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#### **MTR 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train Embarks on a Journey Reliving the First-Generation Train and Showcasing the Evolution of the Railway**

The MTR, serving Hong Kong for 45 years, has played a significant role in Hong Kong's public transport system. Over the years, the railway has supported and grown alongside the development of Hong Kong. Today (22 August 2024), MTR Corporation launched the "45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train" on urban lines, carrying warm memories of serving passengers. The themed train incorporates classic elements of the first-generation passenger trains, showcasing the evolution of the railway and inviting passengers to reminisce about their railway memories over the past decades.

Featuring the iconic red-and-white train exterior along with the MTR logo from the early days of service, the MTR 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train brings the first-generation passenger train back onto the tracks, evoking cherished memories for railway fans and passengers of all ages.

The train highlights two main themes – "Memories" and "Togetherness". The four "Memories" themed cars allow passengers to revisit various elements of the first-generation passenger train, including the ball-shaped straphangers. These cars are decorated with classic orange-yellow ceilings, nostalgic lighting and specially curated railway trivia to transport passengers back in time to the early days of metro service. When the train was re-decorated, some existing modern facilities were retained to care for and balance the needs of passengers, such as priority seats and red handrails for the visually impaired.

Under the theme of "Togetherness", the other four cars feature classic characters from "My Boy" comics in the 1970s-80s. These characters, revitalised by local comic artist Mr Li Chi-tak, with license privilege obtained from the son of the late cartoonist Mr Wong Sze-ma, depict a father and son who transform into passengers and railway staff from different eras, showcasing the evolution of the Hong Kong railway over the years and the development of the railway and the city together.

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Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation and Mr Liu Chun San, Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics officiated at the kick-off ceremony of the themed train today in the presence of MTR colleagues across different eras. "The first generation passenger train holds precious memories for me and many people in Hong Kong. I believe this themed train will bring excitement and create memories for railway fans and passengers of different generations. While the appearance of the train has evolved and railway operations have advanced in technology, the dedication of the MTR Corporation to provide passengers with world class quality service remains unchanged," said Mr Liu Chun San, Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics.

Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation said, "When MTR metro service first commenced in 1979, we operated just one line with nine stations. Over the past 45 years, MTR has upheld the mission to 'Keep Cities Moving' to connect and grow the community. Today, the railway network has extended to all 18 districts in Hong Kong and also offers High-Speed Rail service that connects to the high speed rail network in Mainland China. I hope passengers can revisit our railway development as they board the themed train and continue to journey with us into the future."

The MTR 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train will serve passengers on selected urban lines starting from today (22 August 2024) till the end of this year. On Saturday (24 August 2024) morning, a public showcase will take place at Choi Hung Station, where the public will have the opportunity to board the train and capture joyful moments. Please stay tuned for further event details on MTR's social media platforms.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of metro service commencement. Since the beginning of this year, the Corporation has been organising various activities to revisit the MTR's contribution to the development of the communities and railway network in Hong Kong, showcasing the MTR's pivotal role as essential infrastructure in Hong Kong's development and in fostering connections among people. For instance, the "Station Rail Voyage" Exhibition at Hung Hom Station and "Railscape Reminiscence" at Exit J of Central Station showcase the evolution of metro service in Hong Kong. Following the "Green T Baby Fun Day" and "MTR Volunteering Month" in early 2024, the Corporation is planning more celebratory activities to share the joy and give back to the society.

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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 45 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 50,000 dedicated staff\*, MTR carries over 10 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, the United Kingdom and Sweden. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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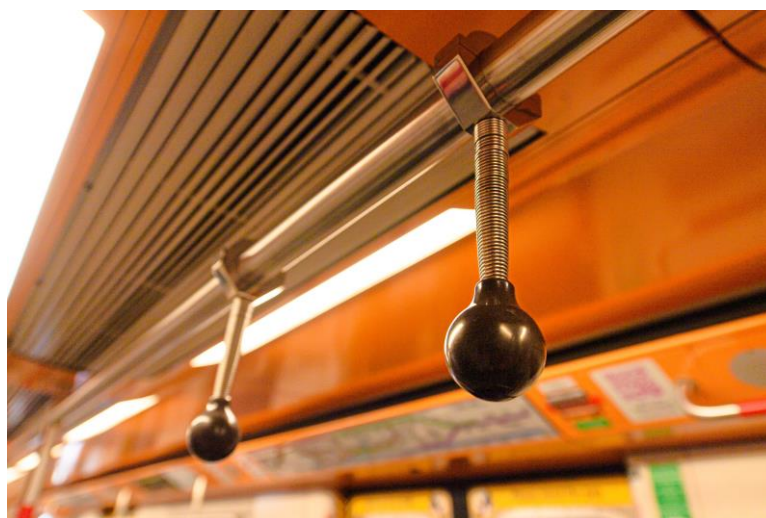
1. Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (6<sup>th</sup> Right); Mr Liu Chun San, Under Secretary for Transport and Logistics (6<sup>th</sup> Left); Legislative Council members Dr Hon Ben Chan (5<sup>th</sup> Right) and Hon Dominic Lee (5<sup>th</sup> Left) and Members of the Executive Committee of MTR Corporation officiated at the Kick-off Ceremony for the MTR 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train.



2. Inspired by the first generation passenger train, the MTR 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Themed Train features iconic red and white colours on its design. While recreating the scene of the ribbon crossing during the inaugural train service in 1979, it symbolises the continuous development of the railway, growing alongside the citizens.



- Inspired by the first-generation passenger train, the themed train consists of four cars with the theme "Memories", allowing passengers to revisit various elements of the first generation passenger trains, including ball-shaped straphangers, orange-yellow ceilings, and nostalgic lighting. With trivia crafted by a group of railway fans, the themed train invites passengers to traverse the tunnel of time and revisit the early days of metro service operation.



4. Additionally, the themed train features another four cars with the theme “Togetherness”. The MTR joined hands with renowned local comic artist Mr Li Chi-tak to revitalise the beloved “My Boy” comic characters created in the 1970s-80s, with license privilege obtained from the son of the late cartoonist Mr Wong Sze-ma., showcasing the evolution of the Hong Kong railway throughout the years.

