

**Central and Western District Council
Culture, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee**

**Progress of Harcourt Garden Re-provisioning Works
under the Shatin to Central Link Project**

Introduction and Background

1. This paper aims to update members of the Culture, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee under the Central and Western District Council on the progress of Harcourt Garden Re-provisioning Works under the management of the Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”) project.
2. On 28 December 2017, MTR Corporation (“the Corporation”) arranged a visit for members of the District Council to the re-provisioned Harcourt Garden to learn about the progress of the re-provisioning works and new facilities at the garden, and had the opportunity to listen to members’ views on the works and facilities.

Harcourt Garden Re-provisioning Works

3. Harcourt Garden re-provisioning works have been carried out under the SCL project since January 2017, and the works was substantially completed in end December 2017. The Corporation has arranged the handover inspections with Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in January of 2018.
4. The re-provisioned Harcourt Garden has adopted a design with a landscaped deck connecting directly to footbridges nearby, providing seamless and convenient access to the commercial buildings in the vicinity. After re-provisioning, the total area of Harcourt Garden is about 13,500 m², of which green area occupies more than 50%. The total area of public leisure space will also be increased.
5. The major facilities at the garden includes:

- Clock Tower – A clock tower is added at the centre of the garden, and it becomes another landmark of Central District (see picture 1).
- Terraced-step seats – To provide more open space for the community (see picture 2).
- Art piece “Sense of Green” – “Sense of Green” is a winning art piece of the open competition “MTR New Railway Lines Art in Station 2012”. Not only does it echo with the greening in the garden, this new art piece also beautifies the ventilation facility for Admiralty Station (see picture 3).
- Seawall fragments- –29 granite blocks identified as fragments of the seawall from the mid-19th Century found earlier at the works site are incorporated into the landscaping to be displayed in the garden, creating a sense of historical ambience (see picture 4).
- Enhanced public toilet facilities - The number of water closets in male and female toilets are increased with the provision of accessible toilet and a baby-care room (see picture 5).

6. The planting works in Harcourt Garden is also substantial completed. The Corporation and its Contractor are paying close attention to the growing condition of the plants and will arrange replanting after cold season if necessary.

7. Some more follow-up works including the re-instatement of the temporary site access on Queensway, installation of green wall climber system, and completing the remaining greening works will be required. The Corporation will closely monitor the works progress and will coordinate with LCSD on the handover arrangements.

Conclusion

8. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

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Picture1: Clock Tower



Picture 2: Terraced-step seats



Picture 3: Art piece “Sense of Green”



Picture 4: Seawall fragments



Picture 5: Enhanced public toilet facilities

