal of litter bins may cause some inconvenience to passengers but we would like to thank passengers in advance for their understanding,” said Mr Lau.

As a Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Equestrian Events Railway Passenger Services Associate, the MTR Corporation looks forward to providing safe, reliable and convenient train services to local and overseas guests of the events.

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Photo Caption:

Mr Wilfred Lau, Head of Operations of MTR Corporation explains the extended train service on the MTR Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong and East Rail lines during the Equestrian Events period.

