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### Press Release

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#### **MTR Northern Link Project Officially Launched Fully Advancing Northern Metropolis Railway Project in Partnership with the Hong Kong SAR Government Towards Targeted Commissioning**

Following the recent signing of the Northern Link (Part 1) Project Agreement, MTR Corporation is progressing at full speed with the construction works of the Northern Link Main Line, as well as the detailed planning and design for the Northern Link Spur Line. Today (3 October 2025), the Corporation held an Inauguration Ceremony, marking the full commencement of this major railway infrastructure. The project will form the backbone of mass transportation in the Northern Metropolis, connecting the East Rail Line and Tuen Ma Line, as well as establishing a rail link to Shenzhen's Huanggang Port.

The Ceremony took place at the Shui Mei Road project site in Yuen Long, the location of the first large-scale tunnel boring machine launching shaft for the Northern Link project. Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation, and Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation, accompanied Ms Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Tony Yau, Director of Highways, and Mr Wang Hui, Deputy Director General of the New Territories Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, along with other officiating guests including MTR representatives and Legislative Council members, to witness the launch of the Northern Link project.

At the ceremony, Ms Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics, stated: "For a region to thrive, it must have nourishment. The Northern Link, officially launched today, is not only a landmark infrastructure project in the Northern Metropolis but also a transport artery connecting the population across the area, providing vital support for development. The Main Line of the Northern Link will become the public transport backbone for multiple new development zones in the Northern Metropolis, and, together with the existing East Rail Line and Tuen Ma line, will form a loop railway connecting the New Territories and Kowloon urban area. This will significantly enhance the railway network's coverage and resilience. The Spur Line will connect to the new Huanggang Port, providing a convenient 'co-location arrangement' immigration clearance mode, linking Hong Kong and Shenzhen's metro networks."

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In his speech, Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation, said: “The Northern Metropolis is a new growth engine for Hong Kong’s future economic development, and rail remains the city’s efficient and reliable public transport backbone. The Northern Link will not only greatly enhance accessibility within the Northern Metropolis but also deepen Hong Kong’s cross-boundary connections with the Mainland. The Corporation is fully committed to advancing the project to support the development of the Northern Metropolis.”

Dr Auyeung added: “Among the multiple railway projects in the Northern Metropolis, construction at Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line and Hung Shui Kiu Station on the Tuen Ma Line is progressing well. The Corporation will adopt innovative technologies and efficient project management to drive the Northern Link project forward, toward the target for the synchronised opening of both the Main Line and Spur Line by no later than 2034.”

Among the multiple railway projects MTR is currently constructing, the Northern Link is the largest in scale. The Northern Link Main Line will connect the East Rail Line and Tuen Ma Line, while the Spur Line will provide direct rail access to Shenzhen’s Huanggang Port, becoming Hong Kong’s third direct cross-boundary railway link. The project must overcome various challenges, including difficult geology, proximity to multiple new development areas, and proximity of the existing railway facilities when constructing interchange stations. The Corporation and the HKSAR Government are collaborating closely to advance the Main Line and Spur Line works together, maximising synergy and simultaneously progressing the detailed planning and design for the Spur Line, aiming for the synchronised opening of both lines by no later than 2034.

Under the Northern Link (Part 1) Project Agreement, the Corporation is currently advancing certain Main Line construction works, including Kwu Tung\*, Au Tau\*, and Kam Sheung Road stations; the tunnels from Kwu Tung to San Tin, and Au Tau to Kam Sheung Road and related railway facilities. The construction site of today’s ceremony marks the first launching shaft where a tunnel boring machine will be launched, signaling the official commencement of the major works of the project.

Currently, the overall construction progress of Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line, part of the Northern Link project, is on track. It is expected to reach topping out in November this year, with completion targeted for 2027. Upon completion, this will then become MTR’s 100th station, servicing the Kwu Tung North New Development Area.

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\* Station names are working titles only.

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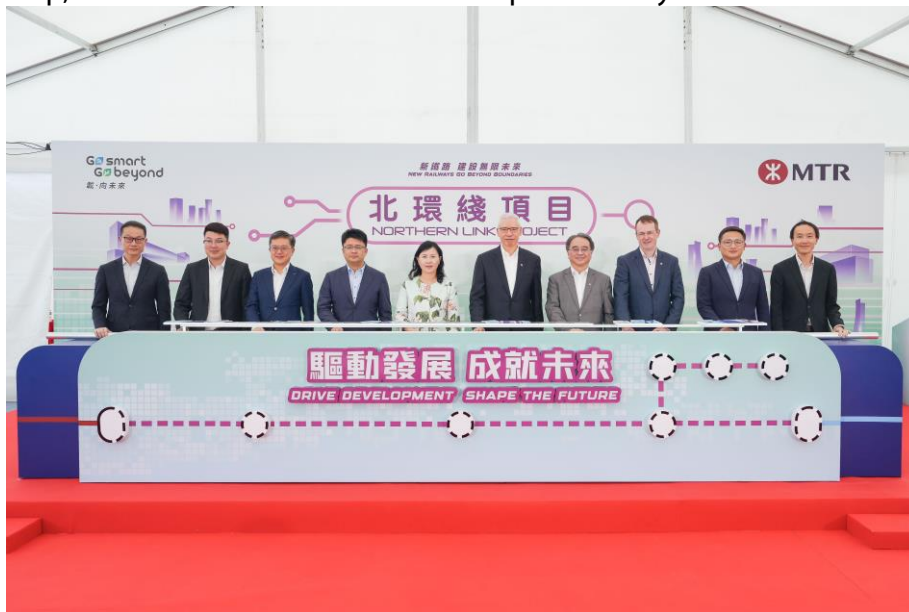
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Photo Captions:

1. (From left to right) The officiating guests witnessing the important milestone of the Northern Link Project Inauguration Ceremony included Mr Tony Yau, Director of Highways; Hon Edward Lau, Chairman of the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis; Mr Kevin Choi, Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics; Mr Wang Hui, Deputy Director General of the New Territories Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Ms Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics; Dr Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR Corporation; Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation; Mr Carl Devlin, Capital Works Director of MTR Corporation; Ir Hon Gary Zhang, Chairman of the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways and Mr Raymond Ip, Commissioner for Northern Metropolis Railways.



2. The ceremony featured a traditional lion dance performance, with officiating guests performing the “eye-dotting” ritual to bless the project for smooth progress.

