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New Railways Go Beyond Boundaries Tung Chung Line Extension Takes the Lead in Commencing Construction

The MTR Corporation is committed to implementing new railway projects to drive community building and development. The Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Tung Chung Line Extension was held today (25 May), marking the commencement of the main construction works of the project. Mr Paul Chan, Financial Secretary of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region officiated at the ceremony, together with the guests to witness a new milestone in community development led by new railway construction.

The Tung Chung Line Extension project ("the project") is the first to commence construction among several new railway projects. "The Corporation has been actively supporting the Government's strategy of using railways as the backbone of the public transport system, utilising the Corporation's professional knowledge and extensive experience in railway operations to facilitate the sustainable long-term development of Hong Kong. Over the past 40 years, the Corporation has been continuously enhancing the railway network to connect different districts of Hong Kong. With the vision of 'Go Beyond Boundaries' for the new railway projects, we are pleased to embark on a new chapter in Hong Kong's railway development. We will fully support the Government to implement the key infrastructure plans by continuously extending the railway network to drive development, create opportunities, and build more communities of enhanced livability through railway extensions," said Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation.

The Tung Chung Line Extension project includes the construction of two new stations, namely Tung Chung East and Tung Chung West, as well as the construction of a new 2.5-km railway section. The project is to support the Tung Chung new town extension at the Tung Chung East reclamation area and Tung Chung West. Upon commissioning, it is expected to serve a total of 290,000 existing and future population of the Tung Chung district, linking up the entire railway and public transportation network of North Lantau, and enhancing connectivity within and outside the district, supporting the sustainable growth of the residential and working population in the long-term.

The main construction works of the Tung Chung Line Extension project will commence this month and is targeted to complete in 2029. The construction works include the works on the operating Tung Chung Line, which bring challenges to the planning and construction period of the project. The Corporation will work with different teams to carry out the works in full swing and maintain the railway service of the Tung Chung Line at the same time.

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"Throughout the planning, design, and construction of the Tung Chung Line Extension project and other new railway projects, the team is keen to explore and adopt new technologies in the project, as well as to include elements of sustainable development to achieve better quality and greater efficiency of works. Despite the challenges of carrying out construction works on an operating railway line, we will work collaboratively to move the project forward and extend the railway network with the commitment to provide reliable, efficient, and low-carbon railway services to serve more Hong Kong citizens," said Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

The two major civil works contracts for the Tung Chung Line Extension project have been awarded. The contract for Tung Chung West Station and tunnels was awarded to the Bouygues-Dragages (1201) Joint Venture, which includes the construction of Tung Chung West Station and a 1.3-km tunnel extending from Tung Chung Station to Tung Chung West Station. The contract for Tung Chung East Station and associated enabling works for track diversions was awarded to Paul Y – CRCC (TUE 1202) Joint Venture, which includes the construction of Tung Chung East Station and a new 1.2km of track section between Tung Chung Station and Sunny Bay Station.

Following the commencement of the Tung Chung Line Extension project, construction of other new railway projects including the Tuen Mun South Extension, Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line, and the construction of Oyster Bay Station is also planned to commence later this year. The statutory processes or advance works for the Northern Link Main Line, Hung Shui Kiu Station and Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel have also been proceeding progressively.

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1. The officiating guests at the ceremony, including (left to right) Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services Mr Eric Pang, Director of Highways Mr Jimmy Chan, Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics Ms Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics Mr Lam Sai-hung, Chairman of New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Mr Kenneth Lau, Chairman of MTR Corporation Dr Rex Auyeung, HKSAR Financial Secretary Mr Paul Chan, Director General of the New Territories Sub-office from Liaison Office of the Central People's Government Mr Li Ji-yi, Chairman of the Panel on Transport of the Legislative Council Hon Chan Han-pan, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation Dr Jacob Kam, Capital Works Director of MTR Corporation Mr Carl Devlin, Commissioner for Transport Ms Rosanna Law, witnessed a new milestone in the development of Hong Kong's railway system.



2. Mr Paul Chan, HKSAR Financial Secretary officiates at the Ground-breaking Ceremony with other officiating guests, indicating the main construction works of the Tung Chung Line extension have commenced.



3. The officiating guests perform the eye-dotting for the lion dance, wishing for the success of the project.



