

**East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension Commences Service Today  
Over Two Thousand Railway Fans and Passengers Board Maiden Voyage Across  
Harbour and Experience Five-Minute Direct Access**

More than two thousand railway fans and passengers celebrated the service commencement of the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension today (15 May 2022) with an inaugural ride on a special train dedicated to the historic occasion. The train departed from Exhibition Centre Station at 5:25am and arrived at Hung Hom Station five minutes later, marking a milestone of the century-old East Rail Line extending across Victoria Harbour and connecting the New Territories, Kowloon and Hong Kong Island. The extended East Rail Line will bring railway connectivity in Hong Kong to a new level.

Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation, joined Chief Executive Officer Dr Jacob Kam and executives to welcome passengers at Exhibition Centre Station this morning. "I am delighted to have the community join us today in celebrating this important milestone of the East Rail Line crossing the harbour and local railway service entering a new era. It is our mission to 'Keep Cities Moving' and MTR will continue to make its best endeavours to provide safe, reliable and convenient railway service to passengers," said Dr Auyeung.

Dr Jacob Kam commended the team for their hard work. "The service commencement of the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension, which involves also the opening of Exhibition Centre Station and extensions of Admiralty and Hung Hom Stations and the introduction of new trains and signalling system, were made possible with the great work of the MTR team – including colleagues in railway design, construction and operations. The effort and support from the relevant government departments, contractors and the community were also critical to its successful completion. With the fourth cross-harbour railway, the public have more travel options from now on and a faster and more convenient railway service," said Dr Kam.

Railway fans and passengers who were excited about the East Rail Line extending across the harbour lined up outside Exhibition Centre Station before 5am today, hoping to catch the "Special Train for First Service Day of East Rail Line Crossing Harbour". MTR representatives distributed limited edition face masks and pins as souvenirs to the passengers to share the joy of the opening of the new extension.

To celebrate the extension of the East Rail Line with the public, the Corporation will give away 100,000 free domestic single journey rides. Registered users of MTR Mobile can log on from 2:00pm on 31 May 2022 to collect the free rides which are offered on a first-come, first-served basis while stocks last. Details will be announced on MTR Mobile and MTR East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension website (<https://mtrustrailinecrossharbourextension.hk/en>) in due course.

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Similar to the opening of new railway lines in the past, teething issues may occur during the initial operations of the East Rail Line extending across the harbour. Contingency plans are in place and the Corporation will try its best to minimise the impact on passengers in case teething issues occur. We appeal to passengers for understanding in the event that such issues arise.

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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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**Photo captions:**

1. Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation (Middle, back row); Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer (6<sup>th</sup> left, back row); Mr Adi Lau, Managing Director – Mainland China Business and Global Operations Standards (6<sup>th</sup> right, back row); Ms Jeny Yeung, Hong Kong Transport Services Director (5<sup>th</sup> left, back row); Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director (2<sup>nd</sup> left, back row); and Mr Roger Bayliss, Capital Works Director (3<sup>rd</sup> right, back row) were joined by other MTR directorates and representatives in officiating a handover ceremony to mark the extension of the East Rail Line across the harbour today (15 May 2022).



2. Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation; Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer and MTR executives greet passengers at the concourse of Exhibition Centre Station and present them with the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension limited edition face masks and pins.







3. Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation present souvenirs to and take photos with passengers at Hung Hom Station.

