

### **Shatin to Central Link Trainees Graduate To Join Construction Industry Workforce**

Over 50 energetic trainees received Certificates of Graduation yesterday (22 September) to mark the completion of their training and internship programmes for different construction trades provided by the contractors of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project and the Construction Industry Council. After passing relevant trade tests, the new graduates were offered 12-month employment contracts on the SCL.

Initiated by the MTR Corporation, the SCL Contractors Cooperative Training Scheme (SCL CCTS) provides training and internship programmes for various trades in the construction industry for those who wish to work in the field. All SCL civil works contracts require contractors to recruit a specified amount of trainees and provide training for them, according to proposals approved by the Corporation.

Since its launch in 2012, the scheme has provided training to 480 trainees with 210 having completed the programme and continuing their careers in 17 trades including levellers, carpenters, and general welders.

“The SCL CCTS is one of the Corporation’s new initiatives to attract new joiners to the construction industry, and the SCL is the first railway project to offer this kind of comprehensive training programmes for new joiners who wish to seek career development in the industry,” said Dr Philco Wong, Projects Director of the MTR Corporation. “I am very pleased to witness their growth from novices to fully-qualified skilled workers making valuable contributions to the delivery of new railway lines for the people of Hong Kong.”

“The Corporation is setting a good example in the industry as the SCL CCTS could definitely help relieve the shortage of construction labour and the lack of trained new blood taking over from the retiring experts.” added Ms Cheryl Ip, Assistant Director – Human Resources, Facilities Management & Administration of Construction Industry Council.

The 17-kilometre SCL is a territory-wide strategic railway project with 10 stations, including six interchange stations, which will create new East West and North South corridors that will allow for the seamless interchange of passengers travelling to every corner of Hong Kong.

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Photo Captions:

1. Officiating guests at the Recognition Ceremony including Dr Philco Wong, Projects Director of MTR Corporation (middle, back row), Mr Donald Tong, JP, Commissioner for Labour (7th right, back row), Ms Cheryl Ip, Assistant Director – Human Resources, Facilities Management & Administration of Construction Industry Council (7th left, back row), and Mr TM Lee, General Manager – SCL of MTR Corporation (5th right, back row), joined the graduates and representatives of active participating contractors for a photo.



2. Mr Donald Tong, JP, Commissioner for Labour (1st left) presented the certificates to the graduates of SCL Contract 1117 Pat Heung Depot Modification Works by Paul Y. Construction Company Limited.

