

**Installation of Automatic Platform Gates on Ma On Shan Line  
Extends to In-service Area of Tai Wai Station Platform**

By the end of July, Ma On Shan Line passengers at Tai Wai Station will be able to experience the first set of Automatic Platform Gates (APGs) installed and put into operation in the service area of Platform 4.

As part of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project, the existing 4-car trains operating on Ma On Shan Line will be converted to 8-car trains when the SCL East West Corridor commences service. Modification works are ongoing to extend the platforms and roofs at Ma On Shan Line stations. Understanding passengers' desire for APGs, the MTR Corporation is making use of this opportunity to retrofit APGs at both the existing service area and the extended platform area.

"Retrofitting APGs in an operating railway is very challenging. To avoid interrupting normal train service for our passengers, actual retrofitting works can only be carried out for two hours overnight after train service has ended for the day," said Mr T M Lee, General Manager – SCL of MTR Corporation. "The construction team has to make good use of every second to finish the electrical and mechanical works to install a set of gates and then conduct a series of tests to ensure the highly accurate operation of the APGs before they can be commissioned for passenger service."

"The APGs will be installed one by one in the service area at Tai Wai Station starting from late-July. During the installation period, additional station assistants will be deployed to remind passengers about the newly installed APGs and their use to ensure safety," said Mr Allen Ding, Operations Manager – West Rail Line and Ma On Shan Line. "Passengers will also be informed of the related work arrangements through station notices and broadcasts. In addition, some signs and the queuing lines on the platforms will be enhanced upon the completion of APG installation."

Under the programme, a total of 720 APGs will be gradually installed on 18 platforms at 9 Ma On Shan Line stations. The MTR Corporation has committed to bring forward the completion of APG installations at all Ma On Shan Line stations to 2017, one year earlier than originally planned.

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The installation of Automatic Platform Gates along the Ma On Shan Line is underway and the first set of gates will be commissioned for operation in the service area of Tai Wai Station in late-July.

