

Opening ceremony of Eastern District Cultural Square under Signature Project Scheme held

The opening ceremony of the Eastern District Cultural Square under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Eastern District was held at Tam Kung Temple Road in Shau Kei Wan today (March 9).

To enhance district administration, the Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council under the SPS for the implementation of signature projects upon its endorsement, so as to better address local needs. The Cultural Square is situated at the junction of Tam Kung Temple Road, Tung Hei Road and Oi Lai Street, and is adjacent to the Aldrich Bay Promenade. Equipped with a covered main stage and a small stage, the Cultural Square can accommodate over 600 spectators, and has more than 2 000 square metres of greening space. It links up with the Aldrich Bay Promenade, thereby expanding the leisure area of the promenade. It will also help revitalise the surrounding areas and enhance accessibility for the area near the Tam Kung Temple in Shau Kei Wan.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan; and other guests officiated at the plaque unveiling ceremony of the Cultural Square, marking its official opening and the commencement of a two-day event featuring a variety show and a carnival.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Mr Chan said that the SPS demonstrates the great importance that the Government attaches to district aspirations and provides support for district work. The Cultural Square will create a new harbourfront area for Eastern District and enhance the cultural atmosphere of the community, he said, adding that it will become an important venue for cultural performances and recreation in the district. Mr Chan also commended the contributions of the Eastern District Council (EDC), the Eastern District Office, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Architectural Services Department and other departments concerned in implementing the project.

Other officiating guests included the Chairman of the EDC, Mr Wong Kin-pan; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li; the Director of Architectural Services, Mrs Sylvia Lam; the District Officer (Eastern), Mr Simon Chan; the Vice-Chairman of the EDC, Mr Chiu Chi-keung; the Chairman of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District under the EDC, Mr Kung Pak-cheung; and the Vice-Chairman of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District, Mr Leung Kwok-hung.