

新聞稿

Press Release

PR039/16 6 May 2016

"Crystal Cube" Becomes a New Landmark for MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Entrance A1 New Lift at MTR Lai King Station Opens Today

Tomorrow (7 May 2016), a new landmark "Crystal Cube" for MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station entrance A1 will open. The "Crystal Cube" features a new external lift connecting street level and the station concourse, together with two escalators and stairs at entrance A1. The MTR system will become even more accessible and convenient for passengers, especially those with special needs.

The new "Crystal Cube" is located at MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Entrance A1, at the junction of Nathan and Haiphong roads. The new entrance has transformed into a giant "Crystal Cube" made of glass, a design that maximizes the use of natural lighting during the day to conserve energy. Its transparent appearance also blends in with the surrounding environment.

"Tsim Sha Tsui is one of the busiest MTR stations and it is challenging to renovate the station entrance in such a busy area. We wish to thank passengers and members of the public working or residing in the neighborhood for their understanding and cooperation during the construction. This "Crystal Cube" Entrance A1 will be a new landmark of Tsim Sha Tsui. The new lift and escalators will also improve accessibility to the MTR as well as the surrounding areas, "said Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director of MTR Corporation.

Existing temporary access next to the new Entrance A1 will close tomorrow (7 May 2016), and it will be reinstated as a sitting-out area at the entrance of Kowloon Park at Nathan Road. The reinstatement is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. The station lift will then also provide a direct connection above street level to the entrance of Kowloon Park.

In addition, a new external lift at MTR Lai King Station opened today (6 May 2016) for public use, providing passengers with more convenient access between the hillside Lai King Hill Road near Yeung King House of Lai King Estate and the station concourse. The new external lift is located next to Entrance B, connecting with a new external walkway. This new lift will make the MTR system more accessible and convenient for passengers, especially those with special needs.

-End-

About MTR Corporation

MTR Corporation is regarded as one of the world's leading railway operators for safety, reliability, customer service and cost efficiency. In its home base of Hong Kong, the Corporation operates nine commuter railway lines, a Light Rail network and a high-speed Airport Express link on which more than 5.5 million passenger trips are made on a normal week day. Another 5 million passenger trips are made on the rail services it operates outside Hong Kong in the Mainland of China, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Australia. In addition, the Corporation is involved in a range of railway construction projects as well as railway consultancy and contracting services around the world. Leveraging on its railway expertise, the Corporation is involved in the development of transit-related residential and commercial property projects, property management, shopping malls leasing and management, advertising media and telecommunication services.

For more information about MTR Corporation, please visit <u>www.mtr.com.hk</u>.

Photo captions:

1. The "Crystal Cube" Entrance A1 will be a new landmark 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. Mr Ip Ngo-tung, Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (3rd right), Mr Chong Wing-charn, Chairman of Traffic, Transport and Housing Committee of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2nd right), Ms Kwan Sau-ling, Vice Chairman of Traffic, Transport and Housing Committee of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (3rd left) and Mr Tong Chai-ming, Operations Manager – Kwun Tong Line & Tsuen Wan Line of MTR Corporation (2nd left) accompany Mr So Wing-tung, Vice Chairman of Direction Association for the Handicapped (1st right) and Mr Wong Kwok-wah, member of People of Fortitude • International Mutual-aid Association for the Disabled (1st left) to officiate at the opening ceremony and visit the new facilities today.



3. The new external lift with a new external walkway at Lai King Station, connects Lai King Station Entrance B with the hillside Lai King Estate, providing more convenient access for passengers in need.



4. Mr Law King-shing, Chairman of Kwai Tsing District Council (3rd left), Mr Chow Yick-hay, Vice Chairman of Kwai Tsing District Council (3rd right), Mr Tsui Hiu-kit, Chairman of Traffic and Transport Committee of Kwai Tsing District Council (2nd left), Kwai Tsing District Councillors Mr Wong Yiu-chung (1st left) and Mr Pau Ming-hong (2nd right) and Mr Lee Hau-kwan, Station Services Manager - Kwun Tong Line & Tsuen Wan Line of MTR Corporation (1st right), accompany Mr Lee Tsz-yu, Executive Committee Member of Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong (middle) to officiate at the opening ceremony and visit the new external lift today.

