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MTR Corporation and Government Reach Settlement Arrangements on the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) and Shatin to Central Link Projects

MTR Corporation announced today (2 October 2026) that it has reached settlement arrangements with the Hong Kong Government on matters relating to construction delays in earlier years in the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (HSR (HK Section)) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) projects.

Under the arrangements, the Corporation will make a one-off settlement of HK\$2.25 billion to the Government this year in respect of the HSR project. As for the SCL project, the Corporation and the Government have agreed not to pursue claims against each other over the project delays, and no additional payment will be made.

Ms Jeny Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation said: "Various construction and other challenges were encountered in the earlier years of the HSR (HK Section) and the SCL projects, resulting in project delays and related issues that remained to be settled between the Corporation and the Government. On the construction front, we worked at the time with the relevant government departments to address those issues and moved forward with project delivery. Both projects were subsequently completed in 2018 and 2022 and progressively commissioned for passenger service. We also continued discussions with the Government on the outstanding matters in a rigorous, serious and professional manner, resulting in the settlement arrangements.

Ms Yeung continued: "The Corporation has drawn lessons from the two projects and conducted reviews and rigorous follow-up in light of their specific circumstances. More recently, we have embarked on a new phase of large-scale railway expansion to support Hong Kong's long-term development. We continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to rigorous project management, continuously enhancing our works management and making greater use of technology to drive efficiency while ensuring works quality. Safety and quality remain our foremost priorities in delivering these new projects. We are also mindful of the importance of keeping the Government and other stakeholders informed of project progress and key milestones. Drawing on our extensive experience in railway construction and operations, we will continue to provide the railway infrastructure critical to Hong Kong's future development and support the city's long-term sustainable growth."

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In the eight years since the HSR (HK Section) commenced operations, the number of direct destinations has increased to 113, providing a wider range of cross-boundary rail services for daily travel, tourism and business. The Tuen Ma Line runs across the eastern and western New Territories and connects with Kowloon East, while the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension takes the century-old railway across Victoria Harbour directly to the commercial and financial centres on Hong Kong Island. Together, the two railways connect Hong Kong in all directions and provide passengers with more travel options.

The Corporation will continue to enhance Hong Kong's local and cross-boundary railway services. Our new railway projects are progressing well. Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line is on the track to open next year as scheduled, while other projects entering the peak construction phase are reaching key milestones and advancing steadily as planned.

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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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