

Enhanced MTR Service for Christmas and New Year Festive Season

To provide more convenient journeys for passengers in the upcoming festive season, MTR will be operating more than 700 additional train trips as well as overnight train service on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

"In anticipation of higher demand for public transport during the festive season, we will be providing extra train trips and train service running overnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. With the additional convenience, we wish our customers can enjoy a happy festive season with their families and friends," said Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director of MTR Corporation.

Overnight train service will be provided on all MTR lines (except the Airport Express, Disneyland Resort Line and journeys to or from Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations) on 24 and 31 December. Meanwhile, additional train trips will be provided starting from the afternoon on these two days to serve passengers. Please refer to the annex for details about the enhanced train service.

The Corporation will continue to monitor the situation and carry out risk assessment with the relevant government departments. MTR may adjust train service based on actual circumstances (especially due to public events) for the safety of passengers, staff and railway operations. Passengers are advised to stay tuned to MTR mobile, the MTR website, station and in-train announcements as well as the media, as the Corporation will disseminate the latest train service information through these channels.

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About MTR Corporation

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.

For more information about MTR Corporation, please visit www.mtr.com.hk.

*includes our subsidiaries and associates in Hong Kong and worldwide

Annex:**Details of Train Service Enhancements during Christmas and New Year Holidays****i) Additional Train Trips on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
(Tuesdays, 24 & 31 December 2019)**

	Average Train Frequency 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Island Line	2.1 minutes	38
Tsuen Wan Line	2 minutes	32
Kwun Tong Line (Tiu Keng Leng – Ho Man Tin) (Ho Man Tin – Whampoa)	2.3 minutes 4.6 minutes	22
Tseung Kwan O Line (North Point – Tseung Kwan O) (North Point – Po Lam) (North Point – LOHAS Park)	2.2 minutes 2.5/ 4 minutes 6.7 minutes	35
East Rail Line (Hung Hom – Sheung Shui) (Hung Hom – Lo Wu) (Hung Hom – Lok Ma Chau)	4 – 8 minutes 6 – 8 minutes 10 – 12 minutes	6
	Average Train Frequency 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
South Island Line	3.3 minutes	10
Tung Chung Line (Hong Kong – Tsing Yi) (Hong Kong – Tung Chung)	3 – 5 minutes 4 – 8 minutes	7
West Rail Line	3.5 minutes	12

	Average Train Frequency 8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Average Train Frequency 11:30 pm – 12:30 am	Additional Trips (Daily)
Island Line	3.6 minutes		34
Tsuen Wan Line	3.1 minutes	3.6 minutes (24 Dec) 2.7 minutes (31 Dec)	42 (24 Dec) 52 (31 Dec)
Kwun Tong Line	3.6 minutes		26
Tseung Kwan O Line (North Point – Po Lam) (Tiu Keng Leng – LOHAS Park)	4.1 minutes 12 minutes		30
Tung Chung Line	6 minutes		23
West Rail Line	--	5 minutes	10

ii) **Additional Train Trips on Christmas & Boxing Day**
Christmas Day (Wednesday, 25 December 2019)

	Average Train Frequency 8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Tsuen Wan Line	3.6 minutes	12

Christmas & Boxing Day (Wednesday – Thursday, 25 – 26 December 2019)

	Average Train Frequency 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Additional Trips (Daily)
Disneyland Resort Line	5 minutes	46

**iii) Overnight Service on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
(Tuesday – Wednesday, 24 – 25 December 2019 &
Tuesday – Wednesday, 31 December 2019 – 1 January 2020)**

	Average Train Frequency			
	12:30 am – 1:30 am	1:30 am – 2:30 am	2:30 am – 3:30 am	3:30 am – 6:00 am
Island Line	5 minutes (24 Dec) 3.4 minutes (31 Dec)		8 minutes	10 minutes
Tsuen Wan Line	3.6 minutes (24 Dec) 2.7 minutes (31 Dec)	5 minutes (24 Dec) 3.6 minutes (31 Dec)		
Kwun Tong Line	5 minutes (24 Dec) 3.6 minutes (31 Dec)			
Tseung Kwan O Line (North Point – Po Lam) (Tiu Keng Leng – LOHAS Park)	5 minutes 12 minutes		8 minutes 12 minutes	10 minutes 15 minutes
South Island Line	6 minutes		8 minutes	10 minutes

	Average Train Frequency	
	12:30 am – 2:00 am	2:00 am – 6:00 am
Tung Chung Line	8 minutes (24 Dec) 6 minutes (31 Dec)	12 minutes

	Average Train Frequency		
	12:00 am – 2:00 am	2:00 am – 3:30 am	3:30 am – 5:30 am
Ma On Shan Line	6.5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

	Average Train Frequency		
	12:30 am – 2:00 am	2:00 am – 3:30 am	3:30 am – 5:30 am
East Rail Line* (Hung Hom – Sheung Shui)	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes
West Rail Line			

* Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations will be closed at the normal time

Disneyland Resort Line

The Disneyland Resort Line service will close as usual at 12:45am on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Light Rail (as of 17 December 2019)

To provide greater convenience to West Rail Line passengers and residents of the Northwest New Territories, Light Rail routes 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 706 and 751 will run throughout the night on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at 15- to 18-minute intervals. (Routes 614P and 751 will be diverted.)

MTR Bus

Services of MTR bus routes 506 and K51 feeding the West Rail Line will be extended to 1:30am and 12:45am respectively on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with buses running at 15-minute intervals.

iv) Airport Express

For the convenience of those going on vacations, Airport Express service will be enhanced as follows:

	Details of Enhanced Service
22 – 24 December 2019	The first train will depart from Hong Kong Station at 5:00am (50 minutes earlier than normal service) and at 5:26am from AsiaWorld-Expo Station (34 minutes earlier than normal service)
26 December 2019 & 1 January 2020	The last train will depart from AsiaWorld-Expo Station (via Airport Station) at 1:25am (40 minutes later than normal service)

v) General Reminders

Passengers taking the MTR during the holidays are recommended to use their Octopus. For those who wish to use single journey tickets, they are encouraged to purchase the tickets for their return journeys at the starting station as well.

To cope with the anticipated increase in passenger flow, special crowd control arrangements will be in place at busy stations such as Jordan, Tsim Sha Tsui, East Tsim Sha Tsui, Admiralty, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Tin Hau. Passengers are reminded to follow the advice from station staff or Railway District Police on site.