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MTR's "'Train' for Life's Journeys 2.0" Attracts over 7,000 Student Participants Youth Propose Innovative Solutions to Environmental and Social Inclusion Issues

MTR Corporation's annual "'Train' for Life's Journeys 2.0" programme was held successfully last weekend. The programme attracted over 7,000 students through both online and offline participation this year, marking a record high. Students developed innovative solutions to address issues about social inclusion or reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Corporation also announced that an onboard announcement system designed to provide bus route information for visually impaired passengers waiting at bus stops, developed with reference to a winning solution in the 2024 "'Train' for Life's Journeys 2.0" programme, will be progressively installed on the MTR bus fleet from mid-May, turning youth creativity into sustainable social benefits.

Themed "Changemakers Unite! Leap to the Bright Together", this year's programme encouraged students to develop viable solutions to address environmental and social inclusion issues. Over the past two months, more than 7,000 students have joined the e-course under the programme. Some of the students later formed teams to participate in the Innovation Challenge, under which they received guidance from MTR staff and social innovation mentors to develop their solutions, and visited non-profit organisations and social enterprises to validate their ideas on-site.

At the finale last Saturday (16 May 2026), the 28 teams that advanced from earlier rounds presented their solutions to the judging panel. Students from SALEM-Immanuel Lutheran College and Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School were selected as the champions in the "Social Inclusion" and "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction" themes respectively. The team from SALEM-Immanuel Lutheran College proposed introducing a shared trolley lending service at MTR stations to help elderly passengers carry heavy belongings after leaving the station and walk to nearby housing estates with greater ease. Meanwhile, the team from Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School proposed installing pedal-powered devices in stations. Passengers would generate energy by pedalling to filter rainwater and disperse it through misting nozzles to nourish station greenery while also providing a cooling effect in stations. The winning teams will be arranged to visit MTR's operational facilities to understand the latest developments in smart railway. They also receive the newly launched "Seed Fund" with cash prizes and vouchers to bring their innovative ideas one step closer to real-world implementation.

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The Innovation Challenge was introduced under the "'Train' for Life's Journeys 2.0" programme three years ago. Recognising that many of the solutions developed carry meaningful social impact, and after carefully balancing operational considerations and feasibility, the Corporation has refined the winning solution from four students from Po Leung Kuk Lee Shing Pik College in 2024 for real-world application. From mid-May, the solution is being put on trial on MTR buses, with an onboard announcement system broadcasting bus route and destination information as the bus doors open at stops. The system provides audio cues to visually impaired passengers to board the bus, bringing greater convenience and ease to their daily commutes.

Ms Jeny Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, officiated at this year's prize presentation ceremony. "Nurturing the next generation, fostering social inclusion and sustainable development are integral parts of MTR's sustainability strategy. The social and environmental solutions submitted by students this year respond firmly to the issues faced by Hong Kong on social inclusion and its transformation towards a low-carbon future. The Corporation will continue to leverage its network and resources, and through this platform which allows students to bring creative ideas to life, equip young people to become the future leaders," she said.

"From online courses to a practical bootcamp and the Innovation Challenge, the programme accompanies students step by step throughout their learning and development journey. It is heartening to see the students continually learn, sharpen their skills, and put forward thoughtful solutions for issues on social inclusion, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Many of their innovative ideas have inspired us to better respond to society's needs with creativity and technology, continuously enhancing our services and creating a true win-win for youth development and corporate growth," added Ms Gill Meller, Legal & Governance Director of MTR Corporation.

Since its launch in 2009, the "'Train' for Life's Journeys" programme has stayed true to our belief in providing opportunity for young people to engage positively with the community while evolving by incorporating more innovative elements. Through workshops, experiential visits and the Innovation Challenges, the programme has inspired many students year after year to explore their future directions early and begin their life planning.

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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 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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Photo Caption

1. Ms Jeny Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (left), interacted with participating students at the Finale of the Environmental and Social Innovation Challenge as they shared their innovative solutions.



2. Ms Jeny Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (middle) took a group photo with the champions of the Finale. Students from SALEM-Immanuel Lutheran College and Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School won the champions under the "Social Inclusion" and "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction" themes respectively.



3. Representatives of MTR Corporation and supporting organisations, as well as participants, gathered for a group photo at the Finale of the Environmental and Social Innovation Challenge, which took place last Saturday (16 May).



4. An onboard announcement system providing route information to visually impaired passengers waiting at bus stops is being put on trial on MTR buses from mid-May. The idea was proposed by students from Po Leung Kuk Lee Shing Pik College at the 2024 "Train' for Life's Journeys 2.0" programme, and was subsequently refined by the MTR Bus team.

