

## 新聞稿

### Press Release

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#### **MTR Operations Geared up for Adverse Weather and Strives to Provide Train Service Under Safe Conditions during Typhoons**

As the typhoon and rainy season approaches, MTR Corporation has made preparation to brace for the adverse weather including carrying out detailed inspections of drainage systems as well as reviewing flood-prevention measures and train service arrangements during typhoons. The Corporation will strive to provide train service as far as safe and practicable to members of the public who need to work and commute in keeping the city running during typhoons. MTR will also closely monitor weather conditions and suitably make service adjustments and announcements to ensure the safety of passengers and MTR staff.

#### Providing service of varying degrees during typhoons

When Typhoon Signal No. 1, No. 3 or No. 8 is in effect, service of the MTR heavy rail and Light Rail will generally remain normal while MTR Bus service will be suspended three hours after Signal No. 8 is issued. As weather conditions can suddenly deteriorate during typhoons, members of the public should stay safely indoors when Signal No. 8 or above is issued.

Upon the issuance of Signal No. 9 or above, train service in open sections of the heavy rail, Light Rail and MTR Bus will be suspended while limited service will be maintained in underground sections. Trains already operating in open sections will continue to travel to their original destinations or stations connected to shopping malls under safe conditions and as far as practicable, allowing passengers to take shelter in safe areas. All stations will also remain open whenever possible. With the Tsuen Wan Line running on the new signalling system which enables enhanced flexibility in train operations, train service between Tsuen Wan and Tai Wo Hau stations previously suspended during Signal No. 9 or above can be provided. The Corporation will provide train service between these two stations which belong to the underground section towards the end of the Tsuen Wan Line to facilitate passenger travel when Signal No. 9 or above is in effect. (Please refer to the annex for details about the service arrangements.)

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The MTR maintenance team will be on standby along railway lines during typhoons. When typhoons edge away from Hong Kong and the Signal No. 9 or 10 is lowered to the Signal No. 8, MTR staff will immediately take action to clear fallen trees and debris along tracks in open sections under safe and practicable conditions, and carry out safety checks to ensure the open sections are safe for railway operations. Cleanups and inspections in the aftermath of typhoons take time, especially for railway lines with longer open sections (including the East Rail Line, Tuen Ma Line, Airport Express, Tung Chung Line and Light Rail) which require longer time for the works and can only resume full line service gradually after it has been confirmed safe to do so. The Corporation appeals to passengers to pay attention to train service announcements when Signal No. 9 or above is lowered to Signal No. 8, and sincerely thanks passengers for their understanding and tolerance.

#### Ongoing review of measures to tackle adverse weather

To tackle heavy rainstorms during adverse weather, MTR staff have thoroughly checked the drainage systems in stations and railway facilities, as well as nearby ditches. Checks have also been carried out to ensure flood-prevention equipment including flood boards, flood doors and sandbags are in order and ready for use. All MTR stations have completed annual drills to ensure staff are well-versed in the response procedures and measures during typhoons and heavy rainstorms.

MTR has further strengthened its flood-prevention measures in recent years including installing flooding sensors at the entrances/exits of 32 stations with higher risks of flooding. Alerts were issued by these sensors during several rainstorms last year, assisting staff to take timely action. In addition, when the Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force, staff will step up patrols and inspections of flood-prevention equipment at stations and railway facilities as well as install flood boards or activate flood doors at entrances/exits that are prone to flooding. Individual station entrances/exits may also be temporarily closed as a precautionary measure based on actual needs. MTR will continue to review the relevant measures and equipment to provide a safe travelling environment for passengers.

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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 over 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 46,000 dedicated staff\*, MTR carries over 13 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, Chinese Mainland and beyond. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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

Photo Caption:

1. Upon the issuance of Signal No. 9 or above, train service in open sections of the heavy rail, Light Rail and MTR Bus will be suspended while limited service will be maintained in underground sections. With the Tsuen Wan Line running on the new signalling system which enables enhanced flexibility in train operations, train service will be provided between Tsuen Wan and Tai Wo Hau stations when Signal No. 9 or above is in effect to facilitate passenger travel.



2. All MTR stations have completed annual drills to ensure staff are well-versed in the response procedures and measures during typhoons and heavy rainstorms. The photos below show staff installing flood boards at an entrance/exit and testing the functions of flood-prevention equipment during a drill in Wong Tai Sin Station earlier this year.



Annex

**MTR Service Arrangements During Typhoons**

Typhoon Signal	MTR Service
<b>Heavy Rail, Light Rail and MTR Bus</b>	
<b>Standby Signal No. 1 and Strong Wind Signal No. 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service will remain normal</li> </ul>
<b>Gale or Storm Signal No. 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service will remain normal in the initial stage of the signal being issued. MTR will gradually increase the frequency of trains and deploy additional staff to assist passengers as needed.</li> <li>• As the storm approaches Hong Kong, service will be gradually reduced to a limited level.</li> <li>• MTR Bus service will be suspended three hours after Signal No. 8 is issued.</li> </ul>
<b>Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No. 9 and Hurricane Signal No. 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trains in open sections of the railway will immediately suspend service.</li> <li>• To ensure safety, limited service with reduced train frequencies will be maintained in underground sections* while service may stop at any time without prior notice. *Underground sections include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ East Rail Line (between Hung Hom and Admiralty)</li> <li>➤ Island Line (between Heng Fa Chuen and Kennedy Town)</li> <li>➤ Kwun Tong Line (between Choi Hung and Whampoa)</li> <li>➤ South Island Line (between South Horizons and Lei Tung)</li> <li>➤ Tseung Kwan O Line (all stations)</li> <li>➤ Tsuen Wan Line (between Tsuen Wan and Tai Wo Hau, and between Lai King and Central)</li> <li>➤ Tuen Ma Line (between Tsuen Wan West and East Tsim Sha Tsui, and between Ho Man Tin and Diamond Hill)</li> <li>➤ Tung Chung Line (between Kowloon and Hong Kong)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section)</b>	
<b>Standby Signal No. 1 and Strong Wind Signal No. 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service will remain normal.</li> </ul>
<b>Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 and Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No. 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) is connected to the national high speed rail network on the Chinese Mainland. MTR Corporation will coordinate with Mainland railway authorities on train service during typhoons based on the weather conditions in Hong Kong and on the Mainland.</li> </ul>
<b>Hurricane Signal No. 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service will be suspended.</li> </ul>