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MTR Welcomes Government's Plans to Advance the Railway Network and City's Sustainable Development

The MTR Corporation welcomes the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address announced today (19 October 2022) which proposes plans for the further extension of Hong Kong's railway network whilst also propelling long-term land development. The Corporation will proactively leverage our expertise in railway development and operations in promoting the sustainable development of Hong Kong in support of the Government's strategy of using railways as the backbone of the public transport system.

MTR Corporation has all along been serving the Hong Kong community with railway services at its core. We welcome the Government's plan to take forward the three strategic railway projects recommended in the "Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030", including two new local railway projects, the "Tseung Kwan O Line Southern Extension" and the "Central Rail Link" connecting Kam Tin in Yuen Long with Kowloon Tong via Kwai Chung, which will help enhance the connectivity of local communities and bring more convenience to citizens' commuting. The Corporation will closely follow the progress of the relevant plans, as well as maintain close communication and collaboration with the relevant Government departments to bring forward the new railway projects.

As for cross-boundary railway service, MTR Corporation looks forward to any opportunities for participating in the "Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link" project linking up the Hung Shui Kiu and Qianhai of Shenzhen. In planning and designing the Hung Shui Kiu Station under RDS 2014, we will thoroughly consider the interface and connectivity with the proposed new railway line to better facilitate citizens' travel between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in future. The Corporation has extensive experience in working with many Mainland organisations in railway construction and in the cross-boundary railway services, and stands ready to contribute to the development of this new cross-boundary railway line with our established relationships with different Mainland entities.

The Policy Address also covered the plans to develop the "Northern Metropolis" as the foothold for Hong Kong's strategic development as well as the new engine for growth. To facilitate the related development, the Corporation is actively taking forward the work relating to Northern Link project and the Hung Shui Kiu Station. We are also working full steam on other railway projects, including (1) Tung Chung Line Extension, (2) Oyster Bay Station and (3) Tuen Mun South Extension. In addition, with the Government's prior invitation, the Corporation has been progressing with the construction study of the new Science Park/Pak Shek Kok Station of the East Rail Line, to strengthen the Innovation & Technology ecosystem's infrastructure and facilities for promoting the development of the technology industry.

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Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of the MTR Corporation, said, "As a world class low-carbon public transport operator, we welcome and support the local and cross-boundary railway projects and relevant land development plans presented in the 2022 Policy Address which will facilitate travel by the public and further promote the economic recovery of Hong Kong and the city's sustainable development. Providing reliable, efficient and environmentally friendly railway services to the public, we are committed to delivering on our corporate purpose of 'Keeping Hong Kong Moving' and connecting and growing communities for the long-term sustainable development of Hong Kong."

To drive the development of surrounding areas along railway lines, the MTR Corporation will continue to adopt the "Rail plus Property" model to build more new communities in Hong Kong. In addition to railway construction, the integration between our property developments and the railway network also builds diversified community facilities in residential and commercial aspects, shopping malls, etc. This will create seamless connectivity and greater convenience to customers using the railway stations as public transit hubs, creating greater value for the community.

The MTR Corporation also welcomes the Government to strive for resuming normal cross-boundary travel in a gradual and orderly manner. We have been preparing intensively for the resumption of cross-boundary railway transportation and will provide railway service as soon as possible according to the plans for resumption of normal traveller clearance. To facilitate travel to and from Hong Kong International Airport, the Corporation has already taken steps to increase the frequency of train service on the Airport Express Line (AEL) to every 15 minutes. Meanwhile, all AEL trains have been refurbished with new seats and carpets for a refreshed image to welcome passengers. The Corporation will suitably enhance train and related services according to actual circumstances and changes in the patronage of AEL.

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To Keep Cities Moving, MTR makes encounters happen and rendezvous for a more connected tomorrow. 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 Mainland China. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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