

## 新聞稿

### Press Release

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#### **New High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) Sleeper Train Service Connecting Beijing and Shanghai Successfully Launched Smooth Operations for First Weekend with Passenger Experiencing Upgraded Cross-Border Overnight Railway Service**

High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) sleeper train service connecting the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station with Beijing and Shanghai was launched last Saturday (15 June 2024). The four sleeper trains departed from the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station, Beijingxi Station and Shanghaihongqiao Station punctually and arrived at their respective destinations on time the following morning. Operations of the sleeper trains connecting Hong Kong to Beijing and Shanghai were smooth during the first weekend since its launch with passengers experiencing the upgraded cross-boundary railway service first-hand and enjoying the reliability and convenience of the overnight service.

To celebrate the service commencement of the sleeper trains connecting Hong Kong to Beijing and Shanghai, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, Dr Jacob Kam, along with members of the Corporation's senior management and government representatives attended events and distributed souvenirs in the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station two days in a row to see off passengers taking the first sleeper trains from Hong Kong to Beijing and Shanghai, followed by greeting the arriving passengers who took the first trains from Beijing and Shanghai to Hong Kong.

During the first weekend of operations, passengers of the sleeper trains included travellers, students participating in an internship tour, Legislative Council members, media, MTR staff and other members of the public and they had positive responses to the new service. The overnight sleeper train service allows passengers to make the best use of and accurately assess their journey time for planning their business or travel itineraries. Various facilities are also provided on the trains including dining car. High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) currently provides one pair of overnight sleeper train services between the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Beijingxi Station, as well as between the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station and Shanghaihongqiao Station, every Friday to Monday, providing a convenient, safe, and reliable travelling option.

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As the operator of the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section), MTR Corporation will continue to closely coordinate with mainland railway authorities and relevant mainland and Hong Kong government departments. Needs of High Speed Rail passengers will be closely monitored for continuous enhancement of the sleeper train service to cater to different needs of passengers. The Corporation will also continue to work with relevant partners to promote the High Speed Rail sleeper train service to enable passengers of Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai to make full use of the reliability and convenience of the service, strengthening connections and achieving win-win situation.

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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 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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1. High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) sleeper train service connecting Hong Kong to Beijing and Shanghai was launched on 15 June 2024. Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung and representatives from MTR Corporation including Chief Executive Officer Dr Jacob Kam, Managing Director – Hong Kong Transport Services Ms Jeny Yeung, Mainland China Business Director Mr Sammy Wong, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director Ms Linda Choy, along with a number of Legislative Council members attended an event in the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to see off passengers taking the first sleeper trains from Hong Kong to Beijing and Shanghai.





2. The first sleeper trains from Beijingxi and Shanghaihongqiao stations arrived in the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station on time on 16 June 2024. Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, Commissioner for Tourism, Ms Vivian Sum, together with Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, Dr Jacob Kam, and Operations and Innovation Director of MTR Corporation, Dr Tony Lee, welcomed the arriving passengers.

