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High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) Steps Up to Full Service on 1 April Adding Five New Destinations while Ticket Presales Start this Thursday

The High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (“HSR”) will fully resume train services starting from 1 April 2023 (Saturday), reconnecting directly to Mainland cities such as Beijing, Changsha, Hangzhou, Shanghai and Wuhan through cross-provincial train services. Meanwhile, with the addition of five stations - Changping, Huizhoubei, Heyuandong, Ganzhouxi and Shengfang, the total number of destinations will be increased to 66 in the Mainland of China, further expanding coverage of the network to facilitate hassle-free tourism and business travel. Advance ticket sales will start on 23 March (Thursday).

HSR has been operating smoothly since the gradual resumption of short-haul trips and train services in Guangdong Province in January this year. The recommencement of cross-provincial long-haul train services starting from 1 April will bring the daily train frequency from 102 at present, up to the pre-COVID level of 164*, marking the full resumption of normal cross-boundary service.

According to the latest arrangements of the Mainland, there will be adjustment in the routes and stations of the HSR trains, further enhancing our services:

- Trains running between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (WEK) and Shanghai Hongqiao will use a new route which will shorten the traveling time by about 20 minutes to about 8 hours and pass-through the new destinations of Huizhoubei, Heyuandong and Ganzhouxi;
- Four daily trains running between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Guangzhoudong Station will stop at the new Changping Station instead of Dongguan Station;
- Southbound trains from Tianjinxi Station to Hong Kong West Kowloon Station will stop at the new Shengfang Station;
- Huizhounan Station and Huidong Station will be renamed as Huiyang Station and Huidongnan Station respectively, starting from 10 April.

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"We are delighted that the HSR service resumption has reconnected the Mainland and Hong Kong, bringing convenience to cross-boundary passengers and travelers. Easter will be the first long holiday after Hong Kong resumes to normalcy, and strong demand for outbound travel is expected. We hope that the timely resumption of HSR service with an extensive network coverage will provide travelers with more choices and better serve passengers with convenient, fast, comfortable and reliable train services to travel around the Mainland of China, whether they go for leisure, visiting relatives, or business purposes," said Ms Jeny Yeung, Hong Kong Transport Services Director of MTR Corporation.

Since the HSR service resumption in January, the station environment and ticketing system have been upgraded. E-ticketing has also been fully implemented to achieve smart mobility. Most of the shops at Hong Kong West Kowloon Station are in service while the food court at B2 level is planned to open this month, and new tenants will also be introduced later on.

As required by the Mainland, all passengers traveling by HSR shall wear a mask on the train, complete the health declaration e-form before departure, and set aside sufficient time for clearance. Please visit the HSR website for details of train services and fares.

Train Timetable: <https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/ticket/timetable.html>

Fare Chart: <https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/ticket/fare.html>

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***Remarks:**

Due to works in the Mainland section, two of the HSR train services between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Guangzhounan Station will not resume on 1 April. The Corporation will closely monitor the work progress, and liaise with Mainland railway authorities on the train services.

Moreover, due to the adjustment of Mainland train services, the following services will only start from 2 April. Please kindly note in the 12306 ticket sales platform that there could be further Mainland train service adjustments without prior notice.

G6503 & G6505	From Guangzhounan to Hong Kong West Kowloon
G100	From Hong Kong West Kowloon to Shanghai Hongqiao
G410/07	From Kunmingnan to Hong Kong West Kowloon
G6114	From Hong Kong West Kowloon to Changshanan

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