

Hung Hom Station to become a Major Railway Hub for Hong Kong

MTR Hung Hom Station will be transformed into a major railway hub under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project, Hong Kong's next generation rail connection. Two new platform levels and a range of new and enhanced facilities will be provided at the station where SCL's East West and North South corridors will converge to allow for the seamless interchange of passengers heading to and from every corner of Hong Kong.

Modification works will soon commence in September this year to refurbish the station concourse for easy connectivity to the new platforms and create a modern and more spacious environment for passengers. The mid-level walkway between concourse and platform levels will be directly connected to the concourse by lifts and escalators to further improve access for commuters travelling between the station and nearby Hung Hom, the Cross-Harbour Tunnel Plaza and Tsim Sha Tsui areas.

"The Shatin to Central Link will be an important strategic railway for Hong Kong, connecting existing lines in different districts to facilitate easy travel all around the city. Hung Hom Station will be a key interchange station in the future, so our works there are closely focused on ensuring the comfort and convenience of our passengers' journeys," said Dr Philco Wong, Projects Director – Designate of MTR Corporation.

Some shops and restaurants will be temporarily closed to facilitate the station works. At the same time, some Ticket Gates, Ticket Issuing Machines, Add Value Machines, Automatic Teller Machines, MTR Travel Kiosk and the Customer Service Centre will be relocated. Intercity Through Train passengers arriving in Hong Kong will be diverted through a covered passage outside the station before they re-enter the station concourse. Station notices and announcements will keep the travelling public informed.

"We understand that major works of this type at a busy station like Hung Hom may cause some inconvenience to our passengers. We will take all necessary means to minimise any disturbance, and additional station assistants will be deployed to help passengers during the works period. As works will be carried out near the arrival hall for Intercity Through Train service, we would like to take this opportunity to remind travellers to take note of public announcements upon arrival," said Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation.

The SCL will be a 17-kilometre railway with 10 stations and a new cross-harbour section. Apart from relieving bottlenecks along existing railway lines and easing road traffic at the Cross Harbour Tunnel and nearby areas, the SCL North South Corridor will reduce travelling time between Hung Hom and Admiralty from the current 18 minutes to only 5 minutes in future.

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Hung Hom Station Enhancements

To serve as a new railway hub and interchange for the SCL North South and East West corridors, Hung Hom Station will be upgraded with the following new facilities:

- Two levels of new SCL platforms to serve the North South Corridor and East West Corridor
- New station connection between mid-level walkway and station concourse enhances access to Hung Hom, Tsim Sha Tsui and Cross-Harbour Tunnel areas
- Concourse refurbishment and enhanced air conditioning
- Stylish new design for mezzanine level
- Additional Ticket Machines and Ticket Gates

Hung Hom Station Temporary Works Arrangements

To facilitate modification works for the upgrading of Hung Hom Station, the following arrangements will be implemented in phases from the 3rd quarter of 2014. The arrangements of the first phase will be as follows:

- Southern section of station concourse (between Entrance C2 and C3) will be reserved as a works site. Shops and restaurant in this area, including at mezzanine level, will be temporarily closed from August 2014
- Entrance C3 will be temporarily closed
- Relocation of Ticket Issuing Machines, Add-value Machines, Automatic Teller Machine and MTR Travel Kiosk, etc
- Diversion of arriving Intercity Through Train passengers to station concourse via external covered footpath
- An area outside the southern section of the station concourse will be reserved as a works site, and the pedestrian footpath will be narrowed

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Photo Caption:

1. Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating (right) and Mr Patrick Cheng, Construction Manager – SCL Civil of the MTR Corporation (left), explain the modification works at MTR Hung Hom Station.



2. The station concourse will undergo a facelift, including taking on a new white colour tone. (Photomontage)



3. The new-look mezzanine floor at the concourse will feature a stylish wave design .(Photomontage)



4. An additional connection between mid-level walkway and concourse will enhance station access. It will be directly connected to the station concourse by escalators and lifts. (Photomontage)



5. The future platform of the Shatin to Central Link at Hung Hom Station. (Photomontage)

