

# MTR ACADEMY

The MTR Academy (“MTRA” or “the Academy”) is recognised as a valuable centre of management and engineering expertise for the railway industry. Now offered in the Mainland of China and Belt and Road countries as well as Hong Kong, MTRA’s high-quality programmes – in particular its Executive Certificate Programmes – are designed to mould the next generation of railway professionals.

In September 2020, MTRA expanded its suite of accredited programmes to include full-time programmes. The Advanced Diploma in Transport & Operations Management and Diploma in Transport Studies are accredited at Qualification Framework Level 4 and 3, respectively. The Academy also successfully obtained programme recognition from HK PolyU SPEED and City U SCOPE, creating more articulation pathways for graduates.

Overall, 120 students were admitted in Academic Year 2020, nearly half of whom are full-time students. A total of 48 graduates were presented with Advanced Diploma and Diploma awards this year.

The Applied Learning (Railway Studies) course of the New High School (DSE) saw its first batch of graduates in 2020 with 30 students completing the course.

As part of its Corporate Programme for Belt & Road Countries and Global Clients, MTRA held two Executive Certificate courses in June and July 2020, attracting 43 senior managers from railway companies as well as relevant government officials from the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Mainland of China. This also marked the first time these programmes were streamed live online. Programmes have a modular design to increase flexibility for individual students in choosing learning items.

## FUTURE PLANS

The Hong Kong Rail Transit Innovation Research Institute has set up a rail transit control simulation system at Hung Hom Centre, which is being put into service in the first half of 2021. In addition to being used for research purposes, it can also provide simulated facilities for various types of Academy courses. Members of this Research Institute are Beijing Jiaotong University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, MTR, MTR Academy and Traffic Control Technology Co. Ltd.

In addition, MTRA will begin offering accredited Security Training courses in 2021. These are self-funded certification courses for security jobs. After MTRA becomes recognised by the Employee Retraining Board as an appointed training body, these courses can be offered to a wider audience, including those seeking to re-enter the employment market.