

# Completion ceremony for “Improvement of trails and provision of ancillary facilities at Wu Tip Shan and Wa Mei Shan in Fanling” and opening ceremony of Wu Tip Shan Sitting-out Area under North District Signature Project Scheme held

The completion ceremony for "Improvement of trails and provision of ancillary facilities at Wu Tip Shan and Wa Mei Shan in Fanling" and opening ceremony of Wu Tip Shan Sitting-out Area under the North District Signature Project Scheme (SPS) was held today (September 23).

In order to enhance district administration, the Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council under the SPS to implement local projects – either one project or two in each district – of a larger scale to meet district needs. The North District Council (NDC) implemented two projects so as to promote a healthy lifestyle, encourage eco-tourism and enhance public awareness of nature conservation. "Improvement of trails and provision of ancillary facilities at Wu Tip Shan and Wa Mei Shan in Fanling" is one of them.

The works of the project included the construction of a landmark viewing platform and a sitting-out area, as well as the provision of soft landscape at selected locations along the trails. The project also improved existing ancillary facilities and provided new ones. The facilities include pavilions, benches, viewing platforms, directional signs, fitness equipment, railings and a solar-powered lighting system along a section of the trails, which brings convenience to trail hikers.

Speaking at the completion ceremony, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said that the completion and commissioning of the project is the fruitful outcome of the joint effort among the Government, the NDC and the community. He said he looks forward to their full co-operation in the future, so as to provide more facilities to bring benefits and convenience to the public.

Other officiating guests of the ceremony included the Chairman of the NDC and Chairman of the North District Signature Projects Steering Group, Mr So Sai-chi; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; Deputy Director of Home Affairs Miss Charmaine Wong; the District Officer (North), Mr Chong Wing-wun; Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) Mr Simon Liu; and the District Social Welfare Officer (Tai

Po/North), Mr Yam Mun-ho.