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Beijing-Kowloon Through Train Brings Hong Kong Volunteers to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

About 100 Hong Kong volunteers at the 2008 Olympic Games set off for Beijing today (1 August 2008) on the Beijing-Kowloon Through Train, partly sponsored by the MTR Corporation.

The volunteers, recruited and coordinated by the Home Affairs Bureau of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, started their Olympic journey at MTR Hung Hom Station. In Beijing, they will help ensure the smooth operation of the Games by playing host at visitor receptions, handling enquiries and assisting in crowd management duties at various Olympic venues.

“The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games is a historic event and we are pleased to be able to play a small part in helping our volunteers to experience it first hand,” said Mr Andrew McCusker, Operations Director of the MTR Corporation at the send-off ceremony, which was also attended by Deputy Operations Director of the MTR Corporation Mr Y T Li; Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR Mr Li Gang; Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs Mrs Carrie Yau ; Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (SD) Mr Donald Tong; Deputy Director General of Youth Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR Mr Zhang Chun Sheng; Director of Secretariat to the Board of Directors, Guangshen Railway Co. Ltd Mr Guo Xiangdong as well as Deputy Director of the Kowloon Office of the Guangzhou Railway (Group) Corporation Mr Li Weibing.

“The Beijing-Kowloon Through Train provides a direct and convenient link between our two Olympic host cities and has proved to be a popular means of travel during the Games period. In addition to getting passengers comfortably to Beijing, it also provides visitors a good opportunity to see more of the Mainland China,” Mr McCusker added.

The Beijing-Kowloon Through Train on which the volunteers are travelling is the new model introduced into passenger service earlier this year. The electric-powered train provides better services to passengers and is more environmentally friendly, reflecting the Green theme of the Beijing Olympic Games.

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Photo Caption:

1. In appreciation of the Corporation's sponsorship of the Hong Kong volunteers' train journey to Beijing, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs Mrs Carrie Yau (Left), presents a souvenir to Operations Director Mr Andrew McCusker of the MTR Corporation.



2. (From right) Volunteers representative Mr Raymond Lo; Operations Director of the MTR Corporation Mr Andrew McCusker; Deputy Operations Director of the MTR Corporation Mr Y T Li; Deputy Director General of Youth Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Mr Zhang Chun Sheng; General Manager-Intercity & Freight of the MTR Corporation Ms Carmen Li and the Beijing-bound Hong Kong volunteers use sign language to offer a "smiling welcome" to Olympic Games spectators.



3. Enthusiastic volunteers set off on their journey to Beijing on board the Beijing-Kowloon Through Train which departed Hung Hom Station at 3:16pm.

