

# MTR ACADEMY

The MTR Academy (“MTRA”) has continued to develop as a railway management and engineering centre that offers high quality programmes which extend the Company’s rail expertise from Hong Kong to the Mainland of China and “Belt and Road” countries. MTRA also offers a growing number accredited programmes and short courses in Hong Kong to nurture the next generation of railway professionals for the community.

During 2018, the third session of the Corporate Programmes was completed, involving 35 participants from 11 countries and regions including Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Sweden. The Academy’s third Accredited Programme, the Advanced Diploma in Transport Operations and Management was granted accreditation status in April 2018. In October 2018, the first cohort of students in the Diploma in Transport Studies programme who completed their study became the Academy’s first batch of graduates. For the year as a whole, MTRA’s training courses attracted over 1,100 participants from Hong Kong and overseas.

In Hong Kong, MTRA continues its partnership with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in delivering the MSc in Electrical Engineering (Railway Systems). The Academy also supported the development and delivery of an Applied Learning subject “Railway Studies”, hosted by the Hong Kong College of Technology. The programme is approved by the Education Bureau to be taught as a subject in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination and began to be offered

in the Secondary School Academic Year 2018/2019. MTRA has also been reaching out to young people through short courses and local school programmes, which have been receiving a very positive feedback. In June 2018, Kwun Tong District Council members visited the MTRA to learn more about the facilities, programmes and vision.

Overseas, MTRA continues to expand its presence, especially in the Belt and Road countries. In October 2017, MTR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Hangzhou Metro Group to set up a branch campus of MTRA in Hangzhou. Discussions have been underway regarding the planning and detailed collaboration. In Thailand, MTRA has been supporting the delivery of the railway subject for the Masters programme at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok. In February 2018, PT Mass Rapid Transit Jakarta signed a consultancy agreement with MTRA to set up the Jakarta Transport Academy, as it seeks to develop Indonesia’s first mass transit system. In April 2018, an MOU was signed with Far East Air Transport Incorporated University in the Philippines, covering collaboration on developing local railway talents. In the same month, an MOU was signed with the University of Birmingham in the UK to offer distance learning programmes to students in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

MTRA also continues to support development of the Rail Transit Excellence Community, a multi-faceted platform to enable railway operators of “Belt and Road” countries to network of which MTR is a founding member.

