

Press Announcement

29 March 2023

**Announcement of Audited Financial Results**  
**of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The Chief Officer of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, Mr LT Ma, today announced the audited financial results of the Corporation for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Mr Ma pointed out that, with the increase in railway patronage, the Variable Annual Payment received by the Corporation from the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) for service concession in 2022 amounted to HK\$323 million, which was an increase of about 24% when compared to the HK\$260 million in 2021.

The Corporation recorded an accounting loss of HK\$2,115 million in the year ended 31 December 2022, with the continual suspension of the cross-boundary railway services in 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But before depreciation, amortisation and impairment, the Corporation delivered operating profit of HK\$483 million. The Corporation maintains a robust financial position and will be able to fully repay its relatively modest outstanding fixed rate debt upon maturity in May 2024. Mr Ma further remarked that the income of the Corporation would improve in the year ahead as Hong Kong is gradually returning to normalcy and the cross-boundary railway services - the major contributor to the Corporation's fare revenue, resuming progressively in early 2023.

The Corporation's network was extended across the Victoria Harbour with the cross-harbour section of the East Rail Line commencing operation on 15 May 2022 under a Supplemental Service Concession Agreement with the MTRCL. Mr Ma said that it greatly enhanced the railway network of Hong Kong with improved efficiency and resilience as well as increasing the patronage of the Corporation's network.

The Corporation's Annual Report for 2022 will be available on its website [www.kcrc.com](http://www.kcrc.com) after tabling by the Financial Secretary in the Legislative Council, which is expected in the second quarter of 2023.