

Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders established

â€‹The Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders (CoE), under the Development Bureau, was formally established today (July 22).

As the first of its kind in Asia, the CoE offers a high-level project management and leadership development programme to senior government officials. The aim is to equip them with a more innovative mentality and world-class leadership skills to enhance their project delivery capability, which will enhance project performance as a whole. The programme is also offered to construction leaders involved in public projects.

The inauguration ceremony was officiated by the Financial Secretary and the Honorary President of the CoE, Mr Paul Chan, and the Secretary for Development and the Chairman of the CoE, Mr Michael Wong.

Taking into account a considerable number of capital works projects in the pipeline, Mr Chan said, "It's a huge investment in our future. We need to ensure our resources are used as smartly, effectively and efficiently as possible. The Government and the public will settle for nothing less".

He also encouraged the participants to seize the opportunity to update themselves on state-of-art project management and leadership skills, and more importantly, their mindset, with a view to bringing the delivery of Hong Kong infrastructure to new heights and enhancing the livelihood of citizens.

The Saïd Business School of the University of Oxford was appointed as the Programme Director for the first programme under the CoE, namely the Major Projects Leadership Programme (MPLP). Starting from August this year, separate cohorts will attend the 12-month MPLP to enhance the participants' capabilities to elevate the performance at major construction and public works projects. Around 150 major project leaders will complete the MPLP under the CoE in the coming three years. The Government anticipates that the CoE will substantially benefit the implementation of public works projects.

