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Question:

How many projects under the Universal Accessibility (UA) Programme are yet to be completed? How many new projects will be included in the UA Programme?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

The Government is pressing ahead with the implementation of a total of 375 items under various phases of the UA Programme. As at 28 February 2021, 54 items were under construction and 152 items were under investigation and detailed design. In 2021-22, 44 lift retrofitting items under various phases of the UA Programme are expected to commence construction.

In the 2019 Policy Address, the Government announced to expand the scope of the UA Programme and launched a Special Scheme under the UA Programme for retrofitting lifts at the footbridges, subways and elevated walkways in or connecting to the common areas of three types of housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority, i.e. the Tenants Purchase Scheme, the Buy or Rent Option Scheme and public rental housing estates with properties divested. The Highways Department has completed the preliminary technical feasibility studies of items included into the Special Scheme and will commence the investigation and design works in 2021-22.

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