

**Name a Tunnel Boring Machine and win a \$2,000 MTR Malls Coupon**

The MTR Corporation, together with four of its contractors using tunnel boring machine, is inviting members of the public to name the four tunnel boring machines specially put together for the construction of the Express Rail Link Project (XRL).

With a giant rotating metal cutter head at the front, a tunnel boring machine is designed to break layers of different types of soil and rocks to form tunnels. It is multi-functional; it can excavate and remove the excavated materials, and at the same time install linings to the tunnel. These machines can ensure that tunnels are built safely and efficiently with minimal noise or other impact to the community. Tunnel boring machines will be used on a number of sections of the Express Rail Link tunnels, namely Mei Lai Road to Mong Kok West, Kam Tin, Mai Po to Ngau Tam Mei, and Huanggang to Mai Po, by four contractors, Penta-Ocean Construction Co Ltd, CRCC-HC-CR15G Joint Venture, Maeda - China State Joint Venture, and Dragages-Bouygues Joint Venture.

“We hope that the Tunnel Boring Machine Naming Competition will help foster a better understanding amongst the community of the Express Rail Link project, which will make a big difference to our lives in the future,” says David Sorton, General Manager – XRL Civil Construction.

A judging panel comprising Legislative Councillor Ir. Dr. the Hon. Raymond Ho, representatives from primary and secondary schools, Highways Department, MTR Corporation and contractors will decide on the winning names for the four machines.

The participants who come up with the most creative names to describe the tunnel boring machines will have a chance to win a \$2,000 cash coupon for MTR malls and a certificate. To encourage students’ participation, the school with the most entries in each of the 18 Districts in Hong Kong will be awarded a \$1,000 book coupon and a certificate. In addition, the names of the four winners and the 18 winning schools will appear in the TBM e-game to be launched on the XRL website soon.

Participants should also explain in 20-50 words why they choose their proposed name. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Express Rail Link website at <http://www.expressrailink.hk/tc/home/>. Results of the competition will be announced in May 2011.

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Photo Caption:

A tunnel boring machine showing the giant rotating metal cutter head.

