

**Enhanced facilities to make MTR Diamond Hill Station
the future East Kowloon railway hub**

MTR Diamond Hill Station will be transformed into a major new railway hub for East Kowloon when the first phase of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) commences service in 2018.

Modification works will begin in mid-April to upgrade and enlarge Diamond Hill Station to serve as the future interchange station between SCL and the Kwun Tong Line. A new SCL concourse and platforms will be built and a wide array of enhanced facilities will be added there including the installation of 3 new lifts, 12 escalators, additional Ticket Issuing Machines, Automatic Teller Machines, shops, and new public toilet facilities.

“We take on the feedback from the community on barrier-free facilities. By reorganising the station layout and exploring ways to overcome technical challenges, we have been able to maximize the number of lifts and escalators we can put into the station,” said Mr Jay Walder, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

“Passengers will enjoy the convenience brought by the new facilities at the Kwun Tong Line of Diamond Hill Station from the end of 2015, while the facilities at the new extension will be unveiled with the completion of the SCL in 2018,” said Mr Philco Wong, General Manager – Shatin to Central Link of MTR Corporation.

In the intervening period, a number of temporary arrangements will be implemented at the station to facilitate construction works.

“In planning the modification works, we will do our best to minimize the inconvenience caused to the passengers. Besides careful planning of the works schedule, we will keep passengers informed in advance via notices and station announcement. Station assistants will be deployed to assist passengers when necessary,” said Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation. “We would like to thank passengers for their patience and support during the works.”

The 17-kilometre SCL is a territory-wide strategic railway project with 10 stations, amongst which Diamond Hill is one of the six interchange stations. Upon completion of SCL, passengers will be able to travel directly from Diamond Hill Station to the East and West New Territories, Kai Tak, Kowloon City, and Hung Hom without needing to change trains. As a result, train journeys will be shortened. For example, the travelling time between Diamond Hill and Tai Wai will be reduced from around 17 minutes at present to only 6 minutes in future.

The SCL project is expected to be completed in two phases, with the section between Tai Wai and Hung Hom expected to be finished in 2018 and the Hung Hom to Admiralty section in 2020.

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Diamond Hill Station Enhancements

To facilitate its transformation into an interchange station between the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) and Kwun Tong Line (KTL), Diamond Hill Station will be expanded and upgraded with the following new facilities:

- New SCL concourse and platforms
- 3 new lifts to enhance barrier-free access
 - At Entrance A1 near Lung Poon Court
 - At Entrance B for access to Rhythm Garden
 - Near Entrance A2 for access to Choi Hung Road
- 12 new escalators connecting concourses to platforms for both SCL and KTL
- New station public toilet facilities
- Additional Ticket Issuing Machines, Automatic Teller Machines, and shops

Diamond Hill Station Temporary Works Arrangements

To facilitate construction works for the expansion and upgrading of Diamond Hill Station, the following arrangements will be implemented from mid-April 2013

- Closure of a passenger walkway at the southern end of the station concourse
- Relocation of shops, ATMs, and Add Value Machines
- Reversal of direction of entry/exit gates
- Erection of hoarding to separate works area from pedestrian walkways to ensure the safety of passengers

Photo Caption:

1. Mr Philco Wong, General Manager - Shatin to Central Link (left), and Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating of MTR Corporation (right), show the new face of Diamond Hill Station after it has been upgraded as part of the Shatin to Central Link project.



2. The future platform of the Shatin to Central Link at Diamond Hill Station. (Photomontage)



3. New pedestrian walkways will be provided for passengers to interchange between Kwun Tong Line and the Shatin to Central Link at Diamond Hill Station. (Photomontage)

