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## Retirement of 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Peak Tram - Until We Meet Again!

*Crowds bid farewell to the 5<sup>th</sup> generation Peak Tram on its last day of operation, having served Hong Kong for 32 years*

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Peak Tram, which has served the people of Hong Kong and its visitors since 1989, completed its final ascent today (27 June). A large number of visitors, retired Peak Tram colleagues and media guests were in attendance to say their fond farewells to a true international icon. The first-generation Peak Tram started operating in 1888 and the sixth-generation tram will make its debut later in 2021.

During the *Official Farewell* weekend, standout moments from the 5<sup>th</sup> generation Peak Tram's 32 years of service to Hong Kong were shared by **Mr. Martyn Sawyer, Group Director, Properties, The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (HSH)**, who said, "We appreciate the amazing support we have received from members of the public since the Peak Tram's first ride on 20 September, 1989 and would like to thank everyone who has experienced this unique journey. Today marks a significant milestone and the end of the final commemorative period, celebrating the transition of the Peak Tram into its new form. We have experienced so many memorable moments in the past 32 years, including a complete rebuild of the upper terminus in 1997, revamp of the intermediate stations and the lower terminus in 2007 and opening of the Peak Tram Historical Gallery. I am proud to have witnessed them all. We're delighted to have this opportunity today to give everyone a chance to join in and celebrate another important moment in our history."

**Ms. May Tsang, General Manager, Peak Tramways Co Ltd**, introduced members of the management team and tramcar crews as they greeted guests onboard the Tram's final journey, saying, "Having served our community and its global visitors since 1888, the Peak Tram is the oldest form of public transportation in continuous operation in Hong Kong. Today marks the closing of a chapter that has accompanied millions of Hong Kongers on their life journey during the last three decades. It has been an emotional time for me and all of our staff. We have served over 138 million passengers during the past 32 years, including locals and visitors, and some notable characters including Jackie Chan, Michelle Yeoh, the late NBA basketball player Kobe Bryant, English former footballer Michael Owen, Korean celebrity GOT7, the first Chinese astronaut Yang Liwei. We thank all locals and visitors for creating a memorable history with the Peak Tram, and look forward to the many years ahead as we continue on our journey!"



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**Essential Facts about the 5<sup>th</sup> generation Peak Tram:**

- The first Peak Tram with two compartments
- The first tramcar operating on a microprocessor-control technology
- The first tramcar with a wave floor design
- Weight of over 19 tons, equivalent to 211 baby elephants
- Served a total of 138 million passengers across 32 years

One of the 5<sup>th</sup> generation tramcars will soon be displayed along the tram track near Kennedy Road, with their new position reflecting the significant contribution they have made to the development of Hong Kong's tourism sector and its economy in general.

During the temporary service suspension period, visitors will still be able to visit Victoria Peak to enjoy the clean air, the beautiful nature and the spectacular views for which "The Peak" is renowned. The Peak Tower is operating as normal, with an exciting selection of restaurants and retail outlets ready to serve visitors. A visit to The Peak is not to be missed and is only a short bus/taxi ride away from the centre of Hong Kong.

Visitors can take the following alternative public transport services to the Peak:

- (A) NWFB Route No. X15 (Central (Central Ferry Pier No. 6) - The Peak);
- (B) NWFB Route No. 15 (Central (Central Ferry Piers) / Exchange Square - The Peak);
- (C) Hong Kong Island Green Minibus Route No. 1 (Central (Hong Kong Station Public Transport Interchange) - The Peak); or
- (D) Taxi.

Bus and Green Minibus services will be strengthened to meet passenger demand when necessary.

Further details of events, activities and further special occasions held at The Peak, The Peak Tower and Sky Terrace 428 during the Peak Tram suspension period will be made available shortly.

For more information, please visit [www.thepeak.com.hk/en/promotions](http://www.thepeak.com.hk/en/promotions) or contact The Peak Tower Customer Services Counter at 2849 0668.

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## **About the Peak Tram and The Peak Tower**

The Peak Tram is one of the world's oldest and most famous funicular railways. Opened in May 1888, the double reversible funicular railway, as it is technically known, rises from 28m to 396m above sea level along a 1.4 km track with a gradient of between 4 to 25.7 degrees. As one of Hong Kong's most popular tourist attractions, the Peak Tram terminates at The Peak Tower shopping and entertainment complex, which has some of the world's greatest panoramic views.

The Peak Tower is one of Hong Kong's most recognisable icons and is a leading tourist destination. The Peak Tower also offers exciting signature restaurants with stunning views, as well as a number of innovative casual dining outlets. A unique festival-market-style shopping arcade and spectacular special-effects lighting, both inside and out, also serve to make The Peak Tower Hong Kong's the most compelling leisure destination for residents and tourists alike.

Located at 428 metres above sea level, Sky Terrace 428, the highest viewing terrace in Hong Kong offers stunning 360-degree spectacular panoramic views of the vibrant city – from the stunning cityscape to the tranquillity of green landscape, across Victoria Harbour and the South China Sea.

## **About The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (HSH)**

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