

## Works departments receive UK's Martin Barnes Awards (with photos)

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), the Drainage Services Department (DSD) and the Highways Department (HyD) have received Martin Barnes Awards from the New Engineering Contract (NEC) Users' Group of the United Kingdom. An awards presentation ceremony was held by the Group today (June 27) to commend Hong Kong awardees for their excellence in project delivery through collaborative partnering by adopting the NEC form.

The CEDD and the DSD received the Winner Award under the Demonstrating Carbon Dioxide Reduction Initiatives towards Net-zero category and the Recognising Project Excellence and Innovation category respectively. The CEDD and the HyD also received a Runner up Award or Highly Commended Award under various award categories.

Speaking at the awards presentation ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Ricky Lau, congratulated the works departments on their outstanding achievements and said that the Government's wide adoption of the NEC form in public works projects over the years has enhanced the performance of project implementation.

The Development Bureau piloted the use of the NEC form in public works projects in 2009 and has expanded its application since then. As of today, more than 570 public works contracts, with a total value of over HK\$380 billion, have adopted the NEC form which embraces collaborative partnering between clients and contractors, thereby enhancing project performance.

The Martin Barnes Awards are presented annually by the NEC Users' Group under the Institution of Civil Engineers of the United Kingdom to give recognition to projects, organisations and individuals around the world that have showcased excellence in project delivery through collaborative partnering. This year, over 50 entries from across the world participated in this event.

The full list of the awardees was announced in the United Kingdom on June 21 and is available on the website of the NEC Users' Group at [www.neccontract.com/projects/awards](http://www.neccontract.com/projects/awards).

