

**Project for Modification of Government Offices to
Facilitate Access of People with Disabilities**

Background of the Project

With effect from August 1985, new buildings and existing buildings under major alteration are required to comply with the design requirements in the “Design Manual on Access for the Disabled 1984” (DM84) to provide access and facilities for people with disabilities (PWDs). In the light of the changes in building technology and improvement in quality of life of the general public over the decade, DM84 was revised in 1997 to become the “Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 1997” (DM97).

2. As a general policy, all newly constructed government offices comply with the obligatory design requirements in the DM97. With regard to government offices built before DM97 or DM84 came into effect, the Sub-committee on Access of the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (the Sub-committee) works in collaboration with the Government to run a modification project to improve their accessibility for PWDs.

Progress of the Project

3. Since the DM84 came into effect, the Subcommittee recommended a total of 33 government offices for improvement of access and facilities in accordance with the design requirements of DM84 under the project. The modification works of these government offices were completed in 2000, and the total cost amounted to \$14 million.

4. With effect from 2000, the project aims at meeting the design requirements of DM97. In the years from 2000 to 2004, the Government approved \$49.38 million for modification of 70 government offices

recommended by the Sub-committee under the project. The modification works in 52 out of these 70 government offices have been completed.

5. In 2005, the Sub-committee recommended the Government to conduct feasibility studies for a list of 31 public markets and the Kowloon Public Library for the project. The Sub-committee also recommended the Government to explore the feasibility of improving the access to the stage of the auditorium of the Hong Kong Central Library by wheelchair users.

6. After consulting the user departments and completion of the feasibility studies, six out of these 31 public markets which are frequently visited by PWDs were recommended for the project. Funding applications for the modification works of the six public markets are in the process.

7. For the Kowloon Public Library and the auditorium of the Hong Kong Central Library, in response to the recommendation of the Sub-committee, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has included the former in a Renovation of Libraries Programme of the Department to improve accessibility of the library, and installed a stairlift for access to the stage of the latter by wheelchair users. As such, no application for fund under the project is required for these two premises.

8. A progress report for the modification works of government offices mentioned in paragraphs 3-8 is at **Annex**.

Projects by Other Government Departments

9. Apart from the modification project of the Sub-committee, government departments also initiate modification projects on their own effort to improve accessibility of their offices for PWDs. Recent examples include:

- (a) the Post Office's modification project for its 36 post offices in 2001-04;
- (b) the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's modification project for nine markets cum cooked food centres in 2002-04; and
- (c) LCSD's modification project for 34 cultural and 93 leisure facilities in 2002-04.

10. Government departments will also upgrade access and facilities of their existing offices in accordance with the requirements of DM97 when undergoing major renovation and alteration of offices to facilitate access by PWDs, examples include the School Improvement Programme of the Education and Manpower Bureau and the above mentioned Renovation of Library Programme of LCSD.

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**Modification Project for Existing Government Offices to Facilitate Access
of People with Disabilities
(Progress Report as at December 2005)**

(A) Modification Projects in Compliance with DM1984

(i) Years: Before 1999

Number of Location: 33

Total Cost Incurred: \$14 million

Department	Location	Progress
1. GPA	Harbour Building	Modification works completed
2. GPA	Queensway Government Offices Building (High Block)	ditto
3. Judiciary	High Court	ditto
4. HAD	Wan Chai District Office	ditto
5. GPA	Immigration Tower	ditto
6. GPA	Revenue Tower	ditto
7. Imm.	Birth & Deaths General Register Office – Wu Chung House	ditto
8. HAD	Kowloon City District Office	ditto
9. GPA	Ho Man Tin Government Offices Building	ditto
10. GPA	Kowloon East Government Offices Building	ditto
11. HAD	Kwun Tong District Branch Office	ditto
12. GPA	Mong Kok Government Offices Building	ditto
13. GPA	Ngau Tau Kok Government Offices Building	ditto
14. GPA	Pui Ching Road Government Offices Building	ditto
15. GPA	Trade Department Tower	ditto
16. GPA	Sai Kung Government Offices Building	ditto
17. GPA	Ma Tau Kok Road Government Offices Building	ditto
18. GPA	Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building	ditto
19. Judiciary	Kwun Tong Magistracy	ditto
20. Judiciary	South Kowloon Magistracy (New Block)	ditto
21. HAD	Tsuen Wan District Office Building 1 & 2/F	ditto
22. GPA	Kwai Hing MTR Station Government Offices Building	ditto

Department	Location	Progress
23. GPA	Tsuen Wan Government Offices Building	Modification works completed
24. Judiciary	Sha Tin Magistracy	ditto
25. Judiciary	Tsuen Wan Magistracy	ditto
26. GPA	Fanling Government Offices Building	ditto
27. GPA	North District Government Offices Building	ditto
28. GPA	Tai Hing Government Offices Building	ditto
29. GPA	Tai Po Government Offices Building	ditto
30. GPA	Tuen Mun Government Offices Building	ditto
31. HAD	Yuen Long District Office Building	ditto
32. GPA	Yuen Long Government Offices Building	ditto
33. Judiciary	Tuen Mun Law Courts	ditto

(B) Modification Projects in Compliance with DM1997

- (i) **Years: 2000 to 2002**
Number of Locations: 35
Total Cost Incurred: \$35.5 million

Department	Location	Progress
1. HAD	Lek Yuen Community Hall	Modification works completed
2. HAD	Western District Community Centre	ditto
3. HAD	Lam Tin (East) Estate Community Centre	ditto
4. Imm.	Kowloon Births Registry	ditto
5. Imm.	West Kowloon Office M/F, Yaumatei Carpark Bldg	ditto
6. Imm.	Shatin Marriage Registry	ditto
7. Imm.	Yuen Long Immigration Office	ditto
8. Imm.	Lok Ma Chau Control Point	ditto
9. Imm.	Man Kam To Control Point	ditto
10. HAD	Kwun Tong District Office	ditto
11. HAD	Kwun Tong District Office/Yau Tong Sub-Office	ditto
12. HAD	Kwun Tong District Office/Tseung Kwan O Sub-Office	ditto
13. HAD	Pak Tin Community Hall	ditto
14. Judiciary	North Kowloon Magistracy	ditto
15. Judiciary	Tsuen Wan Magistracy	ditto

Department	Location	Progress
16. Judiciary	South Kowloon Magistracy	Modification works completed
17. Imm.	Macau Ferry Terminal Office	ditto
18. Imm.	China Ferry Terminal Office	ditto
19. Imm.	Sha Tau Kok Control Point	ditto
20. HAD	Kwun Tong Community Centre	ditto
21. HAD	Tai Hang Tung Community Centre	ditto
22. HAD	Wong Tai Sin Community Centre	ditto
23. HAD	Kwai Shing Community Centre	ditto
24. HAD	Wah Kwai Community Hall	ditto
25. HAD	Hing Wah Community Hall	ditto
26. HAD	Shek Kip Mei Community Hall	ditto
27. HAD	Nam Cheong District Community Centre	ditto
28. HAD	Sun Tin Wai Community Hall	ditto
29. HAD	Tai Po Community Centre	ditto
30. HAD	Long Ping Community Hall	ditto
31. HAD	Yue Wan Community Hall	ditto
32. HAD	Causeway Bay Community Centre	ditto
33. Judiciary	Fanling Magistracy	ditto
34. Imm.	Immigration Tower	ditto
35. Judiciary	Lands Tribunal	ditto

(ii) **Year: 2003****Number of Locations: 17****Total Cost Incurred: \$10.45 million**

Department	Location	Progress
1. SWD	To Kwa Wan Family Services Centre	Modification works completed
2. SWD	Kowloon City Family Support Networking Team	ditto
3. SWD	Yuen Long (East) Family Services Centre	ditto
4. SWD	Yuen Long (East) Field Unit	ditto
5. SWD	Yuen Long (West) Field Unit	ditto
6. SWD	Shatin Integrated Family Service Centre	ditto
7. SWD	Chai Wan Field Unit	ditto
8. SWD	Cheung Sha Wan Integrated Family Service Centre	ditto
9. GPA	Sham Shui Po Government Offices	ditto
10. GPA	To Kwa Wan Market and Government Offices	ditto

Department	Location	Progress
11. GPA	Eastern Law Courts and Gov't Offices	Modification works completed
12. GPA	Kwai Hing Government Offices	ditto
13. GPA	Yuen Long Government Offices	ditto
14. GPA	Tusen Wan Government Offices	ditto
15. GPA	Tai Po Government Offices	ditto
16. GPA	Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building	ditto
17. Judiciary	Sha Tin Magistracy	ditto

(iii) **Financial Year: 2004****Number of Locations: 18****Total Cost Incurred: \$3.43 million**

Department	Location	Progress
1. HAD	Cheung Sha Wan Community Centre	Pending modification works
2. HAD	Lai Kok Community Hall	ditto
3. HAD	Sha Kok Community Hall	ditto
4. HAD	Pok Hong Community Hall	ditto
5. HAD	Kwong Yuen Community Hall	ditto
6. HAD	Ma On Shan Sub-office	ditto
7. HAD	Wo Che Community Hall	ditto
8. HAD	Chun Shek Community Hall	ditto
9. HAD	Lung Hang Community Hall	ditto
10. HAD	Hin Keng Neighbourhood Community Centre	ditto
11. HAD	Shek Wai Kok Community Hall	ditto
12. HAD	Airport Core Programme Exhibition Centre	ditto
13. HAD	Cheung Wah Community Hall	ditto
14. HAD	North District Office	ditto
15. HAD	Ap Lei Chau Community Hall	ditto
16. HAD	Lei Tung Community Hall	ditto
17. HAD	South Horizons Neighbourhood Community Centre	ditto
18. HAD	Aberdeen Sub-office	ditto

(iv) **Year: 2005**

Number of Locations: 6

Total Cost Incurred: \$2 million (estimate)

Department	Location	Progress
1. FEHD	Cheung Chau Market	Applying for fund
2. FEHD	North Kwai Chung Market	ditto
3. FEHD	Tai Kiu Market	ditto
4. FEHD	Tsing Yi Market	ditto
5. FEHD	Tai Po Complex	ditto
6. FEHD	Shek Wu Hui Market	ditto