<u>Amendments to scheme of Northern Link</u> <u>Main Line gazetted</u>

â€<The Government published in the Gazette today (August 30) the amendments to the railway scheme for the Northern Link (NOL) Main Line in accordance with section 7 of the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519).

A Government spokesman said, "The amendments are made mainly in light of the implementation progress of the development project along the railway resulting in revision of land resumption areas."

The NOL Main Line involves the construction of a railway link, approximately 10.7 kilometres long, connecting the existing Kam Sheung Road Station of the Tuen Ma Line and the planned Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line, with three intermediate stations at Au Tau, Ngau Tam Mei and San Tin. Since the gazettal of the railway scheme and the amendments and corrections to the scheme in October 2023 and May 2024 respectively, the Government and the MTR Corporation Limited have been keeping in close contact with major stakeholders to listen to their views, including exchanging views with relevant rural committees. The construction works of the proposed NOL Main Line will commence soon after the authorisation of the scheme and are expected to be completed by 2034.

Under the Railways Ordinance, members of the public may object to the amendments to the scheme of NOL Main Line from today until October 29, 2024. Additionally, any person who has a compensatable interest can claim compensation under the provisions of the Ordinance.

The Amendments to the Scheme and the Amendment Plans are viewable on the Highways Department (HyD) website

(www.hyd.gov.hk/en/our_projects/railway_projects/index.html). They are also available for public inspection during office hours at the Central & Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre; the District Lands Office, North; and the District Lands Office, Yuen Long. A copy of the Amendments to the Scheme and the Amendment Plans may be purchased from the HyD. For details, please call the HyD at 2762 3976.