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Ms Sophie LAU Clerk to Legislative Council Panel on Transport Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

31 May 2022

Dear Ms LAU,

#### MTR Fares for 2022

Further to the briefing to Members at the Panel meeting on 22 April 2022 concerning MTR fares for 2022, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has completed the required administrative procedures of the 2022 Fare Adjustment Mechanism. Attached is the relevant information paper by MTRCL for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c.:

MTR Corporation Limited (Attn.: Mr Simpson LO)

### **Legislative Council Panel on Transport**

#### MTR Fares for 2022

This paper notifies Members of the completion of administrative procedures of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) Fare Adjustment Mechanism (FAM) in 2022.

#### Fares to be Frozen in 2022

- 2. The MTRCL briefed Members at the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport meeting on 22 April 2022 that in accordance with the latest figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, and taking into account the special annual adjustment of -0.6% offered by the MTRCL outside of the FAM formula, the overall fare adjustment rate for 2022 should be +0.5%. As the adjustment rate falls within the range of -1.5% and +1.5%, the MTRCL will defer the fare adjustment according to the mechanism, with the FAM rate rolled over to the following year (2023). Hence, there will be no adjustment of MTR fares this year.
- 3. Since there will be no fare adjustment this year, the total fare adjustment rate of +2.85% <sup>1</sup> to be recouped under the simplified "Affordability Cap" arrangement in 2019 and 2020 will be carried forward again according to the mechanism. For details of the FAM outcome in 2022, please refer to LegCo Paper No. CB(4)254/2022(02).
- 4. In accordance with the Operating Agreement signed between the Government and MTRCL, the MTRCL hereby notifies Members that it has completed the required administrative procedures and submitted the independent expert certificate to the Government to certify compliance of the calculation of MTR fares with the FAM requirements. Key information regarding the certification is set out at **Annex**.

#### Conclusion

5. Members are invited to note this paper.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See LegCo paper CB(4)766/18-19(04) and CB(4)467/19-20(03)).

### **Annex**

# **Key Information of the Independent Expert Certificate**

#### **Calculation of FAM in 2022**

| The year-on-year percentage change in Composite             | +2.4% |
|---|-------|
| Consumer Price Index (CCPI) for December 2021               |       |
| The year-on-year percentage change in the Nominal Wage      | -0.2% |
| Index (NWI) (Transportation Section) for December 2021      |       |
| Productivity Factor   | 0%    |
| Overall Fare Adjustment Rate based on FAM formula*          | +1.1% |
| Special annual adjustment of 0.6% offered by MTRCL          | 0.6%  |
| under FAM^  |       |
| Calculated Fare Adjustment Rate for 2022                    | +0.5% |
| Overall Fare Adjustment Rate for 2022#                      | 0%    |
| Weighted Average Price of all Controlled Fares in the prior | N/A   |
| year  |       |
| Weighted Average Price of all Controlled Fares after the    | N/A   |
| 2022 Fare Adjustment  |       |
| Weighted Average Price of all Controlled Fares after the    | N/A   |
| 2022 Fare Adjustment compared to that of prior year         |       |

- \* The FAM formula is as follows:
  - Overall Fare Adjustment Rate
  - =  $(0.5 \times \text{year-on-year percentage change in CCPI})$
  - + (0.5  $\times$  year-on-year percentage change in NWI (Transportation Section))
  - Productivity Factor
- ^ The MTRCL has agreed to provide a special annual adjustment of 0.6% to lower the fare adjustment rate according to the FAM formula from 2017/18 to 2022/23.
- # As the calculated fare adjustment rate for 2022 at +0.5% falls within the range of -1.5% and +1.5%, the fare adjustment will be deferred according to the mechanism, with the FAM rate rolled over to the following year (2023).