

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport**

**Commissioning of Tseung Kwan O Line and  
Tseung Kwan O Line Fares**

The Tseung Kwan O Line (TKL) was authorised by the Chief Executive in Council in October 1998.

2. Good progress has been made by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) since construction commenced in November 1998.

3. Subject to the outcome of the trial operation by MTRCL and statutory inspections by the Chief Inspecting Officer (Railways) and other Government Departments, TKL will be commissioned on 18 August 2002. The Yau Tong Station will be opened on 4 August 2002 to familiarise Kwun Tong Line passengers with the new interchange arrangements for cross-harbour journeys.

4. MTRCL has prepared a paper to brief Members on the TKL service including operating hours, fares and promotional concessions (see **Annex**).

5. Members are requested to note the content of this paper.

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## Information Paper

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#### MTR Tseung Kwan O Line Service

### Introduction

This paper briefs Members on the service of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Line (TKL) which will be commissioned in August 2002.

### Background

2. TKL is an extension of the existing MTR system to serve the Tseung Kwan O and Yau Tong areas. Construction work started in 1998. Civil works were completed in June 2001. Starting from January this year, the focus has been shifted to testing and commissioning work to prepare TKL for passenger service.

3. The 12.5 km TKL runs from Po Lam, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O, Tiu Keng Leng through the 2 km Black Hill Tunnel, to Yau Tong where it crosses the harbour, through the Eastern Harbour Crossing, to Quarry Bay and North Point (**Figure 1**).

4. A new maintenance depot is located in the south of Tseung Kwan O at Area 86 where a major property development, the “Dream City”, is planned with the provision for a new station.

5. Upon commencement of the TKL service, the existing Kwun Tong Line will extend from Lam Tin Station to Yau Tong Station and terminate at Tiu Keng Leng Station.

6. Yau Tong and Tiu Keng Leng stations will become the interchange stations with cross platform interchange between Kwun Tong Line and the TKL, similar to that at Mongkok Station and Prince Edward Station.

### Commencement of Service

7. Starting from 2:00 pm on Sunday, 18 August 2002, all stations of the TKL will be opened for passenger service.

8. To allow the travelling public more time to familiarize with the new interchange arrangement between Kwun Tong Line and the TKL, Yau Tong Station will be opened for service two weeks earlier, on Sunday, 4 August 2002.

9. Upon the commencement of the TKL service, passengers travelling from stations on the Island Line to the Kwun Tong Line via the Eastern Harbour Crossing and vice versa will have to interchange at Yau Tong Station. Cross platform interchange will be provided.

### **Service Information**

10. Operational hours of the TKL will be the same as the existing MTR System. Train service will start from 6 am to 1 am of the following day :

<b>Direction</b>	<b>First Train departs (hours)</b>	<b>Last Train departs (hours)</b>
From Po Lam to North Point	0600	0030
From North Point to Po Lam	0615	0045

11. Trains will be running at about 2-3 minutes intervals during peak hours and every 4 minutes off peak. It will take only 18 minutes to travel from Po Lam to North Point and about 30 minutes to Central.

12. All the TKL stations are equipped with facilities for the disabled, including lifts, tactile guide paths and bi-directional wide gates.

13. Public transport interchange facilities are provided at all the five new TKL stations for passengers to transfer to other modes of public transport including bus, green minibus and taxi. The Public Transport Interchanges are expected to be handed over to the Transport Department at the end of July 2002.

### **Fares**

14. The TKL is an integrated part of the existing MTR system, fares for the TKL are set based on the current fare structure for operating lines, taking into account the current economic condition, passenger affordability and market competition with a view to providing value for money service to passengers.

15. A journey on adult Octopus from any of the five new stations to stations on the Kowloon side will cost \$3.8 to \$10. A journey on adult Octopus from any of the five new stations to stations across the harbour on the Island side will cost \$7.9 to \$11.8. The existing concessionary fares for children, students and senior citizens will also apply.

16. The TKL will be very competitive in terms of journey time and fares as shown below :-

Movement	Journey Time (min)		Fare (\$)	
	TKL	Bus	TKL	Bus
Po Lam – Central	32	57	11.8	15.3
Po Lam – Chai Wan	32	56	11.8	15.3
Tseung Kwan O – North Point	14	44	10.0	12.8
Po Lam – Tung Chung	64	95	20.1	24.0
Po Lam – Tsim Sha Tsui	35	41	8.2	8.2
Tseung Kwan O – Choi Hung	18	30	6.8	7.0
Po Lam – Tseung Kwan O	6	23	3.8	4.2

17. A summary of the TKL fares is set out at **Appendix I**. The station to station adult Octopus fares including the 5 new stations is attached at **Appendix II**.

### Promotional Concessions

18. To celebrate the commencement of the TKL service, introductory promotions will be launched.

#### Phase 1: Familiarization with Yau Tong Interchange

19. To attract the continuous use of the Eastern Harbour Crossing for passengers from Kwun Tong Line to cross the harbour via Yau Tong interchange, a \$2 flat discount for adult Octopus and \$1 for children, student and senior citizen Octopus will be offered to all harbour-crossing journeys between Shek Kip Mei and Lam Tin stations to and from all stations on the Hong Kong Island for four weeks from Sunday, 4 August to Saturday, 31 August 2002 (**Figure 2**).

## Phase 2: Familiarization with Tseung Kwan O Line

20. To encourage the public to use the TKL, all Octopus users entering or exiting any stations between Yau Tong to Po Lam stations will be given a \$2 flat discount to adults and \$1 to children, students and senior citizens for the first two weeks of operation from Sunday, 18 August to Saturday, 31 August 2002.

21. The Corporation is planning a further concession in September 2002 to reward loyal passengers, details of which will be announced nearer the time.

### **Communication**

22. Upon the announcement of the dates of opening of the TKL, details of the new railway service will be publicized through the mass media and in the MTR network.

23. To get Tseung Kwan O residents acquainted with the facilities of the TKL stations, Station Open Days will be organized by the Corporation on Saturdays and Sundays before the commencement of train service.

### **Conclusion**

24. Members are invited to note the TKL service as set out in this paper.

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圖一：將軍澳綫路線圖  
Figure 1 : Tseung Kwan O Line Route Map



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圖二：通車推廣優惠-熟習油塘轉綫站  
Figure 2 : Promotional Concessions - Familiarization with Yau Tong Interchange



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## Appendix I: Summary of TKL Fares

Movement	Adult Fares		Concessionary Fares	
	Octopus Card	Single Journey	Octopus Card	Single Journey
Internal & Kowloon	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$2.4	\$3.0
	\$4.6	\$5.0	\$2.4	\$3.0
	\$5.6	\$6.0	\$2.9	\$3.0
	\$6.8	\$7.5	\$3.4	\$4.0
	\$8.2	\$9.0	\$4.0	\$4.5
	\$10.0	\$11.0	\$5.1	\$5.5
Hong Kong Island	\$7.9	\$9.0	\$3.7	\$4.0
	\$10.0	\$11.0	\$5.1	\$5.5
	\$11.8	\$13.0	\$5.7	\$6.0
Tung Chung	\$20.1	\$23.0	\$10.1	\$11.5

### 附件一: 將軍澳綫車費表

車程範圍	成人車費		特惠車費	
	八達通	單程	八達通	單程
將軍澳綫及九龍	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$2.4	\$3.0
	\$4.6	\$5.0	\$2.4	\$3.0
	\$5.6	\$6.0	\$2.9	\$3.0
	\$6.8	\$7.5	\$3.4	\$4.0
	\$8.2	\$9.0	\$4.0	\$4.5
	\$10.0	\$11.0	\$5.1	\$5.5
香港島	\$7.9	\$9.0	\$3.7	\$4.0
	\$10.0	\$11.0	\$5.1	\$5.5
	\$11.8	\$13.0	\$5.7	\$6.0
東涌	\$20.1	\$23.0	\$10.1	\$11.5

