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### Press Release

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#### **MTR to Progressively Upgrade Railway Infrastructure Assets Train Service Suspension Between Prince Edward and Ho Man Tin stations of Kwun Tong Line on 28 July**

MTR Corporation attaches great importance to railway asset management and has committed to investing more than HK\$65 billion on railway facility renewal and maintenance for the five years from 2023 to 2027. The Corporation announces today (8 May 2024) that the asset renewal project related to part of a tunnel section of the Kwun Tong Line will be carried out on 28 July (Sunday) for the works that span across 28 consecutive hours. Train service between Prince Edward and Ho Man Tin stations on the Kwun Tong Line will be suspended, and Prince Edward Station will be the only interchange station between the Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line on the day. Only train service of part of a railway line will be affected, and other railway lines within the MTR network, including Prince Edward, Mong Kok and Yau Mai Tei stations on the Tsuen Wan Line and Ho Man Tin Station on the Tuen Ma Line will provide train service as usual. All MTR stations will open and provide service as usual on the day, passengers can travel to all the stations by taking MTR. Passengers who travel between Yau Ma Tei and Ho Man Tin and Whampoa stations can take other railway routes or use the free bus service specially arranged by the Corporation.

#### **Replacement of Large Metal Hangers in Kwun Tong Line Tunnel**

The works involve tunnel facilities of the railway lines built in the early years on the crossover (where a train on one track crosses over to the other) near Yau Ma Tei Station to replace a total of over 50 large metal hangers which are used for hanging the power cables on the tunnel ceiling at a height of about 7 metres. The metal hangers have been in use for over 40 years, starting from the commencement of MTR train service. Although they are still in safe operation, replacement is needed based on their asset condition and asset life cycle. Considering the scale and nature of the works, and the crossover tunnel being much higher than a normal tunnel for which high-voltage power needs to be completely isolated and large working platforms built for the works; after prudent assessment, the Corporation confirms that such large-scale works cannot be completed within non-traffic hours. The train service of the relevant section therefore has to be adjusted to carry out this asset renewal to ensure the continuous provision of reliable and quality railway service.

“MTR engineers always utilise the two-hour golden window during non-traffic hours for asset renewal, maintenance and new railway projects by optimising works progress and employing the latest technology, striving not to affect train service during traffic hours. But the concerned

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large-scale renewal works are complicated. The hangers are located at the tunnel ceiling and replacing them requires isolation of all the power systems, relocation and reinstallation of power cables and overhead lines, and a series of testing upon replacement. This takes a longer time and has higher risk, thus cannot be carried out in stages. After different research and prudent planning, the team confirmed there is a need to dismantle the power cables and overhead lines and then replace all the hangers on the tunnel ceiling in one go. We will also seize this period of time to replace other relevant facilities in the tunnel. We are confident that the works can be completed within schedule,” said Mr KH Lee, Chief of Operations Engineering Maintenance of MTR Corporation.

### **Kwun Tong Line Train Service Arrangements on 28 July**

To minimise the impact on passengers, the Corporation decided to carry out the works on 28 July, which is a Sunday during the summer vacation. Train service will be adjusted and free bus service will be provided on the day, as follows:

- Prince Edward Station will be the only interchange station between the Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line. Kwun Tong Line train service between Prince Edward, Mong Kok, Yau Ma Tei and Ho Man Tin stations will be suspended, while other sections (i.e., Tiu Keng Leng to Prince Edward stations, and Ho Man Tin to Whampoa stations) will provide normal train service,
- Other railway lines within the MTR network, including Prince Edward, Mong Kok, Yau Ma Tei stations on the Tsuen Wan Line and Ho Man Tin Station on the Tuen Ma Line will provide normal train service. Passengers can take the Tsuen Wan Line to Prince Edward, Mong Kok and Yau Ma Tei stations as usual, and take the Tuen Ma Line to Ho Man Tin Station and interchange at this station via the Kwun Tong Line to Whampoa Station,
- The Corporation will also cooperate with KMB to provide free and enhanced bus service to facilitate passengers who travel between Yau Ma Tei, Ho Man Tin and Whampoa stations. Passengers can travel for free for the entire No. 8 bus route between Yau Ma Tei and Ho Man Tin, or at designated bus stops for the No. 30X route between Yau Ma Tei and Whampoa.

“On 28 July, Prince Edward Station will become the major interchange station between the Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line, and passengers are advised to pay attention to this arrangement. The Corporation will deploy additional staff at the relevant stations to assist passengers. We will also advise passengers to look for alternative MTR routes and other transportation via the ‘Trip Planner’ function on MTR Mobile and the MTR website to plan their trips ahead, so that they can travel with ease on that day. After works completion and safety inspection, the Kwun Tong Line is expected to provide normal train service starting from the first train on 29 July (Monday),” said Ms Cheri Lee, Chief of Operating & Metro Segment of MTR Corporation.

To facilitate passengers to learn more about the related train service arrangements, the Corporation will disseminate relevant passenger information via multiple channels, including station posters and signage, station and in-train public announcements, MTR Mobile, the MTR website, media and social media etc., assisting passengers to plan their journeys in advance.

MTR Corporation thanks passengers in advance for their cooperation, and their understanding of the necessity for large-scale asset renewal works is much appreciated. The Corporation will progressively upgrade the railway infrastructure assets as planned. According to the current

assessment, in the next few years, some other locations will require similar large-scale asset renewal, and a number of new railway projects being constructed on existing lines may also require train service adjustments to facilitate more complex works. These works will be planned in detail with great care, and passengers will be informed in advance to minimise the impact, while the Corporation continues to provide safe, reliable and quality railway services, to keep cities moving.

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#### About MTR Corporation

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 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 50,000 dedicated staff\*, MTR carries over 10 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, the United Kingdom and Sweden. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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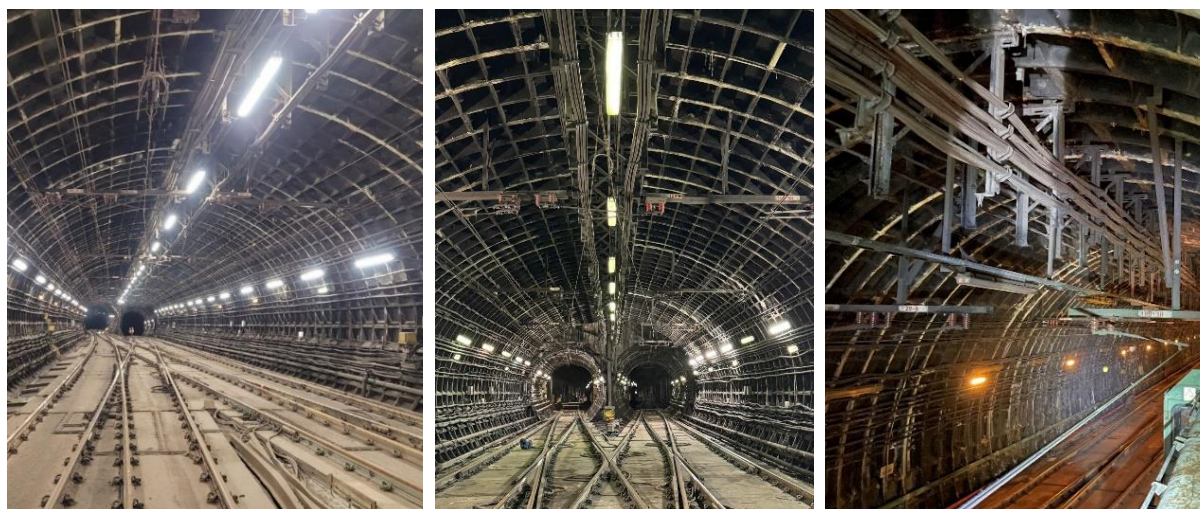
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Photo Captions:

1. Mr KH Lee, Chief of Operations Engineering Maintenance (left) and Ms Cheri Lee, Chief of Operating & Metro Segment (right) of MTR Corporation announce that due to the asset renewal project related to part of a tunnel section of the Kwun Tong Line, train service between Prince Edward and Ho Man Tin stations on the Kwun Tong Line will be suspended on 28 July (Sunday) to facilitate the works.



2. The renewal works on 28 July will mainly replace over 50 cable hangers on the about 7-metre-high tunnel ceiling of the crossover near Yau Ma Tei Station. The hangers have been in use for more than 40 years starting from the commencement of train service, and replacement is needed based on their asset condition and asset life cycle.



- During the suspension of Kwun Tong Line train service between Prince Edward and Ho Man Tin stations on 28 July, passengers can interchange at Prince Edward Station which will be the major interchange station between the Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line, and take the Tuen Ma Line to Ho Man Tin Station and then interchange via the Kwun Tong Line for Whampoa Station. Passengers can also use the free bus service to travel between Yau Ma Tei, Ho Man Tin and Whampoa stations.

