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HSR Marks its Fifth Anniversary with Record High Patronage Five New Destinations to Enhance Convenience for Travelers in the Greater Bay Area

Since its opening on 23 September 2018, the High-Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) ("HSR") has ushered in a new era of travel connectivity between Hong Kong and the Mainland, marking five years of service excellence. With a growing demand for cross-boundary travel, HSR set a record since its commissioning by serving nearly 2.5 million passengers during the August summer holiday period. This achievement underscores HSR's pivotal role as an essential bridge for deeper connection and exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Following the launch of the Guangzhoudong and Chengdudong new lines, enhancement in train services, and the introduction of "Flexi-trip" arrangements for passengers travelling between Hong Kong and Futian Station earlier this year, the Corporation announces today (3 October 2023) that HSR will once again enhance its service starting from 11 October 2023 (Wednesday), adding a new line linking with five new destinations - Jiangmen, Kaipingnan, Yangjiang, Maoming and Zhanjiangxi. The new service will provide one pair of southbound and northbound trains every day.

In addition, train services between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (WEK) and Guangzhoudong, as well as Futian Station, will be strengthened starting from the same day. The number of daily train services to Guangzhoudong will increase to 20, while the last southbound train departure time will be extended from the current 6:45pm to 8:18pm from Guangzhoudong, offering greater convenience to passengers. The Guangzhoudong Line will also introduce a new train model, ensuring a more comfortable journey. Furthermore, train frequencies between Shenzhen and Hong Kong will also increase from 178 to 184 on the same day, making travel between the two cities more convenient and efficient.

With these service enhancements, the HSR network coverage will be further expanded, including direct access to seven major cities in the Greater Bay Area (Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Zhaoqing, Foshan, Dongguan, Huizhou, and Jiangmen). Daily train services will increase from 182 to 188, further promoting the "one-hour living circle" within the Greater Bay Area. Passengers can purchase tickets for the new destinations and train services starting from tomorrow (4 October 2023).

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Since the commissioning of HSR, the Corporation, as the Hong Kong operator, has been continuously striving to improve the station facilities and environment, even when facing the challenges of the pandemic. This effort enabled more convenient and comfortable services to be provided for passengers from Hong Kong and the Mainland after the resumption of HSR earlier this year.

With support from the Government, the Corporation has also been collaborating with relevant Mainland authorities on adding more destinations so that passengers could enjoy the convenient and flexible service of high-speed rail for short, medium and long-distance journeys.

In addition, due to the raising of the permitted speed for the Guiyang-Guangzhou Section starting from 11 October, fares for nine long-haul destinations of HSR, including Chengdudong, Leshan, Yibinxi, Guiyangdong, Chongqingxi, Zunyi, Kunmingnan, Guiyangbei, and Guilinxi, will be adjusted while the travelling time of the corresponding lines will also be shortened by 1 to 1.5 hours. For detailed train schedules and fares, please check the following links.

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

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

“With an extensive network and reliable, fast, and innovative services, HSR has become the preferred choice for many cross-boundary passengers. This achievement is not only due to our team's continuous efforts but also thanks to the support of relevant government departments, Mainland railway authorities, passengers, communities, and business partners. The new line that we are launching will connect to well-known overseas Chinese communities in Jiangmen and Kaiping areas, which have deep ties with many Hong Kong residents and overseas compatriots. Jiangmen is also a key city in the Greater Bay Area, featuring a national-level high-tech industrial development zone and multiple youth innovation and entrepreneurship bases. Whether for family visits, tourism, business trips, or trade, passengers can enjoy the convenience and advantages of the new line,” said Ms Jeny Yeung, Managing Director - Hong Kong Transport Services of MTR Corporation.

To share the joy of the fifth anniversary of HSR with passengers, the Corporation will launch HSR's fifth Anniversary Celebration and Value Travel offers in October. For more details, please refer to the Annex.

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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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*includes our subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in Hong Kong and worldwide

Annex

High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) 5th Anniversary Celebration Offers

Campaign	Date	Detail
High Speed Rail 5 th Anniversary Lucky Draw	18 October 2023, 2:00-6:00pm	<p>MTR Mobile registered users can login and enter the lucky draw on the event date and get a chance to win a fabulous prize. 20,000 prizes will be given away with a total prize value exceeding HK\$2.4 million!</p> <p><u>Buy a 2-day 2 persons tour for HK\$5 (100 quotas for each tour)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A 2-day Shunde Zhongshan tour for 2 persons, Market value: HK\$1,290, Quota: 100 (China Travel Service (Hong Kong))2. A 2-day Dongguan tour for 2 persons, Market value: HK\$1,318, Quota: 100 (Wing On Travel)3. A 2-day Huizhou tour for 2 persons, Market value: HK\$1,318, Quota: 100 (Miramar Travel)4. A 2-day Dongguan tour for 2 persons, Market value: HK\$1,198, Quota: 100 (EGL Tours)5. A 2-day Heyuan tour for 2 persons, Market value: HK\$1,198, Quota: 100 (Big Line Holiday) <p><u>Buy a train ticket for HK\$10 and up</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pay HK\$10 for a Hong Kong to Futian High Speed Rail 2nd Class Adult Ticket, Quota: 10,0002. Pay HK\$20 for a Hong Kong to Shenzhenbei High Speed Rail 2nd Class Adult Ticket, Quota: 7,0003. Pay HK\$80 for a Hong Kong to Dongguan High Speed Rail 2nd Class Adult Ticket, Quota: 1,0004. Pay HK\$100 for a Hong Kong to Guangzhouonan High Speed Rail 2nd Class Adult Ticket, Quota: 8005. Pay HK\$100 for a Hong Kong to Guangzhoudong High Speed Rail 2nd Class Adult Ticket, Quota: 700 <p>Trade Promotion Competition License No.: 57664</p> <p>More detail on HSR Website: https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/latest-news/Instant_Win.html</p>
High Speed Rail 5 th Super Value Tours	13 October 2023 to mid-December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eight travel agencies provide a variety of 2-day to 7-day Super Value Tours with surprising prices as low as HK\$249. The destinations include Shenzhen, Huizhou, Foshan, Zhongshan, Zahoqing, Shaoguan, Xiamen, Meizhou, Shunde, Guilin, Guizhou, Changsha, Zhangjiajie, etc over 15 popular destinations for leisure travel.• More details will be announced in due course.

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