

Detailed planning and design of Northern Link Phase 1 commences

The MTR Corporation announces that Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. (OAP) has been awarded a design consultancy to carry out detailed planning and design of the Kwu Tung Station for Phase 1 of the Northern Link project. The new Kwu Tung Station will serve the transport need of the Kwu Tung North New Development Area and facilitate residents in the area to use rail-based transport system, thereby reducing journey time.

The scope of the consultancy includes development of the scheme into an engineering design, preparation of the construction programme, gazette plans and project cost estimate, as well as liaison with government departments and other stakeholders. OAP will work closely with the Corporation's Capital Works team to deliver the above.

"The award of this contract marks a significant step forward for the Northern Link project. Kwu Tung Station will enhance the connectivity of the area and will provide additional transport convenience to residents from the New Territories North. We will actively engage the local communities during the design and construction of the project," said Mr Roger Bayliss, Capital Works Director of MTR Corporation. Other works, including ground investigation and a survey of existing utilities, will also commence soon.

In December last year, the Government invited the Corporation to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Northern Link project. The first phase of the project will involve the construction of a new Kwu Tung Station along the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line between Sheung Shui Station and Lok Ma Chau Station. The second phase will be a railway line about 10.7 km long linking Kam Sheung Road Station on the West Rail Line (future Tuen Ma Line) and the new Kwu Tung Station, via three intermediate stations in San Tin, Ngau Tam Mei and Au Tau. Construction of the first phase is expected to commence in 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

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