

LegCo Panel on Transport visits Admiralty and Exhibition Centre Stations of East Rail Line cross-harbour extension (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport visited Admiralty and Exhibition Centre Stations of the East Rail Line (ERL) cross-harbour extension today (May 6) to better understand the station facilities and relevant arrangements before the commissioning of the ERL cross-harbour extension.

Accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), Dr Jacob Kam, panel members and non-panel members visited the ERL platform and concourse areas of the Admiralty Station extension which will be open for use. They also learnt about the interchange arrangements for passengers in the future. Admiralty Station, the new terminal station of the ERL, will become a "mega interchanging hub" connecting the ERL with Tsuen Wan Line, Island Line and South Island Line. Passengers arriving at Admiralty Station can interchange with other railway lines without exiting the paid area.

Members also boarded a train to the newly-built Exhibition Centre Station. The new station is a three-storey underground station, comprising a station concourse and two platform levels. The station's exits are connected to the reinstated public transport interchange, the nearby commercial buildings and Wan Chai's footbridge network. During the visit, members were also briefed by the representatives of the MTRCL on the challenges encountered during the construction of the ERL cross-harbour extension.

The ERL cross-harbour extension will be commissioned on May 15, connecting Hung Hom Station to Exhibition Centre Station and Admiralty Station. With the new extension, the ERL will become Hong Kong's fourth cross-harbour railway line, running approximately 46 kilometres and serving 16 stations.

