

MTR Awards Contractors for Excellence in Quality, Safety, Environmental Management and Stakeholder Engagement

MTR honoured the outstanding performances of its contractors working on new railway projects at its bi-annual Quality, Safety, Environmental and Stakeholder Engagement Awards.

Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited scooped top honours for its work on the Express Rail Link (XRL) project, winning the Grand Safety Award for its commitment to safety and outstanding record of zero reportable accident for the period from July 2012 to December 2012. The company was also awarded the Gold Quality Award for its investment in high quality formworks and excellent workmanship for tunnel lining.

Speaking at the Awards Presentation Ceremony, Mr T C Chew, Projects Director of MTR Corporation, said Hong Kong's construction industry is entering into a challenging and intensive period, with the five railway projects alone set to generate 17,000 job opportunities in the sector over the next five years. "With the significant and increasing size of our construction workforce, it is important for MTR and our contractors to work even more closely together to set the highest performance standards and excel on Quality, Safety, Environmental Management and Stakeholder Engagement in delivering our railway projects," Mr Chew said.

Penta-Ocean Construction Company Limited won the Gold Environmental Award for the fourth time. It was recognised for demonstrating a high commitment to environmental protection and waste reduction. Among its initiatives, it established an Environmental Management System for continual improvement and regulatory compliance for the XRL project.

Gammon Construction Limited and Dragages - Bouygues Joint Venture were both presented with the Gold Award in Stakeholder Engagement for their proactive efforts to engage local communities and respond to their concerns during construction of the West Island Line and XRL projects, respectively.

Officiating at the ceremony, Mr Lee Shing-see, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council praised MTR Corporation's different incentives to enhance site safety for its projects, and urged all contractors to take site safety as a prime responsibility. "Safety is everybody's responsibility and we should join hands to strive for a safe working environment at site." He said.

First launched in 2010, the MTR Projects Quality, Safety, Environmental and Stakeholder Engagement Awards Scheme recognise and encourage outstanding performance by contractors and consultants in the new railway projects, namely the Shatin to Central Link, West Island Line, South Island Line (East), Kwun Tong Line Extension and Express Rail Link. The Stakeholder Engagement Award was introduced last year.

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1. Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited receives the Grand Safety Award from Mr Lee Shing-see (sixth from the left), Chairman of the Construction Industry Council for its excellent construction safety performance on the Express Rail Link project, including a six-month record of zero reportable accident.



- Mr David Wong, Assistant Director (Environmental Compliance) of Environmental Protection Department (third from the left), presents the fourth Gold Environmental Award to Penta-Ocean Construction Company Limited for its contributions to the Express Rail Link project.



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