

Last Tunnel Unit for Shatin to Central Link Cross-Harbour Tunnel Successfully Installed in the Victoria Harbour



The Shatin to Central Link (SCL) will provide a fourth cross harbour rail tunnel for Hong Kong. With the successful installation of the last Immersed Tube Tunnel (IMT) pre-cast unit for the cross-harbour rail tunnel in the Victoria Harbour on 12 April (Thursday), the immersion works of all 11 IMT pre-cast units have been completed. This is a significant step forward in the construction of the SCL project.

The SCL cross-harbour rail tunnel comprises 11 reinforced concrete IMT units, each weighing up to 23,000 tonnes and measuring around 160 metres in length about the height of a 50-storey building. The last IMT unit was immersed and installed onto the seabed near the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter on 12 April, approximately 10 months after the installation of the first IMT unit in June 2017.

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The remaining works for the cross harbour tunnel will follow and the final breakthrough of the tunnel is expected to take place in early 2019.

Targeted for commissioning in 2021, the new SCL rail harbour crossing will extend the East Rail Line from Hung Hom Station to connect to the future Exhibition Centre Station in Wan Chai North and further on to the existing Admiralty Station. Passengers on the East Rail Line will then be able to travel from Hung Hom to Admiralty in just five minutes without any interchange.

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