

Opening ceremony for “North Lamma Public Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island” under Islands District Signature Project Scheme held

An opening ceremony for the North Lamma Public Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island under the Islands District Signature Project Scheme (SPS) was held at the open area outside 1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street on Lamma Island today (July 10).

Under the district-led SPS, the Government earmarked \$100 million for each district to implement one to two large-scale and sustainable signature projects to address district needs. The Islands District Council (IDC) selected two projects, comprising this project and "Improvement Works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Mui Wo, Lantau Island" completed last year.

The Yung Shue Wan project included the demolition of the existing one-storey library and the construction of a three-storey building. The library is reprovisioned on the first and second floors of the new building, while the Heritage and Cultural Showroom is located on the ground floor. It showcases antiquities and videos about the history and culture of Lamma Island and changes in residents' ways of life. The design of the new building adopts the concept of "Reading a book on Lamma by the sea", and has a concrete feature wall with Chinese calligraphy characters about poetry as a book cover and timber slats as a book spine.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah; and other guests officiated at the opening ceremony of the building, which marked its official opening.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Lau said that the newly built Heritage and Cultural Showroom gives full play to its geographical proximity to the Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, enabling members of the public and tourists to visit the showroom once they arrive in Yung Shue Wan. Apart from the expansion in floor area, the library also features a number of new facilities and services, and its opening hours have been extended as well.

Other officiating guests were the Chairman of the IDC, Mr Chow Yuk-tong; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; Deputy Director of Home Affairs Miss Charmaine Wong; and the Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Culture), Ms Elaine Yeung.