
Work starts on 6 more stations of Thomson-East Coast Line

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The new Thomson-East Coast Line will make a big difference to residents, especially seniors and those who live in areas currently not served by trains, said Senior Minister of State for Law and Education Indranee Rajah yesterday.

Ms Indranee, who is also an MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC, was speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony for six stations on the Thomson-East Coast Line.

The ceremony marked the start of works at the Napier, Orchard Boulevard, Orchard, Great World, Havelock and Outram Park stations of the 43km Thomson-East Coast Line.

The six stations, which will be completed by 2021, will serve residents in the Tanglin-Cairnhill, Tanjong Pagar-Tiong Bahru and Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng constituencies. Altogether, there are 31 stations on the new line, which will be completed in 2024.

Ms Indranee added: "Since the first MRT line, we have also seen communities grow and thrive when MRT stations are built in their midst. Residents and their estates are drawn closer together and they are better connected with the rest of the island."

Residents said that they are looking forward to be better connected.

Sales executive Silas Yip, 46, who lives in Tiong Bahru, said it will be convenient for his family to go for recreational activities at East Coast Park.

He said: "Now, we have to drive because there's no train station there, but parking is an issue. Driving is also expensive."

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