

Smartphone game ignites excitement for the Shatin to Central Link

“Tap Tap SCL”, a new smartphone game, is now available at Android Market for public download. The game scooped the Grand Award as well as the Gold Award of Mobile Application Category of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) E-Game Design Competition, jointly organised by the MTR Corporation and Hong Kong Computer Society.

“Tap Tap SCL’ is designed with cute graphics and user-friendly interface. Players will be able to experience how to deliver day-to-day MTR service and pleasant journeys to passengers. Players will also be able to participate in the daily maintenance and upgrading of railway facilities to make railway safe,” said Kwan Chung-kiu, the winning team member.

The winning team consists of Kwan Chung-kiu, Wan Ying-kit and Au Chin-to. They are students of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering of Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Training (Shatin). The winning piece “Tap Tap SCL” is an Android application for mobiles. It highlights the connectivity of the SCL which runs through multiple districts and interchanges with the MTR network. The competition aims to translate complicated process and knowledge of planning, design and operations of the SCL into simple web language through the creative mind of the younger generation.

The SCL E-Game Design Competition launched in November last year, is the first of its kind to blend railway theme into e-game design. The competition attracted over 60 entrants totaling some 100 tertiary students in Hong Kong, who designed e-games after their visits to the railway control centre, driving cab simulator of MTR train and many other back-of-the-house facilities of the MTR system. “It is encouraging to see the younger generation, filled with enthusiasm and great talent, turn what they have learnt and seen in the system into the many e-game entries,” said Mr Henry Lam, General Manager - Shatin to Central Link.

“Tap Tap SCL” is now available for free download. More details are available at the website of the Shatin to Central Link at www.mtr-shatincentrallink.hk.

Photo captions:

1. Mr Henry Lam, General Manager – Shatin to Central Link (1st right) congratulates the winning team from the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering of Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Shatin) which scooped the Gold Prize in the Mobile Application Category and the overall Grand Award with their creative e-game “Tap Tap SCL”.



2. Over 80 students attended a workshop to learn more from industry experts and railway engineers on railway design and planning before they designed their e-game entries.



3. Students are excited about the experience of being a train captain at the Driving Cab Simulator.



4. The Grand Award entry "Tap Tap SCL" is an Android application for mobiles.

