

**Over 2,400 Job Vacancies on Offer
at “Career Expo for Railway Construction” on 29/ 30 June**

More than 2,400 career opportunities in the construction industry will be open for walk-in candidates at the two-day “Career Expo for Railway Construction 2013” being held this Saturday and Sunday (29 and 30 June 2013) at Fortune Metropolis, Hung Hom.

Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of the MTR Corporation, encouraged young people to visit the Career Expo to learn more about the exciting prospects in the industry. “With key major infrastructure projects underway, the construction industry is in a period of unprecedented growth offering a large number of career opportunities now and in the coming years. New joiners can grasp this opportunity to develop a potential life-long, rewarding career with the industry and contribute to building a better Hong Kong.”

The Career Expo is the third such job fair organised by the MTR Corporation since 2011, and it is the largest in terms of the number of job vacancies available. A total of 17 leading contractors are offering over 2,400 career opportunities in various job categories including carpenter, welder, excavator, bar bender and fixer, scaffolder, electrician, engineer, safety manager, quantity surveying manager and environmental manager. The five railway projects undertaken by the MTR Corporation are now in full swing. Construction of the West Island Line, the South Island Line (East), the Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section), the Shatin to Central Link and the Kwun Tong Line Extension is expected to reach a peak this year, with over 16,000 frontline workers and around 6,000 managerial, supervisory and technical professionals required.

“With railway being the backbone of Hong Kong’s public transport system, young people can look forward to long-term development in the railway construction industry that goes beyond the current projects. Indeed, new rail lines not only improve the rail network to meet our community’s future needs, but also facilitate local and regional economic development opportunities to enhance our overall competitiveness,” said Mr Chew.

Mr Chew added that Hong Kong’s construction industry continues to embrace higher standards. Workers are trained and licensed. Young people can get a solid start by joining the industry through the “Contractor Cooperative Training Scheme” and the “Hire before Training Scheme” which provide on-the-job training by the Construction Industry Council and contractors.

In the meantime, the MTR Corporation and its contractors have together introduced a new benchmark in health and safety protection for construction workers. They include mandatory 15-minute rest breaks after every 90 minutes of continuous work to protect workers from heat stress during the hot summer months from June to September, and free life insurance for all workers constructing the five new rail projects, an industry first.

As part of the Career Expo, singer and artiste Ms Ella Koon has been appointed as Youth Ambassador for the Construction Industry to give young people a better understanding of the railway construction industry.

Details of "Career Expo for Railway Construction 2013"

Opening Hours:	Saturday, 29 June 2013, 11am to 7pm Sunday, 30 June 2013, 10am to 7pm
Venue	L7, Fortune Metropolis, No. 6 Metropolis Drive, Hung Hom, Kowloon (Exit C2 of MTR Hung Hom Station)

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Projects Director of the MTR Corporation Mr T C Chew encourages young people to join the "Career Expo for Railway Construction 2013" to be held on 29 and 30 June to learn more about the career prospects of the construction industry.

