

Entrance A1 at MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Making Way for New “Crystal Cube” and External Lift

From tomorrow (16 January 2014), regular users of Entrance/Exit A1 of MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station at the junction of Nathan and Haiphong roads will find their usual surroundings changed. They will be using a new temporary entrance/exit that has been put up for passengers next to the existing entrance/exit to facilitate the existing structure to be demolished and rebuilt into a brand new landmark for Tsim Sha Tsui.

When completed in 2015, the new Entrance/Exit A1 will be transformed into a giant “Crystal Cube” made of glass, a design that maximises the use of natural lighting during the day to conserve energy. Its transparent appearance will also blend in with the surrounding environment.

The distinctive and environmentally-friendly structure will include a new external lift and escalators, providing added convenience to MTR passengers, especially those with special needs. The lift will also provide a connection above street level to the entrance of Kowloon Park.

“Tsim Sha Tsui is one of our busiest stations and the new entrance, lift and escalators are designed to improve accessibility to the MTR as well as the surrounding area,” said Mr Jay Walder, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation. “This is another project under our Listening • Responding programme to bring direct improvements in areas that our passengers have told us they would like to see us do more.”

When the existing Entrance/Exit A1 is closed on 16 January and the temporary access opened for use, signage will be put up to guide passengers entering and exiting the station. Additional station staff will also be arranged to assist passengers during the initial period. Furthermore, measures will be taken to ensure the safety and tidiness of passageways around the construction site.

“We appreciate that during the construction period, some inconvenience may be caused to passengers and pedestrians nearby. We wish to thank them in advance for their understanding and cooperation. Retrofitting an external lift in a busy area like Tsim Sha Tsui is a challenge but we will do our best to minimise the impact on members of the public as we look forward to bringing them greater convenience in the future,” said Mr Jason Wong, Project Manager – Operations Projects of MTR Corporation.

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Photo captions:

1. The “Crystal Cube” will be a new landmark at Entrance/Exit A1 of MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station and feature a new external lift and escalators, providing passengers with more convenient access to the MTR network.



2. A temporary access next to the existing Entrance/Exit A1 will open tomorrow (16 January 2014) for passengers to enter and exit the station during construction of the new entrance.

