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Public Enjoy an Early Glimpse at Open Day of the Brand New Exhibition Centre Station

With the commissioning of the East Rail Line cross-harbour extension on 15 May 2022, the new Exhibition Centre Station will also come into service. The MTR Corporation welcomed around 4,000 guests, including 200 invited guests from non-government organisations, at the Exhibition Centre Station Open Day today (9 May 2022), ahead of the official opening. The focal points of attention include a station artwork entitled "Water Memory", two extended "story walls" featuring the 100-year evolution of East Rail Line and chronicling the construction milestones, as well as the display of a restored bombshell discovered on site during the construction period.

Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation expressed his warm welcome to the participants in the open day. He said, "It is joyful to see our guests sharing the excitement and anticipation for the opening of the East Rail Line cross-harbour extension. The opening marks a new page in Hong Kong's railway history. In less than a week, the East Rail Line will extend its service to the new Exhibition Centre Station, taking the century-old line to one of the busiest commercial areas in Hong Kong."

As some participants were familiarising themselves with the new station facilities and services, many had their attention on "Water Memory", a montage of around 1,200 photos capturing different moments of the same spot of Victoria Harbour straddling across the walls of the concourse and platform floors.

Two expansive wall displays at the upper and lower platform levels tell the stories of the 100year evolution of East Rail Line as well as the construction highlights of the extension. A bombshell discovered during the construction period is also restored and displayed at the station.

The full East Rail Line will become Hong Kong's fourth cross-harbour railway line, including 16 stations spanning a route length of approximately 46 km, connecting the Northeast New Territories, Central Kowloon and Hong Kong Island. Passengers will be able to enjoy a more comprehensive and convenient railway network with four interchange stations connecting the East Rail Line to five existing railway lines, namely the Tuen Ma Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Island Line and South Island Line.

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Photo Captions:

1. Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation greets visitors with T-Chai at the Exhibition Centre Station Open Day and shares the excitement of the opening of the East Rail Line cross-harbour extension.





2. The long wall stickers along the platforms form "story walls" for visitors to learn more about the construction of the East Rail Line cross-harbour extension and the history of the East Rail Line.





3. Guests from non-government organisations are invited to experience the new station in advance.



4. Visitors enjoy memorable photo moments at the new Exhibition Centre Station.

