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20 October 2006

Dear *Andy,*

**Bills Committee on Rail Merger Bill**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 5 October 2006**

At the meeting of the Bills Committee on 5 October 2006, Members requested the Administration to provide further information on the transacted sale prices of residential flats at New Town Plaza. As requested, please note that the transacted sale price of New Town Plaza Phase 3 on "Saleable Floor Area" basis was \$6,016 to \$6,054 per square foot during the first two months in 2006.

Separately, Members also requested the MTR Corporation Ltd. (MTRCL) to provide further information and take necessary follow-up actions on (a) improvement to the provision of facilities for persons with disabilities (PwDs) at Yau Tong Station and Lam Tin Station, and (b) the existing consultation machinery to gauge the views of PwDs on the provision of disabled facilities, its mode of operation, composition and meeting schedules, etc. MTRCL's response is enclosed at Annex for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ida LEE', written over a horizontal line.

(Miss Ida LEE)

for Secretary for the Environment,  
Transport and Works

**Bills Committee on Rail Merger Bill**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 5 October 2006**

**MTRCL's response to Members' requests raised at the Bills Committee meeting held on 5 October 2006 is set out below:**

**(a) Improvement to the provision of facilities for persons with disabilities (PwDs) at Yau Tong Station and Lam Tin Station**

*Provisions for access facilities for PwDs at Yau Tong Station*

At Yau Tong Station, there are two major entrances leading to Yau Tong Estate (Entrance A) and the public housing development site (Entrance B) respectively. A passenger lift is provided at the end of Entrance B to Cha Kwo Ling Road. Passengers in need who wish to go to Yau Tong Estate could access directly through Entrance A and use the stairlift provided by the Housing Authority. Passengers in need may contact MTR station staff who will provide prompt assistance and contact the staff of the Housing Authority to facilitate arrangements. Provisions for PwD access is also allowed at the end of Entrance A to meet the upcoming neighbouring housing development.

*Provisions for access facilities for PwDs at Lam Tin Station*

There are four entrances at Lam Tin Station, namely Entrance A leading to Kai Tin Road, Entrance B leading to Lam Tin Public Transport Interchange, Entrance C leading to Lei Yue Mun Road and Entrance D leading to Sin Fat Road. The designated access for PwDs is provided at Entrance C.

MTRCL has studied the feasibility of retrofitting other entrances, i.e. providing access facilities for PwDs at Entrance D which leads to the nearby establishments for PwDs. Due to the physical constraints posed by the considerable distance and slope between the concourse and the entrance, and the proximity of the station structure to the foundations of nearby buildings, such provisions are not technically feasible.

Nonetheless, with inputs from the consultation meetings between MTRCL and the disabled groups, the ramp at Entrance C is now being modified with a view to providing a more convenient access for passengers.

**(b) The existing consultation machinery to gauge the views of PwDs on the provision of disabled facilities, its mode of operation, composition and meeting schedules, etc.**

MTRCL has since 1992 committed to improving its existing station facilities with a retrofit programme for stations built before 1990s in order to bring about a better travelling environment for PwDs. Over \$400 million has been spent in retrofitting projects. A further \$100 million is being committed for the next 5 years.

To gauge the views of PwDs and accessibility specialists on the provision of access facilities for PwDs, consultation meetings have been held with the special interest groups since 1994. With input from these concerned groups, new provisions including tactile station layout maps, audible signal for escalators, exit ticket gates that read out remaining value on Octopus cards, etc. are implemented over the years. The lists of participating organizations in these meetings are attached at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** for reference.

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**Communication Meeting with PwDs Groups**  
**(Semi-Annual Meetings Chaired by MTR Corporation Limited)**

**Participating Organizations:**

1. MTR Corporation Limited
2. Transport Department
3. Hong Kong Society for the Blind
4. Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired
5. Hong Kong Blind Union
6. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
7. The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
8. The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
9. Rehab Power
10. Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong
11. Retina Hong Kong
12. Lutheran School for the Deaf
13. Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth
14. Environmental Advisory Service

**Working Group of Transport Department on  
Access to Public Transport by People with Disabilities  
(Quarterly Meetings Chaired by Transport Department)**

**Participating Organizations:**

1. Transport Department
2. Alliance for Patients' Mutual Help Organizations
3. Direction Association for the Handicapped
4. Environmental Advisory Service
5. Fu Hong Society
6. Hong Kong Association of the Deaf
7. Hong Kong Blind Union
8. Hong Kong Council of Social Service
9. Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth
10. Hong Kong Federation of the Blind
11. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
12. Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
13. Hong Kong Society for the Blind
14. Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
15. New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
16. Rehab Power
17. Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong
18. Rehabus, Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
19. Retina Hong Kong
20. MTR Corporation Limited
21. Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, East Rail
22. Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, West Rail and Light Rail
23. The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd.
24. New World First Bus Services Ltd.
25. Citybus Limited
26. New Lantao Bus Co. (1973) Ltd.
27. New World First Ferry Services Ltd.
28. The "Star" Ferry Co. Ltd.
29. Hongkong Tramways Ltd.
30. Health, Welfare & Food Bureau
31. Environment, Transport & Works Bureau