

# New touches to a historic district

Pedestrianised stretches, waterfront steps and even benches where you can charge your phone are among recent updates to the Civic District, under the Urban Redevelopment Authority's efforts to revitalise the historic area. With more improvements on the way next year, we take a look at what has already been done.

Before



After



Empress Place and Old Parliament Lane, which used to form a driveway, have become a park-like stretch.



## Waterfront steps

New stepped plazas which go down to the water's edge have been built in front of the Asian Civilisations Museum and at Queen Elizabeth Walk, providing places for people to sit and enjoy waterfront views.



Before



After



Connaught Drive has been narrowed from four lanes to two, and traffic limited to buses and coaches only.



## Empress Lawn

To make a more spacious lawn in front of the Asian Civilisations Museum and Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall, part of Fullerton Road was realigned. Eight mature rain trees were transplanted to provide shade.



## Phone-charging benches

New benches where visitors can charge their mobile phones have been installed.