

PRESS STATEMENT

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MTR Requests Suspension of Building Works near Ho Man Tin Station

The MTR Corporation has requested the suspension of works at a development project near Ho Man Tin Station after the settlement at monitoring points was found yesterday (19 September 2019) to have reached the pre-set limit of 20mm for the first time. The Corporation has confirmed that the safety of the railway service and normal station operation are not affected and will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate with relevant Government departments.

Safety is the top priority of MTR operations and it will never be compromised. The Corporation's Railway Protection Unit ("Unit") has been enforcing a set of comprehensive and stringent railway protection measures to ensure that any works being carried on or around railway premises do not affect the safety of passengers, staff members or the operation of the railway.

Since works for the Ho Man Tin Station Package 1 property development project commenced in mid-2017, the developer has set up monitoring devices at various points at Ho Man Tin Station as requested by the Unit to facilitate the Corporation's monitoring of settlement data. The foundation works of the development project commenced in early 2018. During the course of the works, the Corporation has been closely monitoring any impact on railway facilities and maintaining communications with the Registered Building Professionals appointed by the developer and relevant Government departments.

In a regular inspection in the early hours yesterday (19 September 2019), the Railway Protection Unit found that the monitoring points located at a pedestrian subway of Ho Man Tin Station had for the first time reached the pre-set limit of 20mm for works suspension. The Corporation immediately requested the developer to suspend all foundation works in the relevant railway protection area on the Kwun Tong Line and reported the case to relevant Government departments in accordance with the established mechanism.

The Buildings Department and the Corporation have requested the Registered Building Professionals appointed by the developer to provide work methods and alleviation measures that can effectively reduce settlement. Consent for resumption of works by the developer in the relevant area will only be granted after the Corporation is satisfied that further construction works will not impact on the railway facilities and the safe operation of the railway.

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