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MTR to Continuously Monitor Works Resumption at Ho Man Tin Station Package One Property Development Project to Ensure Safe Railway Operations

The MTR Corporation notes the Government's announcement today (21 August 2020) that consent has been given to the property developer for the resumption of construction works at Package One of the property development project at Ho Man Tin Station, starting from 28 August 2020. As the property development is located within the railway protection area, the Railway Protection Unit of the MTR Corporation will continue to closely monitor the works and enhance monitoring measures to ensure safe railway operations.

The construction works of Ho Man Tin Station Package One property development project commenced in mid-2017. During a regular inspection on 19 September 2019, the MTR Railway Protection Unit found that settlement at monitoring points located at a pedestrian subway of Ho Man Tin Station had reached the pre-set limit (20mm) for works suspension. The relevant construction works were suspended immediately in accordance with the established railway protection procedures. Meanwhile, government departments have confirmed that the structural integrity of Ho Man Tin Station and the pedestrian subway is sound, and that their conditions are safe for operation.

The MTR Corporation has requested the Registered Building Professionals appointed by the developer to review the building plans, provide work methods and alleviation measures that can effectively reduce settlement, and to increase the number of monitoring points, so as to facilitate the Corporation's monitoring of settlement data. The Corporation notes that relevant government departments have given consent to the resumption application submitted by the developer, in which the trigger level for suspension of works has been revised from 20mm to 71mm. After prudent review and consideration, the Corporation agrees that the resumption of the works will not have any impact on railway safety.

Safety is the top priority of MTR operations. The Corporation implements stringent railway protection measures and monitors the impact of nearby construction works on the railway to ensure railway structures and facilities are properly protected. The Corporation has in place an established and internationally recognised regime for the maintenance of railway infrastructure which is comprehensive in coverage and adheres to stringent standards. This regime ensures that railway infrastructure is maintained in safe and sound conditions, and that the safety of passengers, staff members and the public is well-protected. The Corporation and government departments will continue to exercise stringent monitoring on the aforesaid construction activities.

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