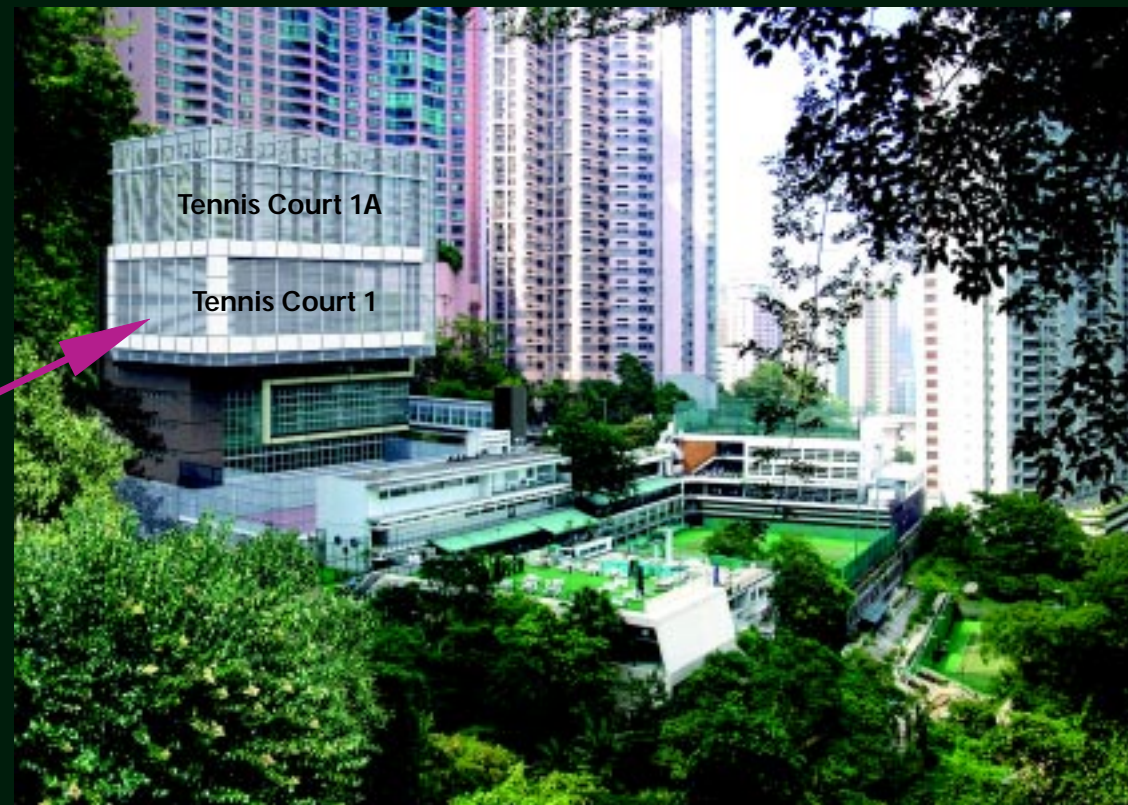
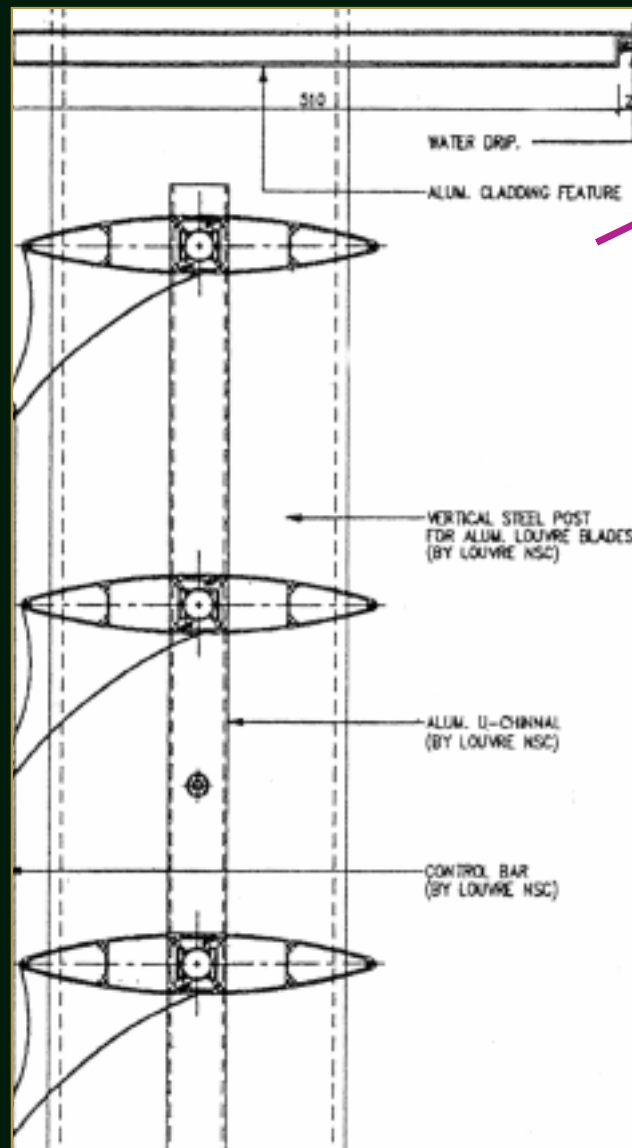


# Countdown to the Opening of Our New Building

## Our New Covered Tennis Courts & the Restoration of Court 2

### Motorised Louvre System

This plan detail shows the motorised louvre system that will be used on Court 1 (the lower of the two covered courts) to control ventilation and rain proofing.



In addition to the many relocated and new facilities that will be accommodated in the new building, our dedicated tennis players will be pleased to see the restoration of two courts that have been out of play during the construction period and the addition of another court. These improvements are designed to complement the recent resurfacing of our other courts and to strengthen the LRC's position as one of the premier tennis clubs in Hong Kong.

### Highlights include:

- The restoration of Court 2
- The installation of two covered tennis courts to facilitate play during inclement weather
- The top court will feature the same playing surface as our existing courts
- The lower of the stacked courts and Court 2 (the restored outdoor court) will have hard surfaces to facilitate team practices
- A motorised louvre system has been developed for the lower of the stacked courts enabling us to customise the rain proofing and ventilation thus optimising playing conditions in any weather
- Typhoon restrictions necessitated a fixed louvre system on the upper court, which nevertheless should be playable under all but the most extreme weather conditions
- Access by stairs and lift
- Toilet facilities immediately adjacent to the covered courts

### Head Tennis Professional Chris Steel comments on the surface selected for the hard courts:

*"This promises to be an exiting year for tennis players at the LRC, particularly once the new courts are unveiled mid-year. The synthetic grass selected for the upper court will be virtually identical to our existing courts with the same texture and grade of sand. The hard courts will be surfaced with Rebound Synpave, which is in the same family of surfaces that is used in the Australian Open. Our surface will be slightly harder to help our league players practise for away matches at clubs with hard courts. Rebound Synpave should play at medium speed with a lower bounce than its cushioned counterparts. Both of these are among the most popular surfaces worldwide. I can't wait to try them out!"*