

HKT extends 5G network to East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension as first mobile operator to provide 5G coverage along all MTR lines

HKT (SEHK: 6823) – HONG KONG, 6 May 2022 – HKT will become the first mobile operator* to provide 5G coverage along all MTR lines when its network is extended to the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension to be opened on 15 May 2022, enabling commuters to enjoy seamless ultra-fast 5G services.



HKT's 5G network coverage along all MTR lines

Ms Susanna Hui, Group Managing Director of HKT, said, "HKT is committed to providing comprehensive 5G coverage across the entire city for mobile users. HKT is the first mobile operator to launch 5G network coverage along all MTR lines, enabling commuters to enjoy superfast 5G services with contiguous coverage at concourses, on platforms, along MTR lines and inside underground train compartments when travelling along MTR lines."

HKT has deployed dedicated 5G spectrum and equipment for the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension to enable its capacity for ultra-high-speed data transmission. In addition, HKT was appointed by MTR to design, construct and maintain the 5G Common Antenna Network for the Shatin to Central link. With the dedicated 5G spectrum and all fibre-based digitalised Active Antenna solution, HKT provides a unique and optimal 5G user experience to our customers.

The East Rail Line will extend its railway services from Hung Hom Station to Admiralty Station as the new terminal station, via the new Exhibition Centre Station at Wan Chai North. With the new extension, East Rail Line will become the fourth cross-harbour railway line. It will directly connect the Northeast New Territories, Central Kowloon, and Hong Kong Island. Passengers will be able to reach the commercial, convention, exhibition and financial hubs in the Wan Chai North and Admiralty areas without changing lines.

^{*} HKT is the first mobile operator to provide 5G coverage along all MTR lines with dedicated 5G spectrum deployed to cover the East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension.

About HKT

HKT (SEHK: 6823) is Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider and a leading innovator. Its fixed-line, broadband, mobile communication and media entertainment services offer a unique quadruple-play experience. HKT meets the needs of the Hong Kong public and local and international businesses with a wide range of services, including local telephony, local data and broadband, international telecommunications, mobile, enterprise solutions, FinTech, e-commerce, big data analytics, media entertainment including the provision of interactive pay-TV services, and other telecommunications businesses such as customer premises equipment sales, outsourcing, consulting and contact centres.

HKT is the first local mobile operator to launch a true 5G network in Hong Kong with differentiated value-added services. Backed by its substantial holding of 5G spectrum across all bands and a robust and extensive fibre backhaul infrastructure, HKT is committed to providing comprehensive 5G network coverage across the city.

HKT delivers end-to-end integrated solutions employing emerging technologies such as 5G, cloud computing, Internet of Things ("IoT") and artificial intelligence ("AI") to accelerate the digital transformation of enterprises and contribute to Hong Kong's development into a smart city.

Riding on its massive loyal customer base, HKT has also built a digital ecosystem integrating its loyalty programme, e-commerce, travel, insurance, big data analytics, FinTech and HealthTech services. The ecosystem deepens HKT's relationship with its customers, thereby enhancing customer retention and engagement.

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