

**MTR welcomes Government's Strategic Plans for
Local and Cross-boundary Railway Projects Development set out in the Policy Address**

The MTR Corporation welcomes the Chief Executive's 2021 Policy Address delivered today (6 October 2021) which included a number of initiatives on the development of the local railway network and cross-boundary railway projects, as well as long-term land development strategies. They include the five projects to be explored under the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, which will drive community development with railway as the backbone based on the "transport infrastructure-led development" model; as well as the construction of a new Science Park/Pak Shek Kok Station along the East Rail Line.

MTR Corporation has all along been railway-based, serving the Hong Kong community. In the Policy Address, the five projects including (1) the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Railway linking up Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen and Qianhai of Shenzhen, (2) extending the Northern Link northwards to connect to the new Huanggang Port in Shenzhen via the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (HSITP) in the Lok Ma Chau Loop (the Loop); (3) extension of the East Rail Line to Luohu, Shenzhen, (4) extending the Northern Link eastwards from the Kwu Tung Station to connect with the areas of Lo Wu, Man Kam To and Heung Yuen Wai, and further southwards to Fanling, as well as (5) examining the feasibility of constructing an automated people mover system from Tsim Bei Tsui to Pak Nai, will all help to enhance the connectivity of the Northern Metropolis. Railway is a low-carbon form of mass public transportation and the Corporation has been connecting communities with efficient, quality and environmentally-friendly services. We will closely follow the planning of the above projects and provide Government with our full support.

The Corporation also thanks the Government for its invitation to study the construction of a new Science Park/Pak Shek Kok Station of the East Rail Line at the current site of The Hong Kong Education University (EdUHK) Sports Centre at Pak Shek Kok and the use of the station site and its adjoining land to provide more residential units and auxiliary facilities. We will seek to proceed with relevant studies as soon as practicable to facilitate the development of the area.

"The local and cross-boundary rail projects as well as relevant land development plans presented in the Policy Address will help make it more convenient for people to travel around, which will be instrumental to the territory's urban development while enabling Hong Kong to tap the enormous opportunities offered by the development of the Greater Bay Area. We welcome the above plans and will work with the Government to support relevant studies. In doing so, we will be contributing to the long-term development of Hong Kong, leveraging our expertise in railway development and operations," Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of the MTR Corporation said.

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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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