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High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) Adds Xi'anbei Long-Haul Route Connecting Xi'an, Luoyang, Huashan, and Other Tourist Hotspots Enhancing Cross-Boundary Services and Linking Multiple Individual Visit Scheme Cities

MTR Corporation is committed to enhancing the services of the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) ("HSR"). Starting from 5 January 2025 (Sunday), HSR will further expand its offerings with the introduction of a new long-haul route to Xi'anbei in Shaanxi Province and the addition of three destinations under the Individual Visit Scheme. These new destinations include Meizhouxi, Suzhounan*, and Xi'anbei, making travel more convenient for visitors and supporting leisure and business travel for Hong Kong residents. With these enhancements, the number of direct-access destinations served by the HSR will increase to 93**, with up to 108 pairs of regular daily train services.

The new Xi'anbei route will operate one daily roundtrip, directly linking Hong Kong to Xi'an, a prominent western hub renowned for its historical heritage and modern advancements in science and industry. Xi'an is also a newly added city for the Individual Visit Scheme in 2024, and the direct access will provide extra convenience for visitors. The new route includes 17 destinations with abundant tourist resources, including the historical and cultural city of Luoyang, tourist attractions such as the World Cultural Heritage Longmen Grottoes, and the adventure destination of Huashan, further promoting cultural exchange and exploration of the Mainland's cultural and historical treasures along the route.

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* Train services between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Shanghai Hongqiao stations (excluding sleeper trains) will be rerouted to include stops at Nanchangdong, Huangshanbei, Hangzhouxi, and Suzhounan stations. The opening date for the rerouted service will be announced in due course.

**Update on 27 December: Mainland railway authorities have informed that trains traveling between Hong Kong and Chaoshan will not stop at Huizhounan Station. Starting from 5 January 2025, the total number of direct destinations from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station will be 93.

Meanwhile, the Guangzhoudong route will include an additional intermediate stop at Xintang, located within Guangzhou's new development area and serving as a critical part of the Greater Bay Area's high-speed rail network. Tickets for the new destinations and train trips will go on sale starting Sunday, 22 December 2024***.

"With the support of the governments of both the Mainland and Hong Kong, as well as the Mainland railway authorities, HSR has experienced rapid growth since its launch. The number of direct destinations has increased from 44 to more than double that many, solidifying HSR's role as a vital bridge connecting Hong Kong and the Mainland. In addition to launching the new Xi'anbei long-haul route, existing services will be enhanced to better meet passenger needs. The addition of new destinations in three cities under the Individual Visit Scheme will further improve convenience for visitors," said Ms Jeny Yeung, Managing Director - Hong Kong Transport Services, MTR Corporation.

Other service enhancements beginning on 5 January 2025 include a new daily roundtrip running between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Shenzhenbei, Shanwei, and Wuhan, along with adjustments to routes serving Guangzhoudong, Chaoshan, Shanghai, Beijing, and Chongqing. During the Christmas and New Year period, from 24 to 29 December 2024, additional train trips will run between Hong Kong and Shenzhen to meet increased travel demand. For details, please refer to the annex.

HSR remains committed to enhancing its services, creating seamless travel experiences, and promoting greater connectivity and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland. To support group travel and foster connectivity, HSR introduced Chartered Train Services last month. During the coming festive season, round-trip chartered trains to Chaoshan and Zhangjiajixi will be operated, providing flexible options for group travellers.

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*** Due to rerouting, ticket sales for train services between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Shanghai Hongqiao stations, as well as a pair of round-trip trains between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Chaoshan stations from 5 January 2025 onward, will only commence after confirmation is received from the relevant authorities. For more details, please check updates on 12306 or the HSR website and app.

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Annex

HSR Service Enhancement Overview (Effective from 5 January 2025)

Introduction of Xi'anbei Route				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Xi'anbei route provides one pair of southbound and northbound trains every day (G826/7, G828/5) with 17 intermediate stations. Xi'anbei Route Destinations (Newly introduced destinations in bold) Hong Kong West Kowloon, Shenzhenbei, Fumen, Guangzhounan, Yingdexi, Chenzhouxi, Hengshanxi, Zhuzhouxi, Changshanan, Yueyangdong, Wuhan, Xingyangdong, Zhumadianxi, Zhengzhou, Luoyanglungmen, Huashanbei and Xi'anbei. 				
Enhancement of Current Train Service				
<u>Enhanced Train Frequency</u>				
Route	Enhanced Train Frequency (One pair daily)			
Hong Kong West Kowloon Station – Shenzhenbei Station	G5670 (From Hong Kong West Kowloon Station) G5669 (From Shenzhenbei Station)			
Hong Kong West Kowloon Station – Shanwei Station	G6532 (From Hong Kong West Kowloon Station) G6531 (From Shanwei Station)			
Hong Kong West Kowloon Station – Wuhan Station	G872 (From Hong Kong West Kowloon Station) G885 (From Wuhan Station)			
<u>Route Adjustment to Current Train Services (Newly introduced destinations in bold)</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two pairs of trains running between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Guangzhoudong stations will add an intermediate stop at Xintang Station; Trains traveling between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Chongqingxi stations will make an intermediate stop at Hezhou Station; A pair of round-trip trains which originally departs/arrives at Chaoshan Station will be rerouted to Meizhouxi Station, adding intermediate stop at Longchuanxi Station; Three trains that originally arrive/depart at Chaoshan Station will extend to depart/arrive at Shantou Station. Trains operating between Hong Kong West Kowloon and Shanghaihongqiao stations (excluding sleeper trains) will no longer stop at Nanchangxi Station, Shangrao Station, Jinhua Station, and Hangzhoudong Station, but will now stop at Nanchangdong Station, Huangshanbei Station, Hangzhouxi Station, and Suzhounan Station. 				
<u>Beijing Sleeper Train Shortens Travel Distance</u>				
Train Frequency	Departure (Current)	Departure (Adjusted)	Arrival at Terminal Station (Current)	Arrival at Terminal Station (Adjusted)
G898 (From Hong Kong West Kowloon Station)	19:26	20:25	06:53 (Next Day)	Remain unchanged
G897 (From Beijingxi Station)	20:13	Remain unchanged	07:45 (Next Day)	07:12 (Next Day)

HSR Enhanced Train Services on Christmas and New Year

Date	Additional Train Frequencies	Routes
24 – 29 December 2024	12 pairs daily	Hong Kong West Kowloon Station – Futian Station
25 December 2024	2 train trips	Shenzhenbei Station to Hong Kong West Kowloon Station
27 and 29 December 2024	1 train trip	Hong Kong West Kowloon Station to Shenzhenbei Station

Relevant tickets are now available for purchase through various sales channels.

For details on the HSR train schedules and fares, please refer to the following links.

Train Timetable: <https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/ticket/timetable.html>

Fare Chart: <https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/ticket/fare.html>