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Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railway
Panel on Transport
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(Attention: Mr Anthony CHU)

[Fax No.: 2543 9197]


Dear Mr CHU,

Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

**The MTR Corporation Limited's Trial Scheme on
Carriage of Large Musical Instruments by Passengers**

Your letter of 15 October 2015 is received. In his reply to an oral question raised by Hon James TO at the Legislative Council meeting of 14 October, the Secretary for Transport and Housing already gave a detailed response to the incidents where passengers carrying oversized musical instruments were unable to travel on the MTR, as raised in Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's letter. As mentioned by the Secretary in his reply, the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") announced on 13 October that a trial scheme would be launched within November this year, under which passengers might carry large musical instruments (such as cello) when travelling on the MTR during non-peak hours (including the time before 8:15 a.m. and most other operating hours) with prior registration. Depending on the effectiveness of this trial scheme, the MTRCL will also consider the feasibility of including large sports equipment in the trial scheme.

The Government welcomes the MTRCL's decision and hopes that the trial scheme can meet passengers' reasonable needs, on the premise that the safety, reliability and efficiency of railway services can be maintained. Details of the trial scheme will be announced by the MTRCL shortly.

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

(Donald Lam)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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MTRCL (Attention: Mr Eric LEE)