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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### COMMUTERS TO ENJOY FASTER TRAVEL DURING WEEKENDS

1. Weekend travel with SMRT will be further enhanced, as more train trips will be added on Saturdays and Sundays to bring about shorter waiting times for commuters. A total of 64 train trips will be added, with 32 trips commencing on Sunday, 15 February, and the remaining 32 trips starting on Saturday, 21 February.
2. Mr Vincent Tan (陈平福), Vice President, Rail Operations, SMRT Trains Ltd (副总裁, 地铁与轻轨营运, SMRT 地铁有限公司), explained, "SMRT had enhanced weekend train services last year, adding about 170 train trips on Saturdays and Sundays in June. This round of enhancements will see train frequency average about five to six minutes during weekends for most parts of the day, and we certainly hope commuters will find it even more convenient to make public transport their choice mode."
3. With these train service enhancements, commuters travelling on Saturday mornings between 8.30am and 9.15am will experience a one-minute reduction in waiting time on North-South and East-West lines, with train frequency reduced from six to five minutes. Those travelling on Saturday nights between 9.30pm and 11.00pm on East-West line will also see waiting times reduced from about six minutes to five minutes.
4. Commuters travelling on Sunday afternoons between 1.00pm and 2.00pm will experience a shorter waiting time from six to five minutes on the North-South and East-West lines. Evening travel will also be enhanced on North-South and East West lines between 7.30pm and 8.30pm, where train frequency will be reduced from 7 minutes to 5.5 minutes.

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5. This is the fifth time that SMRT has enhanced its train services since February 2008. To date, close to 1,000 train trips have been added across various timings and days to make train travel more attractive to commuters. Please see Annex for details.

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Annex

**SMRT Train Service Enhancement since 2008**

Implementation date	Service enhancements	Number of train trips added each week
4 February 2008	Additional train trips during weekday mornings and evening peak period to shorten waiting times by more than 1.5 minutes in some instance, and less crowded trains	83
20 May 2008	Additional train trips during weekdays just before and after morning and evening peak hours and weekday evenings, to ease trainload.  Additional train trips on weekday lunch hours between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm so that waiting time for train service is 3.5 minutes.  Additional train trips on Friday evenings to cater to increasing number of people out late Friday	700
21 June 2008	Additional train trips on weekends mostly in the afternoon and evenings	
24 October 2008	Additional train trips on weekdays just before morning peak hours, during evening peak hours and in the evenings.	112
15 February 2009	Additional train trips on Sunday afternoons and evenings.	64
21 February 2009	Additional train trips on Saturday mornings and evenings.	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>959</b>