

**Completion of the Re-provisioned Central Mail Centre
Facilitates Construction of Shatin to Central Link at Full Speed**

The first re-provisioning project under the Shatin-to-Central Link (SCL) project – the brand new Central Mail Centre in Kowloon Bay - has been completed and was handed over to Hongkong Post today (5 July 2013).

“The handover is a significant milestone in the SCL. Following re-provisioning of the Central Mail Centre, the existing International Mail Centre in Hung Hom can be demolished to make way for the construction of the new cross-harbour rail line,” said Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation. “Construction of the SCL is proceeding at full speed. Meanwhile, the upgraded Central Mail Centre will meet the needs of the city’s postal services into tomorrow,” added Mr Chew.

The re-provisioned Central Mail Centre at Kowloon Bay, an environmentally friendly six-storey building with a gross floor area of 21,000 sq.m, is expected to be in service by mid-2014 after the relocation of equipment from existing International Mail Centre. Construction of the SCL project is proceeding on schedule, with the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section connecting the current Ma On Shan Line with West Rail Line expected to be completed by 2018 to form an East-West rail artery. The cross-harbour section extending the current East Rail Line to Hong Kong Island is scheduled for completion in 2020.

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(From right) Mr Stephen Yim, Deputy General Manager, Penta Ocean Construction Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch and Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation hand over the key to the Central Mail Centre to Mr Ngai Wing-chit, JP, Deputy Postmaster General, Hongkong Post and Mr Jonathan Leung, Chief Engineer of the Railway Development Office, Highways Department, to mark the completion for the re-provisioned Central Mail Centre.

