

**MTR Officially Awards HK\$3.3 Billion Signalling System Replacement Contract**

At a signing ceremony today (3 March 2015), MTR Corporation officially awarded the HK\$3.3 billion contract to replace the signalling systems for six MTR lines and the Airport Express to Alstom-Thales DUAT JV, a joint venture company set up by Alstom Hong Kong Limited (Alstom) and Thales Transport & Security (Hong Kong) Limited (Thales), two internationally renowned railway infrastructure suppliers.

Under the contract, the joint venture company will design and progressively install the new signalling systems using the advanced Communications Based Train Control (CBTC) technology. The six MTR lines to be upgraded include the Tsuen Wan Line, Island Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tseung Kwan O Line, Disneyland Resort Line, Tung Chung Line and the Airport Express.

Tsuen Wan Line will be upgraded first, with works due for completion in 2018. The whole project is targeted to be completed in 2026.

"This contract represents a major investment in the renewal and upgrading of our railway infrastructure," said Mr Lincoln Leong, Acting Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation. "The new signalling system will allow us to increase the capacity of the relevant rail lines by providing more frequent and convenient train service to passengers. We also expect the overall reliability and efficiency of the network to be increased."

"As it is critically important that we maintain normal train service during the replacement programme, the railway lines will be upgraded progressively with trackside works being done during the short overnight non-service hours. As the providers of existing signalling systems in our network, both Alstom and Thales know our railway well, which gives us greater assurance that any inconvenience caused to passengers would be kept to a minimum," added Mr Leong.

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Project Programme:

Phases	Railway Lines	Year of Completion
I	Tsuen Wan Line	2018
II	Island Line	2019
III	Kwun Tong Line	2020
IV	Tseung Kwan O Line	2021
V	Airport Express, Tung Chung Line and Disneyland Resort Line	2026

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1. Mr Lincoln Leong, Acting Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (middle), today signed the contract for the upgrading of signalling systems with Mr Millar Crawford, Executive Vice President of Group Transportation Systems, Thales (left), and with Mr Pascal Clere, Senior Vice President of Alstom Transport Signaling (right).



2. (From left) Dr Jacob Kam, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, Mr Millar Crawford, Executive Vice President of Group Transportation Systems, Thales, Mr Lincoln Leong, Acting Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, Mr Pascal Clere, Senior Vice President of Alstom Transport Signaling, Mr Dominique Pouliquen, Senior Vice President of Alstom Transport Asia-Pacific, and Dr Philco Wong, Projects Director of MTR Corporation shared a toast at the Signing Ceremony.

