

Remarks by STL at media session

â€‹Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, at a media session after attending a radio programme today (December 7):

Reporter: How can upcoming railway transit systems integrate new technology and provide (services) for citizens? Given that upcoming railways will not adopt heavy rail systems, what is the advantage? Has the contractor been settled yet? And as the Kai Tak Sports Park will undergo a stress test of 12 000 people tomorrow, how confident is the Bureau towards dispersing people smoothly? Thank you.

Secretary for Transport and Logistics: For the second question about the commissioning of the Kai Tak Sports Park, my Bureau and the relevant departments will participate actively in the various stress tests. In fact, there will be one tomorrow, and that will involve a total number of 12 000 people. We will be participating in it. Apart from us, the various public transport operators, including MTR, various buses, and also taxis, will also be involved. We hope that through the various stress tests, we will step up our mobilisation, our preparation, and make ourselves better prepared for different scenarios, such that when the Sports Park is commissioned, we will have a better and holistic preparation to cater for different scenarios. It is, after all, a very significant milestone in Hong Kong's tourism development. We will give our best in order to make this a success, and also to give the best service for our locals and also for our visitors.

As far as the railway infrastructure is concerned, surely we are engaging and planning for a number of major projects. I think the infrastructure projects did provide a very good opportunity for Hong Kong's local development as well as further development of our economy. We will work very hard and adopt a double innovation approach. That is, we will adopt innovation in technology as well as an innovative mindset in the policy and procedural framework in order to catch up with the time we have lost as well as to conduct the project expeditiously.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the remarks.)