

**49 Pedestrian Facilities Completed under SCL Project
to Bring More Convenience to the Tsz Wan Shan Area**

A new 300-metre long footbridge connecting Tsz Ching Estate and Tsz Wan Shan Shopping Centre was opened for public use on 19 October 2017. This is the last pedestrian facility built under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project to improve the walking environment for pedestrian in Tsz Wan Shan area.

The pedestrian improvement works comprise 15 new pedestrian walkway systems with a total of 49 facilities including 10 covered walkways, 3 footbridges, 21 lifts, 4 escalators, 7 staircases and 4 travellers. These facilities have been progressively opened for public use since 2015 to improve the walking environment in the neighbourhood.

With the completion of all the facilities, local residents can now enjoy more convenient connections to MTR Diamond Hill Station or around Tsz Wan Shan with barrier-free access.

“The SCL Project Team has been tasked to construct the pedestrian walkway systems in Tsz Wan Shan, and this work is no less challenging than the railway works. Located uphill, Tsz Wan Shan is a densely populated area clustered with public housing estates. Most of the construction works have to take place on narrow and steep roads, and in close vicinity to residential blocks. The limited working space caused complications to the construction of bridge decks and lifting of escalators and travellers,” said Mr TM Lee, General Manager – SCL and Head of E&M Construction of MTR Corporation.

“To minimise the impact on traffic, major lifting works over carriageways had to be carried out overnight in stages throughout the construction period,” Mr Lee added. “With the concerted efforts of the project team, contractors and the local community, we succeeded in overcoming these challenges.”

The newly opened footbridge on Wan Wah Street is installed with four travellers which have a total length of around 100 metres. It connects with existing pedestrian facilities, providing barrier-free accesses between Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground and housing estates in the vicinity, such as Tsz Oi Court and Tsz Ching Estate.

Improvement Works for Pedestrian Facilities in the Tsz Wan Shan area						
	Covered Walkways	Footbridges	Lifts	Escalators	Staircases	Travellers
Number of facilities	10 (total length: around 560 metres)	3	21	4	7	4 (total length: around 100 metres)

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Photo Captions:

1. The footbridge on Wan Wah Street is opened for public use.



2. The residents using the new traveller on the footbridge.



3. The Thank You Party for the Completion of Improvement Works for Pedestrian Facilities under the SCL project in Tsz Wan Shan area was held on 21 October. Mr Li Tak-hong, BBS, MH, JP, Chairman of the Wong Tai Sin District Council (5th left), Mr Jonathan Leung, Government Engineer of the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department (7th left), and Mr TM Lee, General Manager - SCL and Head of E&M Construction of MTR Corporation (6th left) celebrate the opening of all the new pedestrian facilities with the SCL project team, the local community, Wong Tai Sin District Council members and representatives of government departments.

