

Upgrade of 8-car Trains and Retrofitting of Automatic Platform Gates on Ma On Shan Line Fully Completed

Starting from Christmas Eve (24 December 2017), passengers on the Ma On Shan Line (MOL) will enjoy more comfortable journeys when MOL will be entirely served by 8-car trains and with platforms fully retrofitted with Automatic Platform Gates (APGs). These works have been carried out over the past five years under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project.

To prepare for the 8-car train operation of the East West Corridor, the MOL has undergone a series of modification works since late 2012, including the extension of platforms and roofs, retrofitting of APGs and enhancement of electrical and mechanical facilities. Following the opening of the extended platforms in November last year, the installation of a total of 720 pairs of APGs at all nine MOL stations were fully completed in December 2017, a year ahead of the original plan.

"The completion of train conversion and modifications works on the Ma On Shan Line is a significant achievement," said Mr T M Lee, General Manager - SCL and Head of E&M Construction of MTR Corporation. "To allow uninterrupted daily train services, the team planned and worked meticulously to speed up the retrofitting and testing within the two-hour golden window overnight while minimising the noise impact on the neighbourhood. These works could not have been successfully completed without the dedicated team and the support of the local community, which has been vital in empowering us to overcome the many challenges encountered."

Mr Francis Li, Chief of Operating of the Corporation added, "We would like to express our gratitude to passengers for their understanding and cooperation which allows a smooth and successful transition during the 12-month period when both 4-car and 8-car trains were running on the line. The completion of the train conversion programme has doubled the overall carrying capacity of the MOL. Together with the enhanced facilities on the 8-car trains, including the new dynamic route maps and gangway end displays, passengers can now enjoy a more comfortable travelling environment on the MOL. "

In the meantime, the 7-car trains on the West Rail Line (WRL) are being converted to 8-car trains and the conversion works will be completed by mid-2018 in preparation for dynamic testing along the whole length of the East West Corridor.

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The completion of all modification works on the MOL is also a significant milestone for the commissioning of the future SCL East West Corridor in mid-2019. Connecting the existing MOL from Wu Kai Sha Station through East Kowloon to the existing WRL, the SCL East West Corridor will be the city's longest railway line running 56 kilometres with 27 stations, providing a direct train service between the east and west of the New Territories without interchange.

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Photo captions:

1. All trains on the MOL are fully converted into 8-car trains, providing a comfortable travelling environment to the passengers.



2. With the meticulous planning and installation works by the dedicated team, all the 720 pairs of APGs at nine MOL stations have been fully completed in December 2017, a year in advance of the planned schedule.

