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MTR Conducts Joint Mega Drill on the South Island Line Strengthening Collaboration with Emergency Services Departments and Community and Enhancing Incident Response and Handling Capabilities

MTR Corporation conducted a joint mega drill at Lei Tung Station on the South Island Line with the Southern District Office and Care Teams, Hong Kong Police, Transport Department, Fire Services Department, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department during the early hours today (29 September 2026) to strengthen the incident response and handling capabilities between the participating parties. The coordination mechanism of the Joint Community Response Unit of Southern District, which aims to support passengers and residents during incident, was also activated during the drill. About 500 MTR staff together with their relatives and friends, as well as community partners took part in the drill.

The drill simulated a scenario in which an alert was issued by the monitoring system for the Aberdeen Channel Bridge section of the South Island Line. The Operations Control Centre stopped trains from running in the section in accordance with established safety procedures to allow MTR personnel to conduct follow-up inspections. During the handling of the alert, the detrainment ramp of an emergency exit of a train stopped in the tunnel near Lei Tung Station was opened by a “passenger”, requiring on-site handling by personnel from MTR, the Police and the Fire Services Department. The drill also simulated MTR staff arranging for passengers on the train to use the trackside evacuation walkway to safely return to the platform at Lei Tung Station for evacuation. Subsequent investigation indicated that the alert from the Aberdeen Channel Bridge section was triggered by suspected “ignition sources” on the track, which were promptly extinguished by firefighters, while a person suspected of “arson” was arrested by the Police nearby.

While the incident was being handled, MTR arranged two free shuttle bus routes to divert passenger flow and minimise the impact on the public. The coordination mechanism of the Joint Community Response Unit of Southern District was also activated, with the Southern District Office swiftly mobilising Care Team members to provide support at Lei Tung Station. Working alongside MTR staff, they assisted passengers in taking the shuttle buses and provided transport information. Relevant departments and community representatives also conducted exercises to enhance coordination in road traffic management and other supporting arrangements.

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“Railway safety and incident response have always been highly important to MTR. This morning’s drill simulated multiple emergencies taking place simultaneously, with the aim of enhancing the response and coordination capabilities of MTR and the emergency services departments. With the Joint Community Response Unit of Southern District taking part, communication and collaboration between MTR, various departments and community stakeholders can be further strengthened to provide better support to passengers and the community,” said Ms Cheris Lee, Deputy Director – Operating & Metro Segment of MTR Corporation.

MTR conducts more than ten joint drills every year. These on-site exercises strengthen collaboration with government departments and emergency services and provide opportunities to review contingency response mechanisms, thereby enhancing overall incident response and coordination capabilities.

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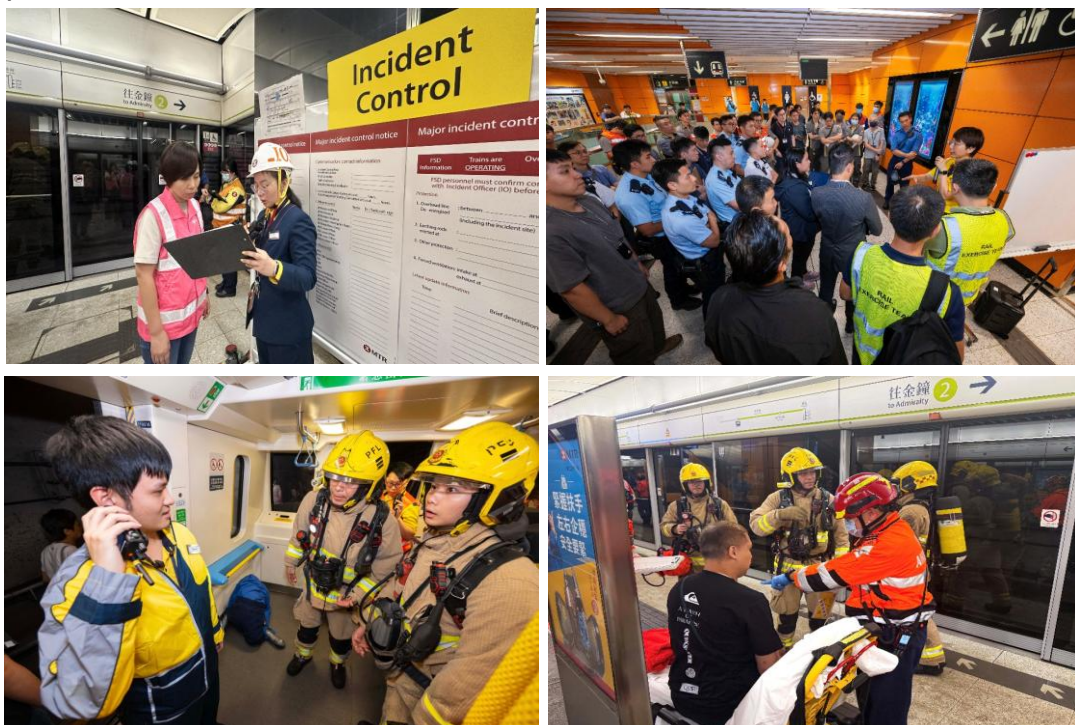
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Photo Caption:

1. During the drill, “passengers” were evacuated from a train and returned safely to the platform of Lei Tung Station via the trackside walkway, with the assistance of personnel from MTR and various government departments.



2. Ms Cheri Lee, Deputy Director – Operating & Metro Segment of MTR Corporation (left, 1st photo), observed the drill on-site and listened to staff reporting on the process. MTR maintained close communication with departments including the Police and Fire Services Department during the drill with the aim of enhancing incident response and handling capabilities.



3. Due to partial suspension of South Island Line service, MTR arranged free shuttle buses for affected “passengers”, while station staff promptly made public announcements, deployed giant signage at the entrances/exits of Lei Tung Station, and set up signage for the free shuttle bus stops outside the station.



4. The coordination mechanism of the Joint Community Response Unit of Southern District was activated in the drill, with the Southern District Office swiftly mobilising Care Team members to provide support at Lei Tung Station. Working alongside MTR staff, they assisted passengers in taking the shuttle buses. District Officer (Southern) Ms Sandy Cheung also participated in the drill and provided transport information to “passengers” at the information point.

