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MTR Cocktail Reception to Celebrate its 45th Anniversary Committed to Keeping Cities Moving and Continuously Going Beyond Boundaries for Hong Kong

MTR Corporation hosted the 45th Anniversary Cocktail Reception today (28 October 2024) and was joined by distinguished guests to reminisce on 45 years of growing with Hong Kong through the Corporation's railway operation, railway construction, and community building. MTR looks forward to undertaking new railway projects gradually, to go beyond boundaries.

At the MTR 45th Anniversary Cocktail Reception, we were honoured to have Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) as the officiating guest, joined by over 800 distinguished guests, including Mr Andrew Leung, the President of the Legislative Council; Mr Fang Jianming, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR; Mr Ye Shuiqiu, Deputy Director-General, Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government (LOCPG) in the HKSAR; Mr Zhou Qiang, Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Department and Head of the Commercial Office of the LOCPG in the HKSAR; Mr Lam Sai-hung, Secretary for Transport and Logistics; Executive Council members Mr Jeffrey Lam, Mr Tommy Cheung, Mr Joseph Yam, Mrs Margaret Leung, Mr Chan Kin-por, Dr Eliza Chan, Mr Stanley Ng, and government officials, community leaders, and business partners, to share in the joy of this celebration.

Mr John Lee, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR said at the reception, "45 years later, I am proud to call the MTR one of the world's top transit systems. One that delivers reliable, efficient and safe journeys for the people of Hong Kong, and beyond. MTR railway network handles the daily commutes and travelling of more than five million passenger trips in our city. It also connects us to our country, via the Hong Kong Section of the high-speed rail. That strengthens the people-to-people bonds, and business ties, between Hong Kong and many cities across the Mainland. My congratulations, to MTR on your milestone 45th anniversary. I look forward to your continued success in the next 45 years, and more."

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Mr John Lee, together with Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation, and Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation officiated at the toasting ceremony. The three officiating guests jointly initiated a new MTR train front mock-up, with the background immediately displaying how MTR lines are continuing to extend. This symbolises MTR Corporation's commitment to serving Hong Kong and signifies a new milestone in the development of the railway network. Several new railway projects, including the Tung Chung Line Extension, Oyster Bay Station, Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line, the Tuen Mun South Extension, and the Hung Shui Kiu Station on the Tuen Ma Line are gradually commencing construction. The railway scheme of the Northern Link has also been gazetted. MTR will invest over HK\$100 billion in new railway projects over the coming years, further expanding the reach of Hong Kong's railway network to benefit passengers and contribute to the long-term economic development of Hong Kong.

"MTR has a unique place in Hong Kong being its mass transit provider and we are proud to be part of the Hong Kong city fabric. Our role goes beyond operating world-class infrastructure, we bring new value to less-developed areas through the addition of railway service and the 'Rail plus Community' integrated development model. MTR's commitment to the railway is long-term and we shall continue to strive our utmost to deliver our mission which is to keep our city moving. We will continue to build for the future by embarking on a series of new railway extensions that will enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness," said Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation.

Over the years, MTR has innovated continually, committed to providing sustainable green and accessible public transportation services that are safe, efficient and reliable, connecting all 18 districts of Hong Kong. In addition, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) seamlessly integrates with the national high-speed rail network, establishing a closer connection that offers greater convenience to people travelling between the mainland and Hong Kong. MTR's expertise and high-level management capabilities have also been recognised externally, expanding its footprint into Mainland China and overseas, keeping Hong Kong and the cities MTR serves moving. In the future, MTR will continue to strive for more successes, creating more new milestones and building a brighter tomorrow, upholding its mission to "Keep Cities Moving".

To celebrate the 45th anniversary, MTR has launched various activities since early this year, allowing the public to reflect on the MTR's growth while engaging with the community. These activities included the "Green T Baby Fun Day", "Station Rail Voyage" exhibition, "Railscape Reminiscence" photography exhibition, the "MTR 45th Anniversary Themed Train", and the "Chill Fun Trainival". The "Belt and Road Railway Forum" and "Ride to Success" Scholarship Programme were organised to foster the development of the railway industry. Additionally, MTR Mobile events including the "Double Rewards Lucky Draw" and "Click & Grab" – giving away 45,000 MTR eCoupons, totalling at HK\$10.5 million, for MTR shopping malls were held to reward passengers.

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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

Photo Caption:

1. MTR Corporation was honoured to have Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (centre) as the officiating guest at the MTR 45th Anniversary Cocktail Reception, joining Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation (left) and Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation (right) in officiating at the toasting ceremony.



2. In his speech, officiating guest Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region said, "My congratulations, to MTR on your milestone 45th anniversary. I look forward to your continued success in the next 45 years, and more."



3. Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation said MTR will fully promote new railway projects and continue to align with Hong Kong's future development and strategic positioning, contributing to Hong Kong's development into a more vibrant and competitive international city.



4. MTR Corporation hosted the MTR 45th Anniversary Cocktail Reception, inviting over 800 distinguished guests, including government officials, community leaders, and industry partners to celebrate the significant milestone of MTR's 45-year journey with Hong Kong.



5. During the Cocktail Reception, dancers performed in the uniforms of MTR staff, offering a unique adaptation to reminisce about the development of MTR over the past 45 years with the guests.



- The entrance to the venue was transformed into an MTR station entrance, leading to a memory tunnel filled with elements of the railway's history and the development of MTR. Walking through the tunnel gave guests a journey through the connections that MTR has shared with Hong Kong over the past 45 years.

