

Beijing backs rail projects

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China has given a "positive and supportive" response to a range of planned infrastructure projects, Joint Liaison Group team member Alan Paul said yesterday.

After informal talks, Mr Paul said both sides had attached great importance to the projects.

The projects include the Western Corridor Railway, the extension of the

underground railway to Tseung Kwan O and the rail link from Tai Wai to Ma On Shan. Chinese team member Chen Zuo'er (陳佐洱) said he hoped the two sides could conduct discussions on the initial stages of the projects quickly.

Meanwhile, Chinese officials in the territory called for more exchanges with their Hong Kong counterparts, describing them as mutually beneficial.

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