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Question:

Please provide details about the planning, the progress and the completion timetable of the following new railway lines and major road projects:

1. Shatin to Central Link;
2. a possible rail link between the airports of Hong Kong and Shenzhen; and
3. Central Kowloon Route.

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Reply:

1. Shatin to Central link (SCL)

The Government has asked the MTR Corporation Limited to proceed with the further planning and design of the SCL project. We hope that the construction of the SCL can commence in 2010 for the Tai Wai to Hung Hom section to be completed in 2015 and the cross harbour section to be completed in 2019.

2. A possible rail link between the airports of Hong Kong and Shenzhen

The Task Force on Airport Co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen set up by the HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government has commissioned a study on the feasibility of a rail link between the Hong Kong International Airport and the Shenzhen International Airport. We hope to complete the study in 2008.

3. Central Kowloon Route (CKR)

The consultancy study on the investigation and preliminary design for CKR started in August 2007 for completion in two years, after which detailed design will follow. It is anticipated that the construction works will commence in 2012 for completion by 2016.

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