

**Legislative Council
Panel on Transport**

MTR Interchange Service with West Rail

Introduction

This paper briefs members on the operational details of the new Nam Cheong Station and Mei Foo Station, the West Rail – MTR interchange stations to be operational later this year.

Background

2. Mei Foo Station on Tsuen Wan Line and Nam Cheong Station on Tung Chung Line will be the two MTR interchange stations with KCRC's West Rail.

3. Located to the west of Nam Cheong Estate and east of the West Kowloon Expressway, Nam Cheong Station is a new station in the MTR network, located between Lai King and Olympic Stations on the Tung Chung Line. It is also the southern terminus of West Rail.

4. Construction of Nam Cheong Station commenced in January 2000. It will open for service later this year. The two railway corporations have been working closely throughout the planning, design, construction, testing and commissioning stages of the station.

Enhancement Works To Facilitate Interchange Arrangement with West Rail

5. Mei Foo Station is an existing station on the MTR Tsuen Wan Line. In order to meet the needs for passengers to interchange between West Rail and MTR lines, modification works at Mei Foo Station started in 2000. A 300-meter covered walkway connects MTR with West Rail Mei Foo Station. New facilities installed at MTR Mei Foo Station include new entrances, passenger lifts, escalators, newly arranged concourse facilities and station control room.

6. To facilitate smooth train operations on Tung Chung Line with the new interchange arrangement at Nam Cheong Station, two

parallel tracks are being laid between Lai King Station and Olympic Station so that trains on the Airport Express Line and Tung Chung Line could run separately in parallel. The enhancement works include building a 1-km viaduct, two 4-km tracks, overhead line and electrical equipment.

7. To meet the increasing number of passengers anticipated with the new West Rail service, all trains on Tung Chung Line are being gradually converted into eight car trains. The conversion of the whole fleet is expected to be completed by August this year.

8. The Corporation is investing a total of HK\$1.6 billion for the enhancement works.

Service Information

9. Nam Cheong Station will commence service later this year together with the new West Rail. Interchange facilities at Mei Foo Station will also be opened to the public at the same time.

10. Operational hours of the two stations will be the same as the existing MTR System. It will take only 7 minutes to get to Central from Nam Cheong Station by Tung Chung Line and 15 minutes to the Disney theme park when it opens in 2005.

11. Nam Cheong Station is the first fully integrated station in Hong Kong with a shared underground concourse where KCR and MTR facilities are combined. Passengers commuting between the Northwest New Territories and Hong Kong Island can interchange between West Rail and the MTR Tung Chung Line simply by passing through the transfer gates located at the centre of the paid concourse.

12. The new station will be operated and managed jointly by KCR and MTR staff in the station control room with periodic alternation in station management leadership.

13. Nam Cheong Station is equipped with facilities for the disabled, e.g. lifts, tactile guide paths and bi-directional wide gates.

14. Public transport interchange facilities are provided at Nam Cheong and Mei Foo stations for passengers to connect with other modes of public transport including bus and green minibuses.

Fares

15. The current MTR fare structure will be applied to Nam Cheong Station.

16. A journey on Adult Octopus from Nam Cheong Station to stations in Kowloon side (including Tung Chung Station) will cost from \$3.8 to \$12.6. A journey from the new station to stations across the harbour to the Island side will cost from \$10 to \$11.8. The existing half fares for children, students and senior citizens will also apply.

17. The station to station adult Octopus fares for Nam Cheong and Mei Foo stations is attached in Annex I.

Introductory Promotions

18. To celebrate the opening of Nam Cheong Station and the interchange facilities at Mei Foo Station and to encourage passengers to visit and familiarize themselves with the stations' layout and facilities, especially the interchange facilities with West Rail, introductory discounts on MTR fare will be provided.

19. Octopus cardholders taking the MTR to and from the new Nam Cheong Station and Mei Foo Station will enjoy a 10% discount on their MTR fares when the facilities open for public use (Annex I). The introductory discount will be valid until 31 December 2003.

20. The discount will apply automatically on journeys to or from any destination within the MTR network (except Airport Express) when passengers use their Octopus cards and enter or exit Nam Cheong and Mei Foo Stations. The discount is valid for all Octopus cards, including Adult, Elder, Student, Child and Personalised cards.

MTR / West Rail Interchange Discounts

21. The two Corporations have been jointly exploring the feasibility of offering various fare discounts to interchanging passengers between MTR and West Rail since 2000. All assessments showed that the increase in patronage would not generate enough incremental revenue to offset losses due to the discount. MTRCL therefore decided not to proceed with the rail interchange fare discount. However, the

Corporation will offer 10% introductory discount on their fares to all Octopus cardholders taking the MTR to and from Nam Cheong Station and Mei Foo Station when these facilities open for public use. This will benefit not only interchanging passengers, but all passengers using the two stations.

22. In the meantime, MTRCL will continue to discuss with KCRC to jointly explore the feasibility of introducing interchange discounts that would be acceptable to all parties concerned. The actual effect of the 10% introductory fare discount on interchanging passengers between West Rail and MTR will provide data which can be analyzed by both companies to assist in the deliberation regarding interchange discounts.

Communications

23. Details of the new railway service for Nam Cheong Station and Mei Foo Interchange Station will be publicized through mass media and in the MTR network.

24. To allow local residents to get acquainted with their nearby stations, the Corporation will offer station visits for nearby residents and will work with West Rail for pre-opening publicity and communication programmes.

25. School talks, communication meetings, station exhibitions, Coffee Evenings, will be organised for residents in the local communities to familiarise with the new station facilities and interchange arrangements at MTR Mei Foo and Nam Cheong stations.

Conclusion

26. Members are invited to note the new railway service as set out in this paper.

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南昌站和美孚站車費及通車推廣車費優惠
Fares for Nam Cheong and Mei Foo stations and introductory discount

起點/ 終點站 Origin / Destination Station		成人八達通 Adult Octopus				特惠八達通 Concessionary Octopus			
		美孚 Mei Foo		南昌 Nam Cheong		美孚 Mei Foo		南昌 Nam Cheong	
		標準 車費 Normal Fare	推廣 車費 Introductory Fare	標準 車費 Normal Fare	推廣 車費 Introductory Fare	標準 車費 Normal Fare	推廣 車費 Introductory Fare	標準 車費 Normal Fare	推廣 車費 Introductory Fare
港島綫 Island Line	上環 Sheung Wan	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	中環 Central	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	金鐘 Admiralty	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	灣仔 Wan Chai	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	銅鑼灣 Causeway Bay	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	天后 Tin Hau	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	炮台山 Fortress Hill	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
	北角 North Point	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
	鰂魚涌 Quarry Bay	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
	太古 Tai Koo	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
	西灣河 Sai Wan Ho	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
	筲箕灣 Shau Kei Wan	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1
杏花邨 Heng Fa Chuen	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1	
柴灣 Chai Wan	11.8	10.6	11.8	10.6	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1	
荃灣綫 Tsuen Wan Line	尖沙咀 Tsim Sha Tsui	6.8	6.1	5.6	5.0	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6
	佐敦 Jordan	6.8	6.1	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.2
	油麻地 Yau Ma Tei	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2
	旺角 Mong Kok	5.6	5.0	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2
	太子 Prince Edward	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	深水埗 Sham Shui Po	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	長沙灣 Cheung Sha Wan	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	荔枝角 Lai Chi Kok	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	美孚 Mei Foo	-	-	4.6	4.1	-	-	2.4	2.2
	荔景 Lai King	3.8	3.4	4.6	4.1	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	葵芳 Kwai Fong	3.8	3.4	5.6	5.0	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.6
	葵興 Kwai Hing	4.6	4.1	5.6	5.0	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.6
大窩口 Tai Wo Hau	4.6	4.1	6.8	6.1	2.4	2.2	3.4	3.1	
荃灣 Tsuen Wan	5.6	5.0	6.8	6.1	2.9	2.6	3.4	3.1	
觀塘綫 Kwun Tong Line	石硤尾 Shek Kip Mei	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2
	九龍塘 Kowloon Tong	5.6	5.0	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2
	樂富 Lok Fu	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2
	黃大仙 Wong Tai Sin	6.8	6.1	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.2
	鑽石山 Diamond Hill	6.8	6.1	5.6	5.0	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6
	彩虹 Choi Hung	6.8	6.1	5.6	5.0	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6
	九龍灣 Kowloon Bay	8.2	7.4	6.8	6.1	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.1
	牛頭角 Ngau Tau Kok	8.2	7.4	6.8	6.1	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.1
東涌綫 Tung Chung Line	觀塘 Kwun Tong	8.2	7.4	6.8	6.1	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.1
	藍田 Lam Tin	8.2	7.4	6.8	6.1	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.1
	香港 Hong Kong	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.0	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.6
	九龍 Kowloon	6.8	6.1	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.2
	奧運 Olympic	5.6	5.0	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2
將軍 澳綫 Tseung Kwan O Line	南昌 Nam Cheong	4.6	4.1	-	-	2.4	2.2	-	-
	青衣 Tsing Yi	4.6	4.1	5.6	5.0	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.6
	東涌 Tung Chung	12.6	11.3	12.6	11.3	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.8
	油塘 Yau Tong	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3
將軍 澳綫 Tseung Kwan O Line	調景嶺 Tiu Keng Leng	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3
	將軍澳 Tseung Kwan O	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3
	坑口 Hang Hau	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3
將軍 澳綫 Tseung Kwan O Line	寶琳 Po Lam	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3