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MTR Enhances East Rail Line Weekend Services During Summer Holidays Summer Offers Including Free Cross-boundary Journeys for Children to Celebrate a Fun-filled Summer

MTR Corporation will enhance train services on the East Rail Line starting this Saturday (18 July 2026) over seven consecutive weekends until the end of August to cater for passenger demand during the summer holiday period. Designated morning and evening train services will be strengthened to facilitate passengers' journeys. To celebrate a fun-filled summer with passengers and their families, MTR will also launch a series of limited-time cross-boundary travel promotions, including free East Rail Line cross-boundary rides for children aged 3 to 11.

Connecting Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, the East Rail Line provides a convenient, direct, efficient and reliable railway service for passengers travelling across the boundary via Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations. MTR is committed to continuously enhancing East Rail Line services and station facilities, while working closely with relevant organisations to further enhance the cross-boundary travel experience for passengers.

Summer Service Enhancements and Promotions

From this Saturday until the end of August, East Rail Line train services in both directions will be enhanced over seven consecutive weekends during designated morning and evening periods. Train frequency to and from Lok Ma Chau Station will be increased from every 10 minutes to every 8.6 minutes. Services between Admiralty and Sheung Shui stations will also be strengthened to cater for the anticipated increase in passenger demand during the summer holiday period and to facilitate travel for both residents and travellers. (Please refer to Annex for details.)

In addition, the East Rail Line will introduce a range of limited-time cross-boundary railway promotions and offers for passengers.

- **Offer 1: Free Cross-boundary Rides for Children**

From now until 31 August, children aged 3 to 11 can redeem one free journey to or from Lo Wu Station or Lok Ma Chau Station using a Child Octopus at Digital Service Kiosks or Self-service Redemption Machines located in the unpaid areas of MTR stations.

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- **Offer 2: Same-day Round Trip Discount via Lok Ma Chau**

Passengers using an Adult Octopus or JoyYou Card (for passengers aged 60 to 64) can currently redeem a fare discount at designated redemption points at four Shenzhen Metro stations¹. Upon travelling via Lok Ma Chau Station on the East Rail Line, they can enjoy a discount of up to HK\$6. The promotion is valid until 30 September 2026.

- **Offer 3: “Ride Six, Get One Free” Cross-boundary Ride Reward for Octopus App Users**

Registered Octopus App users who enroll in the promotion can enjoy one free cross-boundary ride reward for every six eligible paid cross-boundary journeys completed using their registered Octopus from now until 2 August. Each passenger can redeem up to four free cross-boundary rides during the promotion period.

In addition, during designated periods² on four consecutive Saturdays and Sundays starting from 1 August, MTR will distribute limited-edition East Rail Line Station Magnets free of charge at Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations. The collection features 16 designs representing all 16 East Rail Line stations, with two different designs available each day while stocks last. T Chai will also make a surprise appearance at both stations on 1 and 2 August to greet passengers.

Continuous Upgrades to East Rail Line Facilities

MTR has all along adopted a customer-centric approach and is committed to continuously enhancing station facilities. The upgrade of all entry/exit gates at Lo Wu Station was completed at the end of June, while gate enhancement works at Lok Ma Chau Station are progressing in full swing for passengers to enjoy greater convenience through a wider range of electronic payment options. In addition, shared mobile power bank rental services, offering the first 30 minutes free of charge, have been introduced at both Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations. Passengers can conveniently return the power banks at participating rental locations according to their travel needs, supporting passengers throughout their journeys with care.

On East Rail Line trains, new door numbering stickers are being progressively installed. Together with the platform screen door numbering system, the new signage provides clearer and more consistent information, enabling passengers to identify specific locations within train cars more easily and coordinate meeting points with family and friends when travelling.

MTR Corporation will closely monitor the operation of all railway lines and implement passenger flow management measures where necessary to ensure smooth station operations. Passengers are encouraged to check the latest train service information via MTR Mobile or at stations to plan their journeys in advance. MTR wishes all passengers a pleasant and enjoyable journey during the summer holiday season.

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¹ Including Futian Checkpoint Station, Fumin Station, Convention & Exhibition Center Station, and Shenzhen University Station of Shenzhen Metro.

² Please visit the event webpage for details: <https://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/main/eal-summer-event.html>

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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. New door numbering stickers are being progressively installed on East Rail Line trains, making it easier for passengers to instantly identify their location within the train and coordinate meetups with family and friends.



2. MTR is committed to enhancing station facilities. All entry/ exit gates at Lo Wu Station were fully upgraded at the end of June. In addition, shared power bank rental stations have been installed at Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations, with the first 30 minutes free of charge, supporting passengers throughout their journeys with care.



3. MTR has launched a limited-time summer offer on the East Rail Line. From now until 31 August, children aged 3 to 11 can redeem a free ride to or from Lo Wu or Lok Ma Chau stations using a Child Octopus by visiting a Digital Service Kiosk or Redemption Machine at an MTR station before starting their journeys.



4. MTR Fare Discount Redemption Points have been installed at Shenzhen Metro's Futian Checkpoint Station, Fumin Station, Convention & Exhibition Center Station and Shenzhen University Station. From now until 30 September, passengers can redeem the offer at any of these stations using an Octopus card or JoyYou Card (for passengers aged 60 to 64). They can then enjoy a fare discount of up to HK\$6 when travelling on the East Rail Line via Lok Ma Chau Station.



5. Starting from 1 August, MTR will distribute East Rail Line Station Magnets free of charge to passengers at Lo Wu Station and Lok Ma Chau Station during designated periods on four consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. The collection comprises 16 designs representing all 16 stations on the East Rail Line. Two different magnet designs will be available each day, while stocks last.



Annex

Service Enhancements on the East Rail Line
(On Weekends Between 18 July to 30 August 2026)

East Rail Line	Saturdays and Sundays	
	Frequency (mins)	
	Current	Enhanced
Lo Wu/Lok Ma Chau-bound	10:00am – 12:00 noon and 5:00pm – 6:00pm	
	Admiralty to Lok Ma Chau	
	10	8.6
	Admiralty to Sheung Shui	
	4	3.8
Admiralty-bound	10:00am – 1:00pm and 8:30pm – 9:30pm	
	Lok Ma Chau to Admiralty	
	10	8.6
	Sheung Shui to Admiralty	
	4	3.8