

Legislative Council Panel on Housing

Progress Report on Addition of Lifts and Escalators to Existing Public Rental Housing Estates

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the progress of the programme to add or modernize lifts, escalators and footbridges in the Housing Authority (HA)'s existing public rental housing (PRH) estates.

Background

2. At previous Panel on Housing meetings, we have briefed Members regularly on the programme to enhance the pedestrian access in identified PRH estates in respond to tenants' need for barrier-free access. Stage 1 of the enhancement works includes the provision of new lifts, escalators and footbridges in external areas within PRH estate boundaries to connect elevated platforms with large-level differences. Where technically feasible, the HA will also add lift towers to PRH blocks built without lift services.

3. To allow for continuous enhancements to the pedestrian access for tenants, the Lift Addition Programme (LAP) is now a rolling programme undertaken by the HA. In support of the Government's initiative to promote "Universal Accessibility", the LAP will include where appropriate the addition of lifts beside existing footbridges within the area of PRH estates.

4. The lift modernization programme in all existing PRH estates is an on-going programme and is also implemented on a rolling basis. Modernization of lifts will generally take place when lifts reach their service life of over 25 years. HA will continue to modernize aged lifts and take the opportunity to add lift openings for floors currently without any, where the structure permits.

Progress Update

5. The latest progress of these two programmes is as follows –

(a) LAP in Existing PRH Estates

6. Under Stage 1 of the LAP, there were 21 lift addition projects in the external areas within PRH estate boundaries, which provided 26 lifts, 6 escalators and 18 footbridges. In addition, there were 14 lift addition projects within PRH blocks without lift services, providing 44 new lifts. All these projects have been completed.

7. HA has basically accomplished the works to add lifts to existing PRH blocks without lift services where technically feasible and cost-effective. The remaining domestic blocks without lift services are low-rise rural housing blocks, low-rise interim housing blocks, blocks where lift addition is technically infeasible due to inadequate space to accommodate a new lift, or blocks with lift service in adjoining blocks.

8. The HA launched Stage 2 of the LAP in early 2013. It is expected to be completed in 2016, with a total estimated construction cost of \$290 million. Stage 2 of the LAP includes adding lifts to connect elevated platforms in external areas and existing footbridges within PRH estates. Information on these projects is detailed in **Appendix I**.

9. The HA will continue to invite and examine views from the public on the addition of lifts within existing PRH estates for further planning.

(b) Lift Modernization Programme in Existing PRH Estates

10. Lift modernization projects are moving ahead as planned. In 2013 we awarded seven lift modernization projects involving 121 lifts in seven PRH estates. This year, we plan to let out contracts to replace approximately 100 lifts.

11. Members are invited to note the progress on the addition of lifts, escalators and footbridges and modernization of lifts in HA's existing PRH estates.

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Lift Addition Projects under Stage 2 LAP

Estate	Stage	Anticipated Completion Year
Kwai Shing West	Tendering	2015
Lai King	Under construction	2015
Wo Lok	Tendering	2015
Kwong Tin	Design and Statutory Approval	2016
Oi Man		2016
Hing Tung		2016
Cheung Ching		2016
Choi Wan (II) (near Fung Chak House)		2016
Choi Wan (II) (near King Kung House and Ming Lai House)		2016