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Passengers Express Gratitude to Phase 2 Light Rail Vehicles Completing their 30-year Journey in Northwestern New Territories

Over a thousand of passengers and railway fans gathered at MTR Light Rail Siu Hong Stop in Tuen Mun on a sunny Sunday (26 February 2023) to bid farewell and express gratitude to Phase 2 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) which will be retired today after dedicatedly serving the northwestern New Territories since 1992.

Taking the swansong ride on a Phase 2 LRV specially arranged by MTR Corporation from Yuen Long Stop to Siu Hong Stop, a Light Rail staff member was invited to share the stories of the retiring vehicles with passengers and railway fans so they could get to know more about the connection between the community and Light Rail. At the last stop of the journey at Siu Hong Stop, the Phase 2 LRV stopped for an hour to showcase its dignified demeanour to the public. Iconic models of Phase 2 LRVs were also displayed at the platform for the community to take snapshots to commemorate their retirement.

Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director, Ms Linda Choy, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director and Ms Cheri Lee, Chief of Operating and Metro Segment of MTR Corporation joined the passengers and staff to bid farewell the retiring Phase 2 LRVs and distributed souvenirs to passengers to thank them for their support to Light Rail.

“Serving the northwestern New Territories for over 30 years and connecting communities, Phase 2 LRVs have provided convenient and quality public transport service to community members, especially the residents of Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai. While Phase 2 LRVs have completed their service today, our existing Light Rail Vehicles will continue to provide convenient service to the citizens in the future. The latest Phase 5 LRVs which have entered into service since 2020 are equipped with enhanced features to provide better customer experience,” said Dr Tony Lee.

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Since November 2020, Phase 5 LRVs have started serving in the northwestern New Territories to gradually replace current Phase 2 LRVs and expand the size of the Light Rail fleet. To further enhance customer experience, the Phase 5 LRVs are furnished with a modified LED lighting system to enhance the ambiance of the train saloons, and improved straphanger as well as handrail arrangements which facilitate easy access to the multi-purpose areas for wheelchair passengers. The Corporation has also installed solar photovoltaic panels on one Phase 5 LRVs as a trial to use clean and renewable energy to provide electricity to the in-compartment lighting system, hoping to make Light Rail journeys greener.

The Corporation has donated one of the Phase 2 LRVs to a school for internal exhibition under the Legacy Train Revitalisation Programme to inspire students' learning interest in areas of technology, engineering, conservation and design and to boost students' understanding of Hong Kong's railway history. Besides disposal in an environmentally-friendly manner, the MTR Corporation strives to give the retired train cars a "second life" through donation to and collaboration with different partners under the programme.

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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 Caption:

1. Passengers and railway fans expressed their gratitude to a retiring Phase 2 LRV for serving the northwestern New Territories dedicatedly for over 30 years.



2. Dr Tony Lee, Operations Director (middle), Ms Linda Choy, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director (right) and Ms Cheri Lee, Chief of Operating and Metro Segment (left) joined Light Rail train captains to thank the Phase 2 LRVs for making tremendous contributions to the community.



3. Ms Linda Choy presented Phase 2 LRV straphangers to winners of an online quiz about Phase 2 LRVs and distributed commemorative souvenir tickets as replicas of the old version of Light Rail tickets to passengers and railway fans.

