

TD proactively coordinates with operators to strengthen bus services in response to MTR East Rail Line incident

The Transport Department (TD) today (February 5) received notification from the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) that, due to an equipment fault on an engineer's train near Tai Wo Station, the East Rail Line train service frequencies between Admiralty and Fo Tan, Fo Tan and Tai Po Market, Tai Po Market and Lo Wu, and Sheung Shui and Lok Ma Chau have been adjusted.

The TD has requested the MTRCL to make all-out efforts to follow up and complete the necessary maintenance, with a view to resuming normal service as soon as possible. Crowd management measures are now in place in individual stations on East Rail Line and longer waiting times are expected. The TD urged members of the public to consider other transport modes and plan their journeys early with more time for travel.

The TD's Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre has been closely monitoring the traffic conditions and public transport services of various districts and affected stations. In addition, the TD has been proactively coordinating with franchised bus operators to strengthen their services to cope with the passenger demand, including:

- KMB Route No. 270A (Sheung Shui to Tsim Sha Tsui East (Mody Road));
- KMB Route No. 978 (Fanling (Wah Ming) to Exhibition Centre Station); and
- Citybus Route No. 79 (Queen's Hill to Tai Wai Station).