

MTR Rings in Year of the Rat with Enhanced Train Service for Passengers

With the Year of the Rat around the corner, the MTR Corporation is celebrating the new year with passengers with enhanced train service and more travelling convenience. More than 300 additional train trips will be operated during the Lunar New Year period and overnight service will be provided on Lunar New Year's Eve (24 January 2020).

"Many of our passengers will be out visiting friends and relatives as well as celebrating the new year, and hence there will be a higher demand for public transport during the Lunar New Year period. MTR is providing overnight service on Lunar New Year's Eve and more frequent train trips during the holidays and we hope our customers can enjoy the festivities with their loved ones with the additional travelling convenience," said Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director of MTR Corporation.

Overnight train service will be provided on all local MTR lines (except the Airport Express, Disneyland Resort Line and journeys to or from Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations) on Lunar New Year's Eve. Meanwhile, additional train trips will be provided starting from the afternoon on 24 January 2020 until 2 February 2020 (the ninth day of Lunar New Year) to serve passengers. Please refer to the annex for details about the enhanced train service.

In addition, holders of the MTR Lunar New Year Commemorative Tickets can enjoy unlimited domestic journeys on the MTR network (except Airport Express, East Rail Line First Class, to or from Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau and Racecourse stations) on the first day of Lunar New Year (25 January 2020).

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 (particularly in relation to public activities) 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 timely 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 Lunar New Year****i) Additional Train Trips during Lunar New Year
Lunar New Year's Eve (Friday, 24 January 2020)**

	Average Train Frequency		Additional Trips (Daily)
	12:00 noon – 3:00 pm	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	
Island Line	3.1 minutes	2.1 minutes	48

	Average Train Frequency		Additional Trips (Daily)
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm		
Tsuen Wan Line	2 minutes		28
Kwun Tong Line (Tiu Keng Leng – Ho Man Tin) (Ho Man Tin – Whampoa)	2.3 minutes 4.6 minutes		18
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		33
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		5

	Average Train Frequency		Additional Trips (Daily)
	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm		
South Island Line	3.3 minutes		10
West Rail Line	3.5 minutes		12

	Average Train Frequency		Additional Trips (Daily)
	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	10:00 pm – 12:30 am	
Tung Chung Line (Hong Kong – Tsing Yi) (Hong Kong – Tung Chung)	3 – 5 minutes 4 – 8 minutes	-- 8 minutes	23

First Day of Lunar New Year (Saturday, 25 January 2020)

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

Disneyland Resort Line

Period	Average Train Frequency	Additional Trips (Daily)
	12:00 noon – 1:00 pm 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	
25 – 28 January 2020	5 minutes	46

ii) **Overnight Service on Lunar New Year's Eve
(Friday – Saturday, 24 – 25 January 2020)**

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

	Average Train Frequency	
	12:30 am – 2:00 am	2:00 am – 6:00 am
Tung Chung Line	8 – 12 minutes	12 minutes

	Average Train Frequency	
	12:30 am – 1:30 am	1:30 am – 5:30 am
East Rail Line* (Hung Hom – Sheung Shui)	7 – 10 minutes	10 – 15 minutes
West Rail Line		
Ma On Shan Line		

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

Disneyland Resort Line

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

Light Rail

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 Lunar New Year's Eve at 15- to 18-minute intervals.

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 Lunar New Year's Eve with buses running at 15-minute intervals.

iii) Airport Express

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

	Details of Enhanced Service
22 – 24 January 2020	The first train will depart from Hong Kong Station at 5:00am (50 minutes earlier than normal service) and from AsiaWorld-Expo Station at 5:26am (34 minutes earlier than normal service)
28 January and 2 February 2020	The last train will depart from AsiaWorld-Expo Station (via Airport Station) at 1:25am (40 minutes later than normal service)

iv) 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 Central, Admiralty, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, Tin Hau, Ocean Park, Wong Tai Sin, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau. Passengers are reminded to follow the advice from station staff or the Police on site.