

Press Release

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Topping out for Central Mail Centre, a reprovisioning project under Shatin to Central Link

The Shatin to Central Link (SCL) celebrates its first project milestone today (18 December) with the Topping Out Ceremony for the new Central Mail Centre in Kowloon Bay. The 6-storey building with a gross floor area of 21,000 sq.m has been built under a reprovisioning project to replace the existing International Mail Centre in Hung Hom and cater for the future development needs of Hong Kong's postal services.

"This re-provisioning project is a win-win situation for both the railway and postal service in Hong Kong. It not only enables construction of the SCL to proceed, but will also assist Hongkong Post to further enhance its services to the community," said Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of the MTR Corporation.

"We are also very proud to have provided a new mail centre which promotes efficiency in energy saving. Decorated with substantial plants at the roof top and the atrium, the green area accounts for 40% of the centre's total gross floor, making it one of the greenest local commercial and industrial buildings," Mr Chew added.

The International Mail Centre will be relocated to the new building in Kowloon Bay in mid-2014. The existing structure in Hung Hom will then be demolished to make way for the construction of the SCL.

"Hongkong Post remains committed to the corporate mission of 'Linking People, Delivering Business' which encapsulates our objectives of providing reliable, efficient and universal postal services at affordable prices," said Mr Ngai Wing-chit, Deputy Postmaster General of Hongkong Post at the Topping Out Ceremony. "We serve 2.99 million residential and business addresses in the territory and handle more than 3 million mail pieces each day. The importance of a highly efficient mail centre cannot be overstated." he continued.

"With an expansion in floor area financed by the Post Office Trading Fund, the new Central Mail Centre will make it possible to consolidate at a single facility the sorting activities presently carried out at the International Mail Centre and the General Post Office at Central. The enhancement in operational efficiency and working environment in the new centre will undoubtedly help honour our commitment to the public," added Mr Ngai.

Construction of the SCL started in June 2012. The Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section, connecting the current Ma On Shan Line with West Rail Line, is expected to be completed by 2018, followed by the Hung Hom to Admiralty section in 2020.

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Photo captions:

1. (From left) Mr Henry Lam, General Manager – SCL/KTE of MTR Corporation, Ms So Lai-chun, MH, Vice Chairman of Kwun Tong District Council, Mr Ngai Wing-chit, JP, Deputy Postmaster General, Hongkong Post, Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation, Mr Henry Chan, JP, Principal Government Engineer of the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department, Mr Hau Wing-cheong, BBS, MH, member of Yau Tsim Mong District Council and the Customer Liaison Group of Hongkong Post and Mr Haruhiro Taguchi, General Manager, Penta Ocean Construction Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch officiated at the Topping Out Ceremony of the Central Mail Centre, the re-provisioning works of the Shatin to Central Link.



2. The new Central Mail Centre at Wang Chin Street, Kowloon Bay is planned to be in service by mid 2014.

