

**Preliminary Design Consultancy for Northern Link Main Line Awarded**

The MTR Corporation announces that Arup AECOM Joint Venture has been awarded a preliminary design consultancy to kick start the planning and design for the main line of Northern Link project.

The Northern Link will be a key transport infrastructure in the Northwest and Northern part of the New Territories. The new railway will unleash the potential of the lands along its alignment and provide impetus for growth in the area. The scope of the consultancy includes the development of the scheme into an engineering design, preparation of the construction programme, gazette plans and project cost estimate, as well as liaison with government departments and other stakeholders. Arup AECOM Joint Venture will work closely with the Corporation's Capital Works team to deliver the above.

"The award of this contract marks a significant step forward for the Northern Link project. The Northern Link will support the overall development and enhance the connectivity of the area. Moreover, residents from the New Territories North will enjoy the transport convenience through the railway network linking up the east and west as the project continues to develop. We will actively engage the local communities during the preliminary design of the project," said Mr Roger Bayliss, Capital Works Director of MTR Corporation. Other works, including ground investigation and survey of existing utilities, have also commenced.

In December 2020, the Government invited the Corporation to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Northern Link project, which will involve the construction of a new railway station at Kwu Tung along the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line between Sheung Shui Station and Lok Ma Chau Station, as well as a railway line of about 10.7 km long, linking Kam Sheung Road Station on the Tuen Ma Line and the new Kwu Tung Station via three intermediate stations in San Tin, Ngau Tam Mei and Au Tau. Construction of the main line of Northern Link is expected to commence in 2025 and is scheduled to be completed in 2034.

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