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**MTR and KCR West Rail Offer Interchange Discount
At Nam Cheong and Mei Foo Stations**

Starting from 1 May 2004 (Saturday), Adult Octopus cardholders transferring between the MTR and KCR West Rail at Nam Cheong or Mei Foo Station will automatically enjoy an interchange discount of \$1.20 off the second leg of their journeys if they use the same Octopus card to travel on both rail systems. Passengers using concessionary Octopus cards will save \$0.60.

The discount scheme will be valid until 1 January 2005.

By joining hands to offer the Interchange Discount, the two corporations aim to boost railway ridership, particularly on new lines.

“We are pleased to be introducing this Interchange Discount together with KCRC to promote patronage growth for the KCR West Rail and to support new railway development in Hong Kong,” said Mr Phil Gaffney, Managing Director - Operations and Business Development of MTR Corporation.

KCRC Senior Director, Transport Mr Y T Li said, “The Corporation is glad to offer this interchange concession to both West Rail and MTR passengers. We hope this will not only benefit passengers but also bring more passengers to the two railways.”

The Interchange Discount will take the place of the MTR’s 10% Introductory Discount at Nam Cheong and Mei Foo Stations that expires on 30 April 2004.

KCR West Rail interchanges with the MTR Tung Chung Line at Nam Cheong Station and with the MTR Tsuen Wan Line at Mei Foo Station. Currently, about 30,000 passengers interchange between MTR and KCR West Rail on a normal weekday.

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