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MTR Network Fully Integrated with Removal of Last Interchange Ticket Gates

The final milestone in the Rail Merger integration process was marked at 4:30 this morning when the last interchange ticket gate was removed and wheeled away at MTR Nam Cheong Station.

The action symbolised the full implementation of seamless travel in the MTR network weeks ahead of schedule. At the time of the Rail Merger on 2 December 2007, the MTR Corporation undertook to complete all of the integration works within one year, the most complicated of which was to design a new Single Journey Ticket Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) System that would allow passengers to travel to any destination within the merged railway network using only one Single Journey Ticket.

The new AFC System was put on trial on 28 September 2008. Together with the introduction of reduced Single Journey interchange fares two months earlier than planned, passengers also started to experience greater convenience by not having to process their Octopus cards or insert Single Journey Tickets into the ticket slots when transferring between MTR Lines.

On successful completion of the Trial last month, the Corporation started to remove the 100 interchange ticket gates at Kowloon Tong, Mei Foo and Nam Cheong stations on 26 October, with the last 24 gates at Nam Cheong Station being removed this morning.

With seamless interchange now in place, the Conditions of Carriage of Luggage will also be standardised throughout the MTR Lines, effective 1 January 2009. Passengers are advised that regardless of which MTR line they are travelling on, they will be allowed to carry one piece of luggage with total dimensions not exceeding 170 cm, with the length of any one side not exceeding 130 cm. The consignment services for East Rail Line at Hung Hom, Sheung Shui and Lo Wu stations will be terminated on the same day.

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Truly seamless: The removal of the last interchange ticket gate at MTR Nam Cheong Station at 4:30 am marks the full completion of the Rail Merger integration process, bringing completely seamless travel throughout the expanded MTR network.

