

### **Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 Commences Services Railway Service Extends to Hin Keng and Kai Tak**

The Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 commenced services today (14 February 2020), connecting Kowloon East to the existing Ma On Shan Line through Lion Rock, offering passengers a more convenient railway service. Together with the new railway line, two new stations, namely Hin Keng and Kai Tak, as well as the expanded part of Diamond Hill Station were also opened today.

More than 800 MTR and contractor staff worked overnight to prepare for the start of service by changing more than 26,400 signs and information boards throughout the MTR network as well as to replace and update digital information and fare collection software in order to incorporate the new railway line into the MTR network. Anticipating the opening of the new railway line, hundreds of enthusiastic passengers arrived at Entrance/ Exit D of Kai Tak Station before 5 am in the hope of having a firsthand look at the new station ahead of others. The first group of passengers was presented with souvenirs, adding to the joyful atmosphere. Many passengers experienced the convenience brought by the new railway line by boarding a special first train departing from Kai Tak Station.

Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, Mr Adi Lau, Managing Director – Operations and Mainland Business, and Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director and other representatives of the Corporation visited and inspected station operations at Kai Tak, Diamond Hill and Hin Keng stations this morning. "MTR Corporation strives to connect communities. I am glad to see our railway network expanding. The Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 will foster the linkage between the New Territories East and Kowloon East, extending railway service to new communities in the Kai Tak area and providing passengers with a safe, reliable and comfortable mode of public transportation," said Dr Kam.

"The Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 is the first section of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) to commence passenger services. The MTR network coverage will be more extensive and serve more passengers when the whole SCL, which connects several existing railway lines, is in service and passengers will find it more convenient to travel around the territory," Dr Kam added.

With the commencement of the Tuen Ma Line Phase 1, the expanded Diamond Hill Station becomes the interchange station between the Tuen Ma Line and Kwun Tong Line. Passengers will travel between New Territories North and East, Kowloon East and Hong Kong Island East in a faster and more convenient way as the estimated journey time between Tai Wai and Diamond Hill stations is reduced from 17 minutes to about 9 minutes with the new service. Until the full commissioning of the Tuen Ma Line, the MTR Corporation is also providing special fare promotions to encourage more passengers to experience the benefits brought by the new railway line.

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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.

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1. Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, Mr Adi Lau, Managing Director – Operations and Mainland Business, and Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director, open the gate at Entrance/ Exit D at Kai Tak Station and welcome passengers who are excited about the opening of the Tuen Ma Line Phase 1.



2. Many passengers enter the newly-opened Kai Tak Station with great enthusiasm.



3. Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director of MTR Corporation, makes an announcement before the departure of the special first train from Kai Tak Station.



4. Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (2<sup>nd</sup> right), and Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director (1<sup>st</sup> right), join the excited passengers to board the special first train to experience the convenience brought by the new railway line.



5. Souvenirs are distributed to passengers at the new stations.



6. Additional staff have been deployed by MTR to assist passengers to use the new facilities at stations.

