

Press Announcement

24 May 2019

**Ma Lee Tak appointed KCRC's Chief Officer**

The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (the Corporation) announced today (24 May 2019) the appointment of Ir. Ma Lee Tak, SBS, as the Chief Officer with effect from 1 July 2019 for a term of three years. This follows an open recruitment exercise conducted by the Managing Board of the Corporation.

Chairman of the Corporation, Mr. James Lau, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, welcomed the appointment. He expressed confidence in Ir. Ma for leading the Corporation in its day-to-day management. Mr. Lau believes that Ir. Ma's extensive experience in railway and major road projects would make him an ideal person to lead the Corporation. Ir. Ma was the Director of Water Supplies before retiring from the civil service in 2014. He will be joining the Corporation as Chief Officer (Designate) on 1 June 2019 to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Lau also paid tribute to the outgoing Chief Officer, Ir. Edmund Leung Kwong-ho, SBS, OBE, JP, for his valuable contributions to the Corporation over the past seven years, in particular the taking on of the Hong Kong section of the Guangdong-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and concluding the Supplemental Service Concession Agreement with the MTRCL in 2018. During the term of Ir. Leung's service, steady improvements were recorded in the Corporation's accounts and in 2018, the Corporation recorded an accounting profit of HK\$574 million for the first time since the Rail Merger in 2007.

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