

Annex**MTR Retrofitting plan to improve accessibilities for people with disabilities**

1. Installation of internal lifts between concourse level and platform level at Lai Chi Kok Station, Tai Wo Hau Station, Sham Shui Po Station and Admiralty Station to facilitate easy access for mobility impaired passenger.
2. Installation of stairlifts between street level and concourse level at stations which are currently served with Wheelchair Aids (stair climbing machines) for conveying wheelchair users between street and concourse with a view to providing independent access for mobility impaired passengers.
3. Provision of an audible device at exit gate led by tactile guide path at all stations for visually impaired passengers.
4. Provision of Braille maps for visually impaired passengers.
5. Provision of Braille information on handrails at the staircases led by the tactile guide path for visually impaired passengers.
6. Modification of tactile guide paths at stations in response to feedback from users and station layout changes.
7. Improvement to the Digital Voice Announcement System in lifts with a view to facilitating the access for passengers who are visually impaired.
8. Provision of a help line system at stations of the Tung Chung Line and Airport Express which is in line with other stations.

As discussed at the meeting of the Panel on 12 June, modification and enhancement works of railway facilities for passengers with disabilities are often met with various challenges. These include acquiring additional land, either public or private, for ramps and external lifts, constraints posed by the layout of stations and limited space in existing stations and its vicinities.

Nevertheless the Corporation recognizes the wishes of the various interest groups and has in place a progressive programme for improvements. The above items amount to a sum of approximately \$100 million, in addition to the spending of \$400 million in the last 10 years, and demonstrate our commitment to improve access for persons with disabilities.