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## Press Release

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## MTR Enhances Service on East Rail, Tuen Ma and Tseung Kwan O Lines More Than 470 Train Trips Added Per Week for Passengers' Travelling Needs

MTR Corporation is committed to providing convenient travel for the public. With the commencement of the new academic year, the Corporation will enhance train service on the East Rail Line, Tuen Ma Line and Tseung Kwan O Line in two phases starting from 23 August 2021 (Monday). The service enhancement will bring a total of over 470 additional train trips per week on these lines.

The Corporation has all along maintained peak-hour train frequency during the pandemic. At the same time, we also closely monitor the operation of each rail line, passengers' travelling patterns and patronage for timely adjustments to the train service during non-peak hours. The latest service enhancement has also taken into account the change in travelling patterns upon the opening of the full Tuen Ma Line and community development along the rail network.

To provide convenient travel to passengers as new trains are being progressively added to the East Rail Line, train service on the line will be enhanced with effect from 23 August (Monday). Train frequency from Tai Po Market to Hung Hom stations during the morning peak on weekdays will be increased to every 3 minutes by adding southbound short-trip services on the line. Train service during the daytime non-peak on weekdays and most of the time on weekends and public holidays will also be enhanced to 6-minute intervals. As a matter of fact, with the full line opening of the Tuen Ma Line in June, more route options are available to passengers and the line has created a diversion effect on the East Rail Line, alleviating the passenger flow of the busiest section (Tai Wai to Kowloon Tong stations) during morning peak.

The full line opening of the Tuen Ma Line has brought a change in travelling pattern with more passengers using the line to travel from the urban area to the Northwestern New Territories when they finish work on weekdays. To cater to passenger demand, train service on the Tuen Ma Line will be enhanced starting from 30 August (Monday) with an added trip from East Tsim Sha Tsui Station to Tuen Mun Station, and the train frequency on the section will be increased to every 3.3 minutes during the evening peak on weekdays. Train service on weekday evenings and during some of the non-peak hours on weekends and public holidays will also be enhanced to 4.7 to 6-minute intervals.

Besides, tying in with the anticipated increase in passenger demand brought by community development along the Tseung Kwan O Line, train service on the line will be enhanced starting from 30 August with train frequency between Tiu Keng Leng and LOHAS Park stations to be stepped up from 12 minutes to 8.2 – 10 minutes during non-peak hours on weekdays, weekends and public holidays. Train frequency between North Point and Po Lam stations will also be increased to every 5 minutes during most of the non-peak hours on weekdays.

Please refer to the annex for details about the train service enhancements on the East Rail, Tuen Ma and Tseung Kwan O lines.

The Corporation will continue to closely monitor train service to meet travelling needs and suitably adjust service when necessary, providing convenient and comfortable train services to passengers.

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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.

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### **Details of Train Service Enhancements**

# <u>Train Frequency on Mondays to Sundays and Public Holidays</u> (Effective from 23 August 2021)

Railway lines	Mondays to Fridays		Saturdays		Sundays and Public Holidays	
	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced
East Rail Line	8:00 am – 9:00 am (minutes)					
(From Tai Po Market to Hung Hom)	3.2	2.9 – 3				
East Rail Line (Between Sheung Shui and Hung Hom)	9:30 am – 5:00 pm (minutes)		7:00 am – 8:00 pm (minutes)		7:00 am – 8:00 pm (minutes)	
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## <u>Train Frequency on Mondays to Sundays and Public Holidays</u> (<u>Effective from 30 August 2021)</u>

Railway lines	nes Mondays to Fridays		Saturdays		Sundays and Public Holidays	
	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced
Tuen Ma Line (From East	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (minutes)					
Tsim Sha Tsui to Tuen Mun)	3.5	3.3				
Tuen Ma Line (Between Wu Kai Sha and Tuen Mun)	7:45 pm – 10:30 pm (minutes)		7:25 am – 12:30 pm (minutes)		10:30 am – 1:00 pm (minutes)	
			5.5 - 7	4.7 - 6	(mir	iutes)
	7	6	7:30 pm – 10:30 pm (minutes)		7	6
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Railway lines	Mondays to Fridays		Saturdays		Sundays and Public Holidays	
	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced
Tseung Kwan O Line (Between North Point and Po Lam)	10:15 am – 5:00 pm (Mondays to Fridays) and 8:00 pm – 12:00 am (Fridays) (minutes)		10:15 am – 12:00am (minutes)		9:00 am – 12:00 nn and 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (minutes)	
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Tseung Kwan O Line (Between Tiu Keng Leng and LOHAS Park)	12	10	12	8.2 - 10	12	10