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Dear

**Subcommittee on Rail Merger Ordinance (Commencement) Notice
Follow-up to the meeting held on 8 November 2007**

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Rail Merger Ordinance (Commencement) Notice on 8 November 2007, Members requested the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to provide further information on student fares upon implementation of the rail merger. The information provided by the two corporations is enclosed at Annex for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ida Lee', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Ida Lee)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. Hon. Miriam Lau, GSB, JP, Chairman of Subcommittee on Rail Merger
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Annex**Further information provided by MTRCL and KCRC in relation to student fares upon implementation of the rail merger**

According to the fare reduction package under the rail merger package, upon the rail merger, students travelling with a Personalized Octopus card will continue to enjoy the existing student fare concession when travelling on six specified railway lines on MTR network, viz. the Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Island Line, Tung Chung Line, Tseung Kwan O Line and Disneyland Resort Line, and they will enjoy the fare reduction for Adult Octopus as part of the rail merger package when travelling on the KCR network, including the East Rail Line, West Rail Line and Ma On Shan Line. Relevant second boarding charge will also be abolished for students travelling with Student Personalized Octopus when they interchange at Kowloon Tong Station, Mei Foo Station, Nam Cheong Station, Tsim Sha Tsui Station and East Tsim Sha Tsui Station.

At present, there are an average about 230,000 daily passenger trips on the MTR network using the Student Personalized Octopus. According to MTRCL, since there is currently no fare concession provided by KCRC for students travelling on West Rail, East Rail and Ma On Shan Rail, MTRCL does not have information on the passenger trips made by students on the above-mentioned KCR lines and information on the relevant journeys and fares paid. Because of this reason, MTRCL advised that the corporation is not able to provide an estimate on the likely revenue foregone if fare concessions were provided for students travelling on KCR lines after the rail merger.

Examples of reduction in Student Personalized Octopus fares after the rail merger are shown in the table below.

Examples of Fare Reductions (Interchanging Trips between MTR and KCR Systems) for Octopus Users Upon Rail Merger

Examples	Octopus Type	Existing Fare	Reduced Fare upon Rail Merger	Fare Reduction
Tai Po Market – Central	Adult	\$17.3	\$14.6	15.6% (\$2.7)
	Student	\$12.4	\$10.5	15.3% (\$1.9)
Shatin City One – Kwun Tong	Adult	\$11.8	\$8.1	31.4% (\$3.7)
	Student	\$9.1	\$6.2	31.9% (\$2.9)