

MTR Plays Its Role in Saving Lives with Additional AEDs in place at Concourses and Platforms for Public Use

Every second counts when it comes to saving lives. To support the Fire Services Department's (FSD) "AED Anywhere for Anyone" programme, MTR Corporation will place a total of around 300 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), including around 120 additional ones acquired, at the concourses and platforms of all heavy rail stations and Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (WEK) of High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) within this year. This allows our staff and members of the public to help save lives with accessible devices in emergencies. Among them, the AEDs at Tsim Sha Tsui, East Tsim Sha Tsui and Central stations are ready today (22 June 2021) for public use when needed.

AEDs are electronic devices that can be used to treat patients with cardiac arrest through defibrillation. Since 2011, MTR gradually introduced AEDs to heavy rail stations, allowing personnel to respond to passengers who require medical attention.

This year, the Corporation has further invested about \$5 million, including placing an order to acquire a new batch of around 120 AEDs and relocating some of the existing devices, to put a total of around 300 AEDs on the concourse and platform levels of every heavy rail station and WEK. There will be two AEDs in most stations while more will be deployed for larger stations.

Each AED will be stored in a designated cabinet with eye-catching signage to ensure that MTR staff and members of the public can easily locate and access the device in case of emergency. They can then follow the audio and/or graphic instructions of the device to operate it and rescue lives.

"The Corporation has been working closely with the FSD and we are thankful for their professional advices and support to our introduction of AEDs. Over the past decade, there were an annual average of over 10 MTR passengers being treated by AEDs. We found it very meaningful to serve passengers in need and even save their lives," said Mr Sammy Wong, Chief of Operating of MTR Corporation. "MTR fully supports the FSD to promote the accessibility and application of AEDs which means strengthening the protection of passengers with immediate needs. I would also like to remind members of the public that they should notify our staff when there are passengers who need assistance, so that we can provide timely response and help summon emergency services."

Passengers can check the location of the AEDs on the MTR website or MTR Mobile, or they can search for relevant information through the information platform developed by the FSD. In order to prepare for emergency situations and assist passengers in need, the Corporation will arrange for station staff to learn or refresh their knowledge to use AED.

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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.

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Photo Caption

1. A total of 12 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are now in place in the concourses and platforms at Central, Tsim Sha Tsui and East Tsim Sha Tsui stations for station staff and public use in case of emergency.





2. Chief of Operating of MTR Corporation Mr Sammy Wong says that the additional AEDs in stations allow immediate access by station staff and members of the public when needed.

