

Tsui Ping River facilities open today (with photos)

Under the Revitalization of Tsui Ping River project by the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the Tsui Ping River facilities along the King Yip Street section were opened for public use today (December 12), following the earlier opening of the Tsui Ping Seaside and the sections along Tsui Ping Road and King Yip Lane. The remaining Wai Yip Street section will be opened later this month, marking the full opening of the Tsui Ping Riverside Promenade upon revitalisation.

Speaking at the opening ceremony today, the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, said that the DSD has been committed to enhancing the flood control capabilities of drainage facilities in recent years. At the same time, the DSD has been adhering to the concept that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" and actively implementing "Rivers in the City" concept, as well as enhancing river ecology and landscape design to create a better living environment for the public. The revitalised Tsui Ping River exemplifies the DSD's efforts.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Director of Drainage Services, Mr Ringo Mok, said that Revitalization of Tsui Ping River is the first riverside public space project that the DSD is solely responsible for its design, construction, maintenance and daily management. He hoped that Tsui Ping River would become a new landmark of Kwun Tong as well as a vibrant and natural public space.

In 2012, the Development Bureau proposed the Energizing Kowloon East Conceptual Master Plan and put forward the concept of transforming the King Yip Street nullah in Kwun Tong into the Tsui Ping River. Without compromising its stormwater drainage function and capacity, the Revitalization of Tsui Ping River project has adopted the concept of "River in the City" to revitalise the previous King Yip Street nullah, which was mainly used for flood prevention. Environmental, ecological and landscape enhancement works were carried out to turn the nullah into the 1-kilometre-long Tsui Ping Riverside Promenade, which provides a riverside public space and enhances connectivity within the district with newly constructed cross-river pedestrian walkways. The project has also enhanced the river's flood protection capacity and reduced the flood risk of Kwun Tong District by deepening a portion of the riverbed from Tsui Ping Road to King Yip Street, as well as installing flood walls upstream.

After revitalisation, the Tsui Ping River is equipped with six landscape decks and seven pedestrian walkways to strengthen the connectivity with the surrounding areas, making it a walkable and accessible green river corridor in the district. With the adoption of advanced technology, an intelligent water gate smartly adjusts its rise and fall according to the weather forecast. This helps manage the water level of the river and maintain maximum

drainage capacity. There are also ecological installations including bird perches, rock pools, tidal pools and ecological walls to create favourable conditions for the river ecosystem and attract more natural species to inhabit the river.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, 75 art installations of the DSD KOL (key opinion leader) named Drainy with various themes have been placed along the riverbank of the King Yip Street section of the Tsui Ping River for public viewing and photo taking.

The Tsui Ping River is adjacent to the Kwun Tong Business Area and Laguna City. To access the promenade, members of the public can walk for about three minutes from Exit D4 of the MTR Kwun Tong Station or walk through Laguna Park for about 10 minutes from Exit D1 of the MTR Lam Tin Station. They can also take various bus and minibus routes to get there.



