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### Press Release

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#### **MTR Welcomes 2023 Policy Address In Advancing the Railway Network and City's Sustainable Development**

The MTR Corporation welcomes the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address announced today (25 October 2023) which proposes 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. MTR welcomes the government's enhanced Three Railways proposals under the "Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads Beyond 2030" which include the provision of three intermediate stations in Northeast Tsuen Wan, Northeast Kwai Chung and Tsuen King Circuit on the Central Rail Link which can transit to the Tsuen Wan Line. Additionally, the government will take forward two new railway projects, including the "Northern Link Eastern Extension" and the "Northeast New Territories Line" connecting Heung Yuen Wai to Fanling Station of the East Rail Line. The Corporation will closely follow the relevant plans and fully support the government in advancing the above projects which will all help extend Hong Kong's rail network.

MTR Corporation is also working full steam on other railway projects under the government's Railway Development Strategy 2014. We have signed project agreements with the government this year for the Tung Chung Line Extension, Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line, and the Tuen Mun South Extension, with construction work commencing within this year. We are also conducting research on the construction works for the proposed new Pak Shek Kok Station on the East Rail Line. We will maintain close communication with the government to advance these projects.

In addition, the Corporation will closely monitor the progress of the proposed implementation of smart and green mass transit in areas such as Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen mentioned in the Policy Address and provide full support.

MTR Corporation will, at the government's invitation, study the opportunity for re-planning and developing Hung Hom Station and the railway facility sites in the vicinity, as well as the waterfront and pier facility nearby, in order to upgrade the facilities of Hung Hom Station, release commercial and residential floor area, and create a vibrant harbourfront.

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“We welcome and support the railway projects and relevant land development plans presented in the 2023 Policy Address, in line with Hong Kong’s future development and strategic positioning. This year’s Policy Address comes at a time when the society is returning to normalcy. The planned transport infrastructure projects, along with initiatives in the innovation and technology, economy and livelihoods, will continue to drive the sustainable development of Hong Kong and keep the city moving,” said Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of the MTR Corporation.

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#### About MTR Corporation

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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