

# MTR ACADEMY

The MTR Academy (“MTRA”) has become well recognised in the railway industry as a centre of railway management and engineering expertise. Now offered in the Mainland of China and Belt and Road countries as well as in Hong Kong, the high quality programmes provided by MTRA, specifically the Executive Certificate Programmes, are tailored for training the next generation of railway professionals.

In October 2019, MTRA held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Ceremony during which awards were presented to 49 graduates of the Advanced Diploma in Railway Engineering, Advanced Diploma in Transport Operations and Management, and Diploma in Transport Studies. Among the distinguished guests at the ceremony were our Chairman Mr Rex Auyeung, Chief Executive Officer Jacob Kam and Acting Director of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Mr Pang Yiu Hung, JP.

For the Applied Learning – Railway Studies programme, MTRA began providing curriculum and teaching support to the second cohort (2019-2021) in September. Two classes are scheduled under this programme.

During the year, MTRA continued to create momentum in developing local railway talent and joined with other corporate academies to establish a platform with a common

goal. This platform, the Corporate Tech Academy Network (“CTAN”), aims to promote Vocational & Professional Education & Training and provide an alternative training route for young people. MTRA, along with other CTAN members, continued to reach students in local secondary schools during the year.

## FUTURE PLANS

The Academy will expand its portfolio by offering daytime classes for two Accredited Programmes in the 2020/2021 academic year, with the objective of recruiting DSE graduates.

The Academy plans to diversify its programme areas by riding on MTR’s expertise and experience to develop programmes in security services and property management at different levels to nurture new entrants and create lifelong learning opportunities for industry practitioners.

Additionally, we continued to hold ongoing discussions with the Birmingham Centre of Railway Research and Education, University of Birmingham, to bring their MSc/PgD in Railway Safety and Control Systems to Hong Kong. The plan is to deliver the programme as blended learning in the near future.