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Maga Engineering joins with Ministry of Skills Development to train construction craftsmen

Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd recently signed an agreement with the Ministry of Skills Development to provide training to 185 skilled construction craftsmen under the Ministry's Employment Linked Training Programme (ELTP).

The training programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training and is funded by World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

During the six month programme, 65 Bar Benders, 75 Masonry Craftsmen and 45 Carpentry Craftsmen will be trained. The participants will be screened based on their aptitude and provided with theoretical lectures as well as practical on-the-job training sessions over a period of six months.

The training programme will be conducted at Maga's constructions projects such as Fairway Elements, Fairway Galle, Heritage Hotel Galle, New Maga Head Office Building and Yathama Building under experienced and qualified construction industry experts. Upon successful completion of the training, the participants will

obtain a recognized National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 3 certification accredited by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission of Sri Lanka.

Commenting on the programme, Chairman and Managing Director of Maga Engineering, M. G. Kularatne said, "We are thankful to the Ministry of Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training for this great initiative at a time when the industry is facing a shortage of skilled craftsmen. The training programme is scheduled to be held at five of our major construction sites and experienced employees are allocated to mentor the trainees. The participants will be trained on both theoretical and practical skills in order to equip them with the skills required to



The agreement being signed by Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training Additional Secretary R. M. Abeyratne and Maga Engineering Director Finance and Planning Mega Kularatne.

gain employment. After the completion of training, the participants will have access to decent employment opportunities whilst gaining greater social acceptance. We also take this opportunity to thank the

project financiers the World Bank and Asian Development Bank."

The training programme will be launched in mid-November 2016 and will be completed within one year.