

**First MTR Lift-only Entrances at HKU and Sai Ying Pun Stations
Provide Convenient Vertical Access**

When HKU Station opens at the end of December and Sai Ying Pun Station opens at the end of the first quarter of 2015 on the extended MTR Island Line, they will be the first stations in the rail network to feature "Lift-only Entrances", which connect the hillside and lower levels in Western District, for the convenience of passengers and pedestrians alike.

At HKU Station, a total of 12 lifts have been installed in the unpaid area to connect the station concourse level with Pok Fu Lam Road and the University of Hong Kong. At Sai Ying Pun Station, eight lifts will serve the Bonham Road and First Street/Second Street entrances. (Details in Appendix)

"The lifts form part of the integrated pedestrian network of all-weather walkways, lifts and escalators which is a community facility built under the West Island Line project. Located entirely within the unpaid area of the railway, the pedestrian network will make getting around the hilly terrain of Western District on foot more convenient, regardless of whether users take the MTR or not, during normal train service hours," said Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating - East Region of the MTR Corporation.

To ensure a smooth flow of people, each lift at the Lift-only Entrances is designed with doors on two sides, one for users to enter and the other for exit. Special queuing arrangements will be implemented with clearly marked lift positions and queue lines.

The Lift-only Entrances feature enhanced designs from normal lifts including:

- Dual feed essential power supply, fire resistant power cable and addition of individual control function to enhance reliability;
- Extra fire and smoke protection devices such as fire curtains, pressurised refuge lift lobbies and protected staircases to enhance passenger safety in emergency cases;
- Flashing signs and public announcements to direct passengers to leave the station safely via protected staircases and refuge lifts in the event of fire in nearby passageways;
- Designated refuge points for persons with disabilities;

"The Lift-only Entrances and station facilities are designed to proven international standards and meet all the safety requirements of the Fire Services Department, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and relevant departments," added Mr Li.

Earlier this month, the Corporation announced that the 3-kilometre MTR Island Line extension to Western District will start passenger operations at the end of December 2014. Of the extension's three new stations, HKU and Kennedy Town Stations will open at the end of December 2014. Sai Ying Pun Station is expected to open at the end of the first quarter of 2015.

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MTR Island Line Extension Lift-only Entrances

HKU Station (located 70 metres underground)

- Entrance A1 and A2 - University of Hong Kong
 - Number of lifts: 8
 - Maximum loading capacity: 1,800 kg per lift
- Entrance C - Pok Fu Lam Road
 - Number of lifts: 4
 - Maximum loading: 2,100 kg per lift

Sai Ying Pun Station (located 50 metres underground)

- Entrance B1 and B2 – First Street/Second Street
 - Number of lifts: 4
 - Maximum loading capacity: 2,100 kg per lift
- Entrance C – Bonham Road
 - Number of lifts: 4
 - Maximum loading: 2,100 kg per lift

Photo Caption:

1. Mr Francis Li, Head of Operating - East Region of the MTR Corporation, introduces the “Lift-only Entrances” at HKU Station today (19 November). HKU Station and Sai Ying Pun Station will be the first stations in the rail network to feature “Lift-only Entrances”, which connect the hillside and lower levels in Western District, for the convenience of passengers and pedestrians alike.



2. The MTR Corporation is carrying out the final stage of pre-opening preparations for the "Lift-only Entrances" and other station facilities at HKU Station to ensure smooth operations.



- Members of the Central and Western District Council visit HKU Station and use the Lift-only Entrances

