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### **May Function : (Presented in English) MTR to build and operate railway in Shenzhen (SZ) 29 May 2006**

**Mr. Francis Li (Chief Planning Manager-Operations (SZ))** of MTR will like to share his experience for building a new railway in a completely new environment, Shenzhen.

MTR is now building the SZ Line 4, phase 2 and the Line is planned to commence operations by end 2009. This section of Line will integrate with the SZ Line 4, Phase 1 which will be taken over by MTR for operation in Jan 08.

Another deal negotiation is also close to mature that SZ Government will offer one more Line, SZ Line 3 for MTR to build and operate.

Under the Concession Agreements, MTR will operate both SZ Line 4 and SZ Line 3 for 30 years and then transfer back all the railway assets to SZ Government.

These two Lines, and the Beijing Line 4 (also by MTR) are the first batch of railways which are not built and operated by Government or State-owned enterprises. Such arrangement is new in China, and special permission from Central Government is required.

For MTR, it is a challenge on operating a railway in a new environment, facing unfamiliar passengers' behaviors and cultures, and under different set of business rules, technical and legal requirements.

Francis will talk about the railway development in SZ, his experience in working with SZ Government officials, highlights on some major differences on technical and operational requirements for SZ railway and snapshot on the preparation for operations readiness in SZ.

**Venue** : 9/F Staff Restaurant, City University, Kowloon Tong

**Date** : 29 May 2006

**Time** : 6:00 pm for a prompt start at 6:30 pm

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