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MTR Trains Operate Overnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Increases Train Frequencies During Various Holidays to Facilitate Travel

To facilitate citizens and visitors participating in various celebratory activities during the Christmas and New Year period, the MTR network will enhance train services from 20 December 2024 (Friday) to 1 January 2025 (Wednesday). Trains will run overnight on Christmas Eve (24 December) and New Year's Eve (31 December), adding a total of 2,200 additional train trips. The Island Line and South Island Line will operate with an enhanced frequency of approximately every three to four minutes for most of the time during weekends and holidays. Additionally, MTR Corporation will offer fare promotions and special activities to share the festive joy with passengers.

Enhanced Services During Christmas and New Year

Five railway lines, including the Disneyland Resort Line, Island Line, South Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, and East Rail Line, will gradually enhance train services at different times starting this Friday. To accommodate holiday travel peak, the first train of Airport Express travelling from Hong Kong Station towards the Airport and AsiaWorld-Expo stations will depart earlier at 5:30 am on 25 December and 1 January 2025 respectively, while the last trains departing from AsiaWorld-Expo Station towards Hong Kong via the airport will be extended until 1:00 am on 29 December and 1 January 2025.

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, eight local railway lines (excluding the Airport Express and Disneyland Resort Line) will start running night peak hour frequencies from 3:00 pm and provide overnight services (except for the section from Sheung Shui to Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau stations on the East Rail Line). The Disneyland Resort Line will also extend its services until 2:00 am to accommodate the theme park's New Year's countdown event. Seven Light Rail routes, including 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 706, and 751, will operate overnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, while MTR buses 506, K51, and K54 will extend their service hours.

Meanwhile, the HKSAR Government has discussed with the Shenzhen Municipal Government regarding the extension of checkpoint service hours on New Year's Eve and the concerned proposal has been submitted to the national port authorities for approval. In alignment with the proposed extension of operating hours of the Lo Wu checkpoint to 2:00 am, the Corporation will make corresponding service arrangements. Further details will be announced in due course.

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(For details on enhanced services during the festive period for each railway line, Light Rail, and MTR buses, please refer to the attached table.)

Promotions and Special Activities

The Corporation provides various discount offers and has prepared special activities to celebrate the festive season with passengers.

- From now until 9 February 2025, children aged 3 to 11 with a Child Octopus Card can enjoy free rides on the Airport Express between the city stations (Hong Kong, Kowloon, or Tsing Yi station) and the Airport station. MTR Mobile registered users can redeem 4,500 MTR points for a discount code. When purchasing round-trip or one-way adult tickets for the Airport Express through the QR code in MTR Mobile, they can enjoy a \$30 discount.
- From 20 December 2024 to 5 January 2025, children aged 3 to 11 traveling on the MTR via Lo Wu or Lok Ma Chau stations to and from Hong Kong can avail of a free journey offer (the Child Octopus must be presented at the station's Digital Service Kiosk or Self-service Redemption Machine before entering the gate on the outbound or return journey).
- The MTR network will launch promotional activities featuring giant pandas. Nine MTR stations (Yuen Long, Tai Po Market, Kowloon Tong, Lai Chi Kok, Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon Bay, Tai Koo, Lo Wu, and Lok Ma Chau) have already been adorned with Christmas decorations, while panda-shaped T Chai mascots will be accompanying citizens to celebrate the festive season and enhance the holiday atmosphere.
- From now until 2 January 2025, there will be a "Hop on to the X'mas Train with Captain Go & T-Chai to Explore HK Local" themed photo area on the B2 level of Hong Kong West Kowloon Station, allowing citizens to enjoy and capture special moments.
- From now until 9 February 2025, daily from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, inside the designated area at the Hong Kong Station of the Airport Express, children can use AI facial scanning technology to create and download a picture of themselves transformed into a train driver, creating precious memories. Visitors can also take photos with KT Chai and add to the festive atmosphere by posing with giant cartoon posters featuring famous landmarks from around the world at the platforms towards the airport at Hong Kong, Kowloon, Tsing Yi stations, and towards the city at the Airport station.

The Corporation will closely monitor the operation of each railway line and adjust train services as needed.

Due to the expected increase in passenger flow during the Christmas and New Year period, passengers are advised to allocate sufficient time for their journeys, pay attention to station announcements and signage, and follow the instructions of station staff. Passengers can also use MTR Mobile or the MTR website to check train information and plan their journeys in advance. Additionally, due to the potential hazards posed by metallic or floating LED balloons that may affect railway operations and passenger safety, the Corporation urges the public not to bring these balloons into MTR premises.

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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*includes our subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in Hong Kong and worldwide

<u>Annex</u>

Train Service on Christmas Eve

(i) Enhanced Train Service

Railway Lines	Frequency (mins)		
	Current	Enhanced	
Island Line	8:00pm – 11:30pm		
	5	4.2	
	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	10	6	
Tsuen Wan Line	8:30 pm – 11	:30pm	
	5	3.8	
	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	10	6	
Kwun Tong Line	8:30pm – 10	:50pm	
	5	3.8	
	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	7 – 10	5 – 8	
South Island Line	8:30pm – 11:30pm		
	7.5	6	
Tung Chung Line	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	12	8	
East Rail Line	9:00am – 10	:00am	
	Lo Wu to Sheung Shui: 5.5	5	
	Sheung Shui to Admiralty: 3.6	3.4	
	8:30pm – 9:30pm		
	Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau: 8.6	7.5	
	Admiralty to Sheung Shui: 3.6	3.4	
	10:00pm – 10	D:55pm	
	Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui: 10	8.6	
	Sheung Shui to Admiralty: 3.8	3.5	

(ii) Overnight Train Service

Railway Lines	Frequency (mins)			
	12:30am –	1:30am –	2:30am –	3:30am –
	1:30am	2:30am	3:30am	6:00am
Island Line	6			
Tsuen Wan Line	0		12	
Kwun Tong Line	8		12	
South Island Line	0			
Tung Chung Line	8		15	
Tseung Kwan O Line				15
North Point –	8			
Po Lam			12	
			12	
Tiu Keng Leng –	12			
LOHAS Park				
	12:30a	m –	2:30am –	3:30am –
	2:30a	ım	3:30am	5:30am
East Rail Line				
Admiralty – Sheung Shui	6.5		9	15
Tuen Ma Line				

Train Service on New Year's Eve

(i) Enhanced Train Service

Railway Lines	Frequency (mins)		
	Current	Enhanced	
Island Line	8:00pm – 11:30pm		
	5	3.6	
	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	10	6	
Tsuen Wan Line	8:30 pm – 11	:30pm	
	5	3.6	
	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	10	3.1	
Kwun Tong Line	8:30pm – 10	:50pm	
	5	3.8	
	11:30pm – 12:30am		
	7 – 10	5	
South Island Line	8:30pm – 11:30pm		
	7.5 6		
Tung Chung Line	11:30pm – 12	2:30am	
	12	6	
East Rail Line	9:00am – 10	:00am	
	Lo Wu to Sheung Shui: 5.5	5	
	Sheung Shui to Admiralty: 3.6	3.4	
	8:30pm – 9:30pm		
	Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau: 8.6	7.5	
	Admiralty to Sheung Shui : 3.6	3.4	
	10:00pm – 10		
	Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui: 10	8.6	
	Sheung Shui to Admiralty: 3.8	3.5	

(i) Overnight Train Service

Railway Lines	Frequency (mins)			
	12:30am –	1:30am –	2:30am –	3:30am –
	1:30am	2:30am	3:30am	6:00am
Island Line	3.	6		
Tsuen Wan Line	3.1	3.6	8	
Kwun Tong Line	5	<u> </u>		
Tseung Kwan O Line				
North Point –	6	8		
Po Lam			12	15
			12	
Tiu Keng Leng –	12			
LOHAS Park				
South Island Line	8	3	12	
Tung Chung Line	6	8	15	
	12:30	am –	2:30am –	3:30am –
	2:30am		3:30am	5:30am
*East Rail Line	3.8	-6		
Admiralty – Sheung Shui	3.8	- U	9	15
Tuen Ma Line	ϵ	5		

^{*}The Corporation will closely monitor the situation and will enhance East Rail Line train services when necessary.

Light Rail Lines to Operate Overnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Light Rail Routes	Frequency (mins)	
	1:00am – 5:30am	
505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 751	20	
706	15	

MTR Bus Service Hours Extension on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Bus	Direction	Service Extension Period	Frequency	
Routes			(mins)	
506	Siu Lun	12:30am – 1:30am		
	Tuen Mun Ferry Pier	12:50am – 1:50am		
K51	Tai Lam	11:45pm – 12:45am	15 – 20	
	Fu Tai			
*K54	Tuen Mun Town Centre and	11:15pm – 12:45am		
(Circular)	Wo Tin	11113piii 12.13uiii		
*The last bus to Wo Tip of K54 will depart from Tuen Mun Town Centre at 1:00am and				

^{*}The last bus to Wo Tin of K54 will depart from Tuen Mun Town Centre at 1:00am and later depart from Siu Hong Station at 1:15am.

<u>Train Service Enhancement on Five Railway Lines</u> <u>Starting from 20 December 2024</u>

Railway Lines	20 – 30 December and1 January 2025		31 December	
	Frequency (mins)		Frequency (mins)	
	Current Enhanced		Current	Enhanced
Disneyland	9:00am – 9:30am		9:00am – 9:30am	
Resort Line	6:00pm – 7:00pm		6:00pr	n – 7:00pm
	10:30pm – 11:00pm		12:00a	m – 2:00am
	10 5		10	5

Railway Lines	21 and 28 December (Saturday)		and 1 Ja (Sunday and	29 December Inuary 2025 Public Holiday)
	Frequen	cy (mins)	Frequency (mins)	
	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced
Island Line	9:00am -	- 7:00pm	1:00pm – 8:00pm	
	2.8 -3.6	2.3 – 3.1	3.6	3.1
	8:00pm – 11:30pm			
	5	4.2		
Tsuen Wan			8:00pm	i-11:30pm
Line			5	4.2
South Island	9:00am – 7:00pm		7:00an	n-7:00pm
Line	4 – 6	3.3 – 4.5	4.5 – 7.5	3.3 – 5.5
	8:00pm – 11:00pm		8:00pm	– 11:00pm
	7.5	6	7.5	6

Railway Lines	21, 25, 26, 28 December (Saturday and Public Holiday)		and 1 Jan	ecember uary 2025 ublic Holiday)
	Frequen	cy (mins)	Frequency (mins)	
	Current	Enhanced	Current	Enhanced
East Rail Line	9:00am-	10:00am	8:00am-10:00am	
Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui	10	8.6	10	8.6
Sheung Shui to	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5
Admiralty	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5
	10:00am	-12:00nn	10:00am-	-11:00am
Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui	12	10	12	8.6
Sheung Shui to Admiralty	4	3.8	4	3.5
			7:00pm-	-8:00pm
Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui			10	8.6
Sheung Shui to Admiralty			3.8	3.5
			8:00pm-9:00pm	
Lok Ma Chau to Sheung Shui			10	8.6
Sheung Shui to Admiralty			4.2	4