

### **MTR's Interim Injunction is Extended Strives to Maintain Smooth Train Operations**

The MTR Corporation has obtained an order from the court today (30 August 2019) for the continuation of the interim injunction order. The injunction order as varied will be continued until trial or further order. In addition, based on its risk assessment, the Corporation will continue to prudently consider whether to regulate or adjust station and train operations before the start of public activities, which may include station closures and trains bypassing individual stations.

The injunction order was first made last Friday (23 August 2019) and has been extended by the court today. The injunction order restrains persons from unlawfully and wilfully obstructing or interfering with the proper use of the stations and trains of the railway network (heavy rail and Light Rail) and the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of the High Speed Rail, from damaging any property or trains and from using any threatening language or behaving in a riotous or disorderly manner at any MTR station, or obstructing or interfering with any MTR staff under circumstances as stipulated in the injunction order.

Having reviewed the situations in the past few weeks, there have been confrontations at MTR stations and on trains, and even violent acts and vandalism of station facilities after public activities or meetings. MTR staff have been facing unprecedented challenges and difficulties and have been criticised or even bullied. Having considered the safety of our staff, passengers and railway facilities, the Corporation has to take all feasible measures in addressing the situation. Apart from the application for the injunction order, the Corporation will, before the start of public activities, conduct a risk assessment for each public activity and will prudently consider closing stations near the areas where public activities are taking place and arranging trains not to stop at individual stations. Such decisions would only be made as a last resort. In the event that such situations occur and cause inconvenience to passengers, the Corporation sincerely apologises to passengers and appeals for the understanding of the public. The Corporation will disseminate the latest train service information through various channels including the MTR website, the MTR Mobile app, public announcement at stations and trains and the media in a timely manner.

Even when normal station and train services are maintained, if fights, vandalism, other acts of violence or large scale contraventions of the MTR By-laws occur which might result in high risks or emergency situations and seriously endanger the safety of passengers and staff, train service to and from concerned stations may be stopped immediately. Stations may also be closed with little or no prior notice. The Police may need to enter stations to take suitable law enforcement actions when necessary.

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Besides, during and after several recent public activities, a large number of people have been jumping over entry/ exit gates without fare payment. Under the MTR By-laws, passengers are required to hold valid tickets when traveling by train. A surcharge may be levied on offenders. They might also be prosecuted. Some of these people have even interfered with or vandalised the gates and encouraged others to travel by train without payment. In light of the large number of fare evaders involved, MTR staff have encountered difficulties when performing their duties even with additional manpower. The Corporation expresses its regret over this irresponsible behaviour and condemns the fare evaders and offenders. Such behaviour may also constitute a breach of the injunction order. The Corporation will also maintain communication with the Police and, when necessary, call for their assistance.

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Every day, MTR connects people and communities. As a recognised world-class operator of sustainable rail transport services, we are a leader in safety, reliability, customer service and efficiency.

MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with more than 40 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

With more than 40,000 dedicated staff\*, MTR carries over 13 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia and the Mainland of China. MTR strives to grow and connect communities for a better future.

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