

### **Full Tuen Ma Line Sets to Connect the East and West of the New Territories Bringing Kowloon City and To Kwa Wan into the Railway Network**

The full Tuen Ma Line (“TML”) will commence service tomorrow (27 June 2021), ushering in a new phase of railway transportation in Hong Kong, with the east and west ends of the New Territories being connected by a single line. Accompanied by Chairman of MTR Corporation Dr Rex Auyeung, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, today (26 June 2021) officiated at the TML launch in Sung Wong Toi Station, where she also unveiled the in-station exhibition of relics discovered during the excavation for the station.

The full TML sees the extension of the existing TML Phase 1 from Kai Tak Station to Hung Hom Station via two newly-built stations, Sung Wong Toi and To Kwa Wan, via Ho Man Tin Station finally connecting to what is currently known as the West Rail Line. With 27 stations along a route length of approximately 56 kilometres, the full TML will be the longest railway line in Hong Kong. As Kowloon City and To Kwa Wan become reachable by railway service, those who live and work along the alignment will enjoy greater ease of travel, and the communities around the stations will also gain new impetus for growth and development.

Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation said, “TML is a railway line that will benefit everybody in Hong Kong. Upon commissioning, residents in the districts of Kowloon City and To Kwa Wan will be able to access the vast MTR network using the Sung Wong Toi and To Kwa Wan stations and, those who live elsewhere will be able to explore these areas with ease and convenience.”

“The TML will further enhance the railway network by connecting with the four existing railway lines,” said Dr Auyeung. “The TML, as well as other railway projects, are part of the city’s strategic railway development that reflects the commitment of the Government and the Corporation to build more efficient transportation services to connect communities in Hong Kong,” he added.

The Corporation has made a particular point of injecting artistic elements into the design of the new stations. At Sung Wong Toi, it also joined hands with the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) to showcase about 400 selected relics, including Song Dynasty coins, ceramics and architectural components, that were unearthed during the construction of the station. The relics will take the public back to the history of the Song-Yuan period and the key archeological finds. The exhibition is curated by AMO with items on loan from the Office occupying built-in display cabinets in the station. The scale of display of archaeological finds in an operating railway station is unprecedented in Hong Kong. It also highlights the uniqueness of Sung Wong Toi Station. The Corporation would like to thank the AMO for their support and cooperation in enabling the public to get an insight into life in the Song-Yuan period in the vicinity of the station.

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In view of the fact that the display of relics might draw crowds in the initial period of post-opening, the Corporation will deploy additional staff to manage passenger flow and perform crowd control. We also appeal to passengers and nearby residents to take their time and not to rush to see the relics in the initial opening days.

With the commencement of the full TML, passengers will be able to travel between the Northeast New Territories and Kowloon East in a fast and convenient way. The Corporation will continue to extend the railway network in the future to further enhanced connectivity across the city, and to provide convenient and sustainable public transportation service for the public.

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1. Officiating guests at the ceremony to celebrate the commissioning of the full Tuen Ma Line today are (left to right): Director of Highways Mr Jimmy Chan; Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) Ms Mable Chan; Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Mr Christopher Hui; Secretary for Transport and Housing Mr Frank Chan; President of the Legislative Council Mr Andrew Leung; HKSAR Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam; Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council Mr Bernard Chan; Chairman of MTR Corporation Dr Rex Auyeung; Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee Prof Stephen Cheung; Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation Dr Jacob Kam and Commissioner for Transport Ms Rosanna Law.



2. HKSAR Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam inaugurates the relics cabinet in the company of the Chairman of MTR Corporation Dr Rex Auyeung; Chairman of Antiquities Advisory Board Mr Douglas So and Commissioner for Heritage Mr Ivanhoe Chang, and appreciates the relics unearthed during the construction stage of the station with the introduction by Executive Secretary (Antiquities & Monuments) of Development Bureau Ms Susanna Siu.



- Members of the Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club give a rope skipping performance to celebrate the service commencement of the full Tuen Ma Line, representing the connectivity and dynamism of the new railway line.

