Kowloon Southern Link Opens on 16 August

The Kowloon Southern Link (KSL), with the new Austin Station, will commence passenger service on Sunday, 16 August 2009. KSL plays a strategic role in connecting the West Rail Line and the East Rail Line to form a major East-West rail artery. The terminus of both lines will be located at Hung Hom.

From 16 August, West Rail Line passengers will be able to travel beyond Nam Cheong Station to Hung Hom via Austin and East Tsim Sha Tsui stations. During peak periods, the West Rail Line train frequency will be enhanced from the current 3 minute 30 seconds to 3 minutes. The journey time from Tuen Mun to Tsim Sha Tsui will be reduced by more than 20 minutes.

“The opening of the Kowloon Southern Link will bring a new degree of inter-connectivity to our railway network,” said Mr T T Choi, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation. “Commuting from the Northwest New Territories will be more convenient than ever as passengers will be able to travel directly to Tsim Sha Tsui without changing trains or having to use other modes of transport. East Rail Line passengers will also find it more convenient to access the many destinations in West Kowloon including the China Ferry Terminal and Elements.”

The new “Tuen Mun - Hung Hom Monthly Pass” promotion being introduced with the KSL opening will be available starting in September. Priced at HK$470 each month, the Pass will go on sale from 25 August at West Rail Line stations. For passengers who currently hold a “West Rail Line Monthly Pass” for August, special arrangements will be made for them to purchase the September “Tuen Mun - Hung Hom Monthly Pass” earlier on 16 August, which will then be valid for use from 16 August to 30 September.

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