

New Train Contracts for Future East West Corridor of Shatin to Central Link Awarded

The MTR Corporation today (24 January 2014) announced the awards of two contracts to purchase 148 new train cars and modify 348 existing train cars for future operation of East West Corridor of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL), which is targeted for completion in 2018.

“The Shatin to Central Link is an exciting project as it will create two important rail arteries to serve Hong Kong from East to West as well as from North to South, providing even greater transport convenience for commuters and facilitating our city’s continued growth. We are making good progress in our construction programme and these two train contracts mean all contracts for the trains of the Shatin to Central Link have now been awarded,” said Mr Jay Walder, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

One of the two new contracts was awarded to Changchun Railway Vehicles Co., Ltd for the design, supply, manufacture, testing and commissioning of 14 new 8-car trains at a price of approximately HK\$1,140 million. The new trains are scheduled to be delivered to Hong Kong for testing and commissioning in 2017 and the whole fleet will be in operation by 2018.

The second contract worth HK\$1,180 million was awarded to Itochu-Kinki Sharyo-Kawasaki Consortium for the design, manufacture, delivery, testing and commissioning of 36 new train cars as well as the modification and reconfiguration of 348 train cars from the existing West Rail Line, East Rail Line and Ma On Shan Line.

“We will work closely with the contractors to ensure the rolling stocks delivered are of the highest quality, and meet our requirements for safe and efficient operation,” said Mr TC Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation.

The 17-kilometre SCL is a strategic railway project with 10 stations, of which six will be interchange stations. The project will be completed in two phases, with the section between Tai Wai and Hung Hom expected to be finished and form the East West Corridor in 2018 and the section between Hung Hom and Admiralty to form the North South Corridor in 2020.

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