





Press Release

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MTR Signs Two Project Agreements with the Government for Kwu Tung Station on East Rail Line and Tuen Mun South Extension

The MTR Corporation today (5 September 2023) signed Project Agreements with the HKSAR Government for the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line* ("KTU(EAL)") and the Tuen Mun South Extension ("TME"). Following the commencement of construction for the Tung Chung Line Extension project in May this year, the KTU(EAL) and TME projects are the next railway projects that the Corporation will be starting construction in full swing.

Together with the signing of the Project Agreement and construction commencement of the Tung Chung Line Extension project earlier, both KTU(EAL) and TME projects are part of a series of mass transit infrastructures that the Corporation is constructing for the future of Hong Kong. These new railway projects involve construction works on the operating railways, in which KTU(EAL) involves more complex works procedures based on the design of the relevant East Rail Line section. The Corporation will endeavour to maintain the railway services while optimising works progress to ensure the orderly completion of the projects for passenger service as early as possible.

KTU(EAL) will be situated in the town centre of the future Kwu Tung North New Development Area ("KTN NDA"), located between the Lok Ma Chau Station and Sheung Shui Station on the East Rail Line. It will be the major public transportation hub in the area, providing efficient and convenient railway services for the existing and future residents living in the KTN NDA. KTU(EAL) is an underground station and will be the first new station in Hong Kong to be built on top of an operating railway tunnel, which involves highly complex construction procedures. While maintaining the daily railway operation, the Corporation will implement meticulous works planning and adopt innovations and new technologies to take the project forward.

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^{*}The station names are working titles only.

The TME project, on the other hand, includes the extension of the Tuen Ma Line southward by approximately 2.4km from Tuen Mun Station via a viaduct and the construction of two new stations, including an intermediate station at Area 16 and a new terminal station at Tuen Mun South near the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal. TME will provide direct railway connectivity to the Tuen Mun South community, serving the transport needs of commuters living and working in the area. As TME will be constructed in the well-developed Tuen Mun South community, the Corporation will endeavour to minimise potential work impacts to the neighborhood. Through re-provisioning and upgrading of some existing community facilities, it is expected that the living standard of the local community would be enhanced upon completion of the works.

"Along with the signing of the Project Agreement and construction commencement of the Tung Chung Line Extension project earlier, the KTU(EAL) and TME projects are also reaching a new milestone. The Corporation looks forward to continuing to expand and enhance the railway network to facilitate the city's long-term sustainable development, drive economic growth and build thriving and prosperous communities with the railway as the backbone, putting into practice the vision of 'Go Beyond Boundaries' with new railway services," said Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

Both the KTU(EAL) and TME projects will be funded by financial contributions from the "Rail plus Property" development model. The Corporation will progress the various property development projects in an orderly and timely manner, taking into account the market conditions. Tendering for the major works contracts of the KTU(EAL) and TME projects will be completed soon. Both projects will then be entering into the construction stage for target completion in 2027 and 2030, respectively.

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Photo Caption:

1. Kwu Tung Station on the East Rail Line will provide efficient and convenient railway services to residents of the existing community and the Kwu Tung North New Development Area.



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2. The Tuen Mun South Extension will rejuvenate the Tuen Mun South community.



3. Photomontage of the exterior of Tuen Mun South Station*.



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