

Opening ceremony of "Improvement Works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Mui Wo, Lantau Island" under Islands District Signature Project Scheme held today

The opening ceremony of "Improvement Works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Mui Wo, Lantau Island" (the Silvermine Bay Project) under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Islands District was held at Silvermine Bay Beach at Mui Wo today (July 22).

The Silvermine Bay Project was one of the two SPS projects of Islands District. The improvement works included demolition of the existing beach service buildings and construction of new beach buildings and associated beach facilities including a barbeque pit area and a sitting-out area as well as a viewing deck near the entrance to the beach to provide an excellent place for visitors to enjoy the scenery of Silvermine Bay Beach. The Silvermine Bay Project achieved synergy with the "Improvement Works at Mui Wo" project implemented by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in improving the facilities and environment, thereby enhancing the attractiveness of Mui Wo.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan, said Silvermine Bay Beach is a well-known tourist spot in Mui Wo. For the successful completion of the Silvermine Bay Project, Mr Chan paid tribute to the support of the Islands District Council (IDC), and close collaboration among the Islands District Office, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Mui Wo Rural Committee and members of the local community.

Under the SPS, the Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council for the implementation of signature projects upon its endorsement, so as to better respond to local needs. Apart from the Silvermine Bay Project, the other SPS project of Islands District is "Yung Shue Wan Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island", with completion targeted for the end of 2018.

Other officiating guests included 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; the Convenor of the Islands District Working Group on Signature Project (Silvermine Bay Project), Mr Wong Man-hon; the Vice Chairman of the IDC, Mr Randy Yu; the District Officer (Islands), Mr Anthony Li; and Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services), Mr Simon Liu.