

New Harbour Road Sports Centre Re-provisioned Under the Shatin to Central Link Project

Construction works for the brand new Harbour Road Sports Centre in Wan Chai North with a modern and green design will soon be completed. This is one of the re-provisioning works under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project to facilitate the construction of the Exhibition Station.

Construction of the new 6,300-square-metre Harbour Road Sports Centre started in November 2015 and took about 18 months to complete as planned. Upon the completion of construction works, as well as preparation work and testing carried out by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the new Sports Centre with various facilities for sports and recreational activities will subsequently be opened for public use. The existing Harbour Road Sports Centre, which has been a major venue for local sports events since 1987, will then be demolished when the new Sports Centre is being operated smoothly so as to vacate the site for the construction of the new Exhibition Station for the SCL.

“The completion of construction works of the Sports Centre today, as well as the new Wan Chai Swimming Pool in October 2015 built under the SCL project, demonstrated our capabilities to build not only a railway line but new community facilities to enhance the quality of living of Hong Kong people,” said Mr T M Lee, General Manager - SCL and Head of E&M Construction of MTR Corporation. “The completion of this milestone will allow us to kick-start the next phase of construction works for the Exhibition Station. We will continue to overcome the challenges in building a new railway in the densely developed Wan Chai District.”

The design of the new Sports Centre has incorporated environmentally friendly features including a green roof and 180 solar panels on the rooftop to generate renewable energy to support the operation of the facilities.

The new Sports Centre, with a multi-purpose arena, table-tennis rooms, multi-use squash courts, dance rooms, as well as a fitness room, now adjoins the re-provisioned Wan Chai Swimming Pool and is connected to nearby commercial buildings via a covered footbridge for all-weather access to vicinity areas.

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The Exhibition Station will be one of the two stations on Hong Kong Island for the North South Corridor of the SCL, which is targeted for commissioning in 2021. The North South Corridor will help to relieve cross-harbour traffic congestion, and allow passengers on the East Rail Line to travel from Hung Hom to Admiralty in just five minutes without any interchange. This will provide a huge improvement when compared to the current route that requires two interchanges and a journey time of approximately 18 minutes.

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1. (From left) Mr Rick Chan, District Officer (Wan Chai) of Home Affairs Department; Mr Frankie Chou, Chief Engineer/ Railway Development of Highways Department; Mr TM Lee, General Manager - SCL and Head of E&M Construction of MTR Corporation; Mr Ng Kam-chun, Chairperson of Wan Chai District Council and Miss Becky Lee, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department celebrate the works progress of the re-provisioned Harbour Road Sports Centre.



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