





**Press Release** 

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## High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) New Route Connects to Six New Destinations Including Tourist Hotspot Zhangjiajie Further Increases Short-haul Train Trips to Enhance Service

High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) ("HSR") will further expand its network and enhance its service. Starting from 15 June (Saturday), HSR will introduce a new long-haul route to Hunan Province, adding six new destinations that directly connect to popular tourist destinations such as Zhangjiajie and Fenghuanggucheng. Including the new route, HSR will provide direct access to a total of 78 destinations\*. Meanwhile, train service between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station, Guangzhoudong, Shenzhenbei, Futian and more short-haul destinations will also be increased. The number of daily train trips will be increased to at least 100 pairs per day to further facilitate daily commutes, tourism, and business travel.

The new Zhangjiajiexi route will include six new destinations: Shaoyang, Huaihuanan, Dongkou, Fenghuanggucheng, Jishoudong and Zhangjiajiexi, providing one pair of southbound and northbound trains every day. The new destinations include the ancient town Fenghuanggucheng, the UNESCO world heritage Wulingyuan natural scenic spot in Zhangjiajie, and the Langshan scenic spot in Shaoyang, further promoting personnel exchanges between the two places for both business and tourism purposes. Ticket pre-sales for the relevant tickets will be starting from this Saturday (1 June).

"HSR is now a preferred choice for many cross-boundary travelers with its comfortable, convenient, swift, and relaxing experience. 'High Speed Rail Tour' " has also been a popular travel option that attracts domestic and worldwide travelers. Adjacent to Guangdong, Hunan is richly endowed with abundant agricultural and mineral resources, as well as numerous natural and historical cultural attractions, and has experienced rapid economic growth in recent years. The newly added Zhangjiajiexi route is expected to complement the existing Changshanan route well, adding impetus to the economic and tourism development of the two places." said Ms Jeny Yeung, Managing Director – Hong Kong Transport Services of MTR Corporation.

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In addition, HSR short-haul train service will be enhanced starting from 15 June. Some of the newly added train trips will also be applicable to the "Same-day Flexi-trip Arrangement", allowing passengers to flexibly change their schedules on the day of travel.

- Train trips to and from Guangzhoudong Station: will be increased from 20 to 26 per day
- Train trips to and from Shenzhenbei Station (includes both direct-access and intermediate stop): will be increased from 146 to 159 per day (161 on Saturday)
- Train trips to and from Futian Station (includes both direct-access and intermediate stop): will be increased from 97 to 106 per day (109 on Saturday)

Furthermore, the China State Railway Group has developed and announced the latest fare arrangements. Starting from 15 June, fares of High Speed Rail trains running at 300 km/h or above on the Wuhan and Guangzhou, Hangzhou and Ningbo, Shanghai and Hangzhou, as well as Hangzhou and Changsha sections will be adjusted. Fares for 18 long-haul destinations along these sections, including Beijingxi, Shijiazhuang, Zhengzhoudong, Wuhan, Changshanan, Shanghai Hongqiao, Hangzhoudong, Jinhua, Shangrao, Tianjinxi, Shengfang, Baiyangdian, Handandong, Yueyangdong, Hengyangdong, Zhuzhouxi, Chenzhouxi and Shaoguan, will also be adjusted on the same day.

For details on the train schedules and fares, please refer to the following links. **Train Timetable**: <u>https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/tc/ticket/timetable.html</u> **Fare Chart**: <u>https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/tc/ticket/fare.html</u>

\*In response to the service adjustment, starting from 15 June, HSR Changshanan route will no longer stop at Hengshanxi Station. The current number of direct-access stops will increase from 73 to 78.

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