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Light Rail Connects Community for 35 years Launching “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle”, Depot Open Day and Special Route 506P

Light Rail has been serving the districts in the Northwest New Territories as a major mode of transport for 35 years, witnessing the transformation of Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai and growing alongside the community. The MTR Corporation announced today (20 August 2023) the launch of a series of celebratory activities for Light Rail’s 35th anniversary with a theme of “Ride to Connect, Ride to Discover”, including putting two “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicles” into service, organising a Depot Open Day and so on, to invite passengers for a journey down memory lane with Light Rail.

One of the “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicles” made its debut and greeted passengers at Tuen Mun Light Rail Depot and Siu Hong Stop today. The livery of the retro-themed vehicle relives the classic orange and white colour combination with orange seats, bringing back memories of the original Phase 1 Light Rail Vehicles when they first started service. Inside the compartment, passengers could savour the shared journey of Light Rail and the community over time by viewing historical pictures captured in different decades, and reading interesting trivia and touching stories collected from Light Rail staff members and local residents. Starting tomorrow, the first “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle” will mainly serve Route 610, which runs between Tuen Mun Ferry Pier and Yuen Long and is one of the first few original routes that have been served by Light Rail since the first day of passenger service, while the second retro-themed vehicle will be ready for service in September.

Furthermore, the Corporation will organise a Light Rail 35th Anniversary Depot Open Day on 17 September 2023 (Sunday) inviting members of public, local and non-governmental organisations to visit to learn about the depot’s operations and deepen their understanding of Light Rail. The highlight of the event will be the first-ever open exhibition of Light Rail vehicles from Phase 1 (the 35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle) to Phase 5, which is a photo opportunity that participants and railway lovers should not miss. The depot open day will be divided into six sessions with a limited number of participants for each session. Admission will be for open-day ticket holders only. Members of the public can obtain QR code ticket tickets for free via MTR Mobile or The GULU app, starting from 5 September 2023. First come, first served while stocks last. (Please refer to Appendix 1 for details)

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Since the commissioning in September 1988, Light Rail has been providing convenient transport services to residents in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long, later extending its network to Tin Shui Wai and serving as a major feeder to Tuen Ma Line. The Corporation has continuously invested in Light Rail to bring about improvement in Light Rail services to cater for the increasing population in Northwest New Territories, such as expanding the fleet with new LRVs, widening platforms at various stops, and providing real-time journey information to passengers. The Corporation today introduced a new morning special route 506P, which will start service on the first day of new school year from 1 September 2023. Students or commuters taking Route 506P can travel from the Tuen Mun Ferry Pier area to Lung Mun Stop, Tuen Mun Stop, Pui To Stop, Prime View Stop, and Siu Hong Stop without interchanging, enjoying a convenient connection with schools in the area as well as with Tuen Mun and Siu Hong stations of the Tuen Ma Line. (Please refer to Appendix 2 for details).

Ms Jeny Yeung, Hong Kong Transport Services Director of the MTR Corporation, said, "We wholeheartedly appreciate the support of passengers towards Light Rail for the past 35 years. For residents living in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai, Light Rail is not just a major mode of transport but a part of their daily life and precious memories. As the community has evolved and developed, the sight of Light Rail vehicles running through the community has become a distinctive characteristic of local travel. The Light Rail team will continue to serve the community and fulfill our mission of carrying more than 400,000 passenger trips per day and providing safe and quality service, connecting the community and building a brighter future."

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Photo Caption:

1. Ms Jeny Yeung, Hong Kong Transport Services Director of the MTR Corporation (6th left), Ms Cheri Lee, Chief of Operating & Metro Segment of the MTR Corporation (1st right), Mr David Chan, Head of Line Group Management – Tuen Ma Line, Light Rail & Bus of the MTR Corporation (1st left) join other officiating guests in the ribbon-cutting ceremony today (20 August 2023) to mark the launch of the “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle”.



2. The livery of the “35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle” features a classic orange and white colour combination. The orange-coloured seats also reflect the style of the original Phase 1 LRVs. Inside the compartment, passengers could savour the shared journey of Light Rail and the community over time by viewing historical pictures captured in different decades, and reading interesting trivia and touching stories collected from Light Rail staff members and local residents.





3. "35th Anniversary Retro-themed Light Rail Vehicle" makes its debut and greets hundreds of passengers at Siu Hong Stop.



Annex 1

Light Rail Depot Open Day

- Light Rail 35th Anniversary Depot Open Day is divided into six sessions with a limited number of participants for each session.
- Members of the public can register via MTR Mobile and THE GULU to obtain tickets. Each ticket is valid for a maximum of four participants to enter the depot at the same time. First come, first served.

	Open Day Sessions	Date of Obtaining Ticket	Channels of Obtaining Ticket
Light Rail Depot Open Day (17 Sep 2023)	10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:45 am - 12:45 pm 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	From 12:00 nn on 5 September 2023 onwards	Via MTR Mobile Registered users can obtain QR Code tickets through registration on the MTR Mobile "Promotion" page 
	2:15 pm - 3:15 pm 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	From 12:30 pm on 5 September 2023 onwards	Via THE GULU app 

Annex 2

New Morning Special Route 506P

- To enhance the transport service between Tuen Mun Ferry Pier area and Tuen Mun Station, a new Light Rail special route 506P will be introduced starting from 1 September 2023 to bring passengers to schools or to Tuen Mun Station and Siu Hong Station for interchanging with the Tuen Ma Line.
- Route 506P departs from Tuen Mun Ferry Pier terminal and stops en-route at Melody Garden Stop, Butterfly Stop, Light Rail Depot Stop, Lung Mun Stop, Tsing Shan Tsuen Stop, Tsing Wun Stop, Kin On Stop and Tuen Mun Station. Upon reaching Tuen Mun Station, the Light Rail vehicle operating Route 506P will continue on Route 614P, proceeding to Pui To Stop, Hoh Fuk Tong Stop, San Hui Stop, Prime View Stop, Fung Tei Stop and Siu Hong Stop. Passengers taking Route 506P may continue their journey to Siu Hong Stop without alighting.
- Route 506P departs at 7:20 am and 7:35 am on Mondays to Fridays (two trips per day). The service is not available on Saturdays, Sundays, school holidays and public holidays.