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Passengers Say Thank You to MLR Trains for Decades of Dedicated Service

Passengers and railway fans today (6 May 2022) expressed their gratitude at MTR East Rail Line stations and on online platforms to the last running East Rail Line Mid-life Refurbishment (MLR) train which will be retired today after decades of dedicated service.

Passengers got to witness and experience the last running of an MLR train after 40 years of services and learn more about the history of MLR trains on the East Rail Line during a trip that ran from Hung Hom Station to Sha Tin Station. To mark the end of its last scheduled timetabled service, the MLR train stopped at Sha Tin Station to give passengers and railway fans the opportunity to capture the swansong moment of the train.

Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director, Ms Linda Choy, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director and Mr C K Cheung, Chief of Cross Boundary Segment of MTR Corporation also joined passengers and staff to thank the MLR trains for their decades-long service.

“With 40 years of operations connecting downtown Kowloon with the New Territories, the service of the MLR trains has played an important role in the city’s development and connecting the lives of Hong Kong people. The MLR trains will be retired as the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension passenger service will commence soon. But the successor trains will carry on their dedicated spirit while providing a ‘smarter’ and more extended railway service to Hong Kong Island for passengers,” said Dr Tony Lee.

The MLR trains were originally introduced into service as first-generation electrified trains, also called “Yellow Head”, starting from 6 May 1982 before their mid-life refurbishment between 1996 and 1999. The Corporation has explored various ways of taking care of retired trains in a sustainable way under the Legacy Train Revitalisation Programme for donation to community members for educational purposes.

The East Rail Line (EAL) will extend to Hong Kong Island starting on 15 May 2022. With a total route length of about 46 kilometres, the extended EAL with new trains and signalling system will carry passengers with direct access for travel between the New Territories and Hong Kong Island with shorter journey times.

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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 Captions:

1. Passengers and railway fans expressed their gratitude to a retiring MLR train for connecting people's journeys over the last few decades.



2. Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director (first left), Ms Linda Choy, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director (third left) and Mr C K Cheung, Chief of Cross Boundary Segment (first right) of MTR Corporation joined East Rail Line Train Captain to thank the MLR trains for their decades-long service.



3. Dr Tony Lee (left photo) and Ms Linda Choy (right photo) distributed special edition MLR souvenirs to passengers and railway fans.

