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High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) Introduces Sleeper Trains Connecting Beijing and Shanghai for the First Time

Provides Upgraded Option for Travelling Between Hong Kong and Beijing, Shanghai and Intermediate Stations

MTR Corporation announced today (4 June 2024) that starting from the 15th of this month, the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (HSR) will introduce overnight sleeper train services between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Beijing, as well as between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Shanghai, on Fridays to Mondays. This will offer comfortable, safe, and reliable advanced travel options for passengers traveling between Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and intermediate stations. Relevant tickets will go on sale on various ticketing channels, such as the 12306 online ticketing platform and mobile app, station ticket counters and ticketing machines starting from 12 noon this Wednesday (5 June).

Starting from 15 June, the previous through train services Z97/98 and Z99/100 between Beijingxi, Shanghai, and Hong Kong Hung Hom Station will be upgraded to HSR sleeper trains D909/910 and D907/908 between Beijingxi, Shanghaihongqiao, and Hong Kong West Kowloon Station. The total travelling time from Beijing and Shanghai to Hong Kong will be reduced from approximately 24 hours and 31 minutes and 19 hours and 34 minutes to about 12 hours and 30 minutes and 11 hours, respectively. The overnight service will be available between Beijing and Hong Kong and between Shanghai and Hong Kong, making travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland more convenient for passengers.

In view of the frequent business and tourism exchanges between Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai, MTR Corporation, as the operator of the HSR, has been coordinating with relevant mainland authorities to introduce the option for sleeper trains. Under the new arrangement, there will be one pair of round-trip train services daily from Friday to Monday between Hong Kong and Beijingxi and between Hong Kong and Shanghaihongqiao. The train will depart in the evening from the origin station and arrive in the morning of the next day, passing through destinations such as Shijiazhuang and Hangzhoudong, offering more flexibility and convenience for cross-boundary long-haul trip.

Compared to the existing long-haul services from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Beijing and Shanghai which only operate during the daytime, with the introduction of sleeper trains passengers can make use of the advantage of "departing in the evening and arriving in the morning" to maximize their travel time and conveniently plan their business or leisure itineraries.

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HSR service has opened a new chapter for high-speed, comfortable, and convenient cross-boundary travel. Since its commencement in September 2018, it has continuously expanded its network coverage, added direct-access stations and train frequencies across the country, included all destinations covered by the original Intercity Through Train (Changping, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing) and consistently improved its services. It has been well received by cross-boundary passengers and has become an important bridge for deepening the integration between the two places. With the addition of long-haul route in Hunan Province announced last week, the number of direct-access destinations has increased to 78, starting next Saturday.

Dr. Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation said, "Sleeper train services provide a new high speed travel option between Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai. It further enhances the connectivity between Hong Kong and Beijing, as well as Shanghai, leveraging the advantages of deepening integration between Hong Kong and the Mainland. This not only facilitates business exchanges and creates countless opportunities but also promotes exchanges in tourism, culture, academia, and various aspects of society between the two places. I am grateful for the coordination with the mainland railway authorities and the support from the governments of both sides, which allows us to continuously enhance the services of HSR. We aim to provide passengers with a more convenient, flexible, fast, and comfortable cross-boundary train service."

The sleeper trains operating between Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Beijingxi Station and Shanghaihongqiao Station consist of 16 cars and can accommodate approximately 600 passengers. The trains are composed of 13 sleeper cars, one dining car, and two second-class seating cars. The train operating to and from Shanghai Hongqiao also includes one premium sleeper car*. Relevant tickets will go on sale starting from noon on 5 June. Please refer to the annex for train schedules and fares.

The introduction of the sleeper trains connecting Beijing and Shanghai represents an enhancement and upgrade of the cross-boundary railway service previously provided by Intercity Through Train. With the resumption of HSR service in early last year, HSR service has been extended to Guangzhoudong Station and covered all of the Intercity Through Train routes. This have greatly enhanced the integration with the extensive High Speed Rail network across the country, providing a wider selection of train services and increased convenience for passengers, as well as a more comfortable long-haul travel experience for cross boundary experience.

*The configuration of the sleeper train may be subject to change depending on train deployment needs.

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Photo Caption:

1. The sleeper trains will depart in the evening from the origin station and arrive in the morning of the following day, offering more flexibility and convenience for cross-boundary long-haul travel.





<u>Annex</u>

Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Beijingxi/ Shanghaihongqiao Sleeper Train Schedule (On Fridays to Mondays)

Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Beijingxi Station (Travelling Time approx.12 hours 30 mins)

Train	Departure Time		Intermediate Stations/Departure Time							
	Hong	Shenzhenbei*	bei* Dongguannan* Guangzhou* Changshanan Shijiazhuang Beijingxi							
	Kong West									
	Kowloon									
D910	18:24	18:42	19:11	20:13	23:08	05:20 +1	06:53 +1			

Train	Departure	Intermediate Stations/Departure Time										
	Time											
	Beijingxi	Shijiazhuang	Handandong	Zhengzhoudong	Guangzhou*	Dongguannan*	Shenzhenbei*	Hong				
								Kong				
								West				
								Kowloon				
D909	20:13	21:38	22:23	23:29	06:59 +1	07:59 +1	08:28 +1	08:47 +1				

^{*}Hong Kong West Kowloon to Guangzhou (including Shenzhenbei to Dongguannan) short distance sections' tickets are not for sale

Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Shanghaihongqiao Station (Travelling Time approx. 11 hours)

Train	Departure Time	Intermediate Stations/Departure Time					
	Hong Kong West	Shenzhenbei*	Chaoshan	Xiamenbei	Hangzhoudong	Shanghaihongqiao	
	Kowloon						
D908	19:49	20:07	21:56	23:00	05:34 +1	06:45 +1	

Departure Time		Intermediate Stations/Departure Time				
Train	Shanghaihongqiao	Hangzhoudong	Shenzhenbei*	Hong Kong West		
				Kowloon		
D907	20:15	21:15	07:09 +1	07:29 +1		

^{*}Hong Kong West Kowloon to Guangzhou (including Shenzhenbei to Dongguannan) short distance sections' tickets are not for sale

Beijing/Shanghai Sleeper Train Ticket Price (Implemented Fare in Hong Kong Dollars, Single Ride Adult Ticket)

15 June (Saturday) and 17 June (Monday)

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	Second	Sleeper (Upper)	Sleeper (Lower)				
Beijingxi to							
Hong Kong							
D909	937	1,031	1,163				
Hong Kong to							
Beijingxi							
D910							

16 June (Sunday)

	Second	Sleeper (Upper)	Sleeper (Lower)
Hong Kong to Beijingxi D910	937	1,163	1,306

	Second	Sleeper (Upper)	Sleeper (Lower)
Beijingxi to Hong Kong D909	937	1,284	1,459

15 June (Saturday) and 17 June (Monday)

	Second	Sleeper (Upper)	Sleeper (Lower)	Premium Sleeper (Upper)	Premium Sleeper (Lower)
Shanghaihongqiao to Hong Kong D907 Hong Kong to Shanghaihongqiao D908	682	878	987	1,613	1,832

16 June (Sunday)

,	Second	Sleeper	Sleeper	Premium	Premium
		(Upper)	(Lower)	Sleeper (Upper)	Sleeper (Lower)
Shanghaihongqiao to Hong Kong D907 Hong Kong to Shanghaihongqiao D908	682	1,009	1,141	1,887	2,128

^{*}Ticket prices may be adjusted according to the actual situation. Please refer to 12306 website for ticket prices after 17 June.

Sleeper Train Official Webpage