

Government's response to media enquiries on Exhibition Centre Station and To Kwa Wan Station of Shatin to Central Link works project

In response to media enquiries on Exhibition Centre Station and To Kwa Wan Station of Shatin to Central Link works project, a government spokesman today (August 11) responded as follows:

The Highways Department (HyD) required the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to suspend the relevant excavation works of Exhibition Centre Station yesterday (August 10). The HyD together with the Monitoring and Verification (M&V) consultants inspected the areas today in the vicinity of the monitoring points under their purview and where the highest level was exceeded. No obvious structural safety problem was found. Also, no abnormal conditions were observed near the underground utilities concerned. The Buildings Department (BD) also inspected the buildings in the relevant areas and no obvious structural problem was found. Furthermore, the HyD required the MTRCL to re-visit all the monitoring data for review by the HyD. The excavation works for Exhibition Centre Station can be resumed only when public safety is assured.

In addition, as regards media reports about the settlement of the buildings and some underground facilities in the vicinity of To Kwa Wan Station due to its construction works, the HyD together with the M&V consultants and the BD had arranged staff to inspect the 23 buildings yesterday. No obvious structural safety problem was found. Furthermore, no obvious abnormal condition near the underground facilities was observed.