Sai Ying Pun Station to Open on 29 March with Enhanced MTR Island Line Train Services

The opening of MTR Sai Ying Pun Station on the Island Line extension to Western District on Sunday 29 March 2015 will bring the convenience of train service to the doorstep of one of the longest established neighbourhoods on Hong Kong Island. Alongside the new station opening, Island Line train service will be further enhanced on Friday and Saturday nights as well as for most of the day on Sundays with a total of 63 additional train trips per week.

“The opening of Sai Ying Pun Station will mark the full opening of the Island Line extension to Western District and bring greater convenience for passengers travelling to and from Sai Ying Pun and its vicinity,” said Dr Jacob Kam, Operations Director of MTR Corporation. “Passengers can reach the new station through an extensive pedestrian network that also serves to connect Des Voeux Road West and Queen’s Road West at the foot of Victoria Peak with Bonham Road in the Mid-Levels.”

“Leading up to the opening in ten days, our colleagues are conducting the last of their tests of different station facilities including the new “3-in-1” ticketing machines, entry gates and platform screen doors. We look forward to welcoming Sai Ying Pun residents on the MTR to enjoy fast and convenient rail services,” said Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation.

For the convenience of passengers, Island Line train service will be enhanced progressively from 29 March 2015 to cater for the growing passenger demand in non-peak hours. As a result, the waiting time between trains will be reduced by between 30 seconds and one minute on Friday and Saturday nights as well as most of the day on Sundays. (Please see details in the Annex)

About Sai Ying Pun Station

Located 50 metres underground, Sai Ying Pun Station is designed to serve a wide catchment with entrances located at the Western foot of Victoria Peak and higher up in the Mid-Levels. Lift-only entrances and an all-weather integrated pedestrian network in the unpaid area of the station provide convenient access for railway passengers as well as pedestrians moving around the district during train service hours. As Entrance B3 connecting to Ki Ling Lane / Des Voeux Road West will still be under construction when Sai Ying Pun Station opens, temporary walls are set up inside the station to separate the construction site from operational areas so that the construction activity will not affect passenger traffic.
Adopting the same design philosophy as other MTR stations in Western District, Sai Ying Pun Station has an exciting concentration of art with a space of up to 800 square metres dedicated for artwork display, making it the railway station with the largest art space in Hong Kong. The art pieces, including a huge panoramic collage, photos, embossments, illustrations and kaleidoscopic images, aim to not only provide passengers with a pleasant travelling environment but also showcase the cultural and historical diversity of the district.

Extension of Island Line to Western District Souvenir Ticket Sets

To mark the full opening of the Island Line extension, the Corporation will launch three souvenir ticket sets featuring famous local artist Ms Stella So’s iconic illustrations of Kennedy Town, University of Hong Kong and Sai Ying Pun. Passengers can use the souvenir tickets for any single journey on the MTR (except Airport Express, East Rail Line First Class, Cross-boundary service, Light Rail, MTR Bus and MTR Feeder Bus) on or before 30 May 2015 (Saturday) and will get the tickets back as a souvenir after the trip. Priced at $98 each, the ticket sets will be available for sale at all MTR Customer Service Centres (except Airport Express, Lok Ma Chau, Lo Wu, Racecourse, Disneyland Resort and Light Rail stations) starting from Sunday 5 April 2015 for three consecutive weeks.

Lastly, MTR would like to remind passengers that the “Sai Ying Pun Station Pre-opening Special Discount” will come to an end upon the opening of Sai Ying Pun Station.

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1. Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation, said today (19 March) that in conjunction with the full opening of Island Line extension, Island Line train service on Friday and Saturday nights as well as for most of the day on Sundays will be enhanced progressively from 29 March with a total of 63 additional train trips per week. The Corporation will also launch three souvenir ticket sets designed by famous local artist Ms Stella So starting from Sunday 5 April 2015 for three consecutive weeks.

2. Leading up to the opening in ten days, the Corporation is conducting the last tests of different station facilities in Sai Ying Pun Station.
3. Sai Ying Pun Station has an exciting concentration of art with a space of up to 800 square metres dedicated for artwork display, including painted bas reliefs and photo collages at Entrance/Exit B.
### Annex: Island Line train service enhancement

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