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*Photo: ITA chairman Mr Celestino and the winning team (at the right Mrs Ying Li from TEC)*

During the International Tunnel Association (ITA) Annual Awards Ceremony in Chuzhou, Anhui Province, China, the Hong Kong Zhuhai Macau Bridge (HZMB) immersed tube tunnel won the International Tunnel Association's "2018 Major Project Award".

## MAJOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2018

Nearly 30 tunnel projects worldwide entered the shortlist after the first-round selection. The Immersed Tunnel of the HZMB became the Winner of the prestigious ITA Tunnelling and Underground Space Awards in the category "Major Project of the Year 2018".

## KEY CONSULTANT TO THE HZMB AUTHORITY

Since 2008, Tunnel Engineering Consultants (TEC), a joint venture consultant to the Client Organization HZMB Authority for design and construction consultation of this immersed tunnel including the artificial islands that provide the transition from the tunnel to the bridge sections on either side. TEC reviewed all designs of the immersed tunnel and artificial islands, performed parallel analyses and special studies for critical design components and carried out monthly special inspections during construction.

## GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF TEC

As a representative of TEC, Mrs Ying Li, joined the Chinese Delegation to the ITA Annual Awards Ceremony; the delegation consisted representatives of the Owners, the Designer, the Contractor, the Consultant and Scientific Researchers and was led by Director Zhu YongLing of the HZMB Authority. Director Zhu received the Award from Mr. Tarcísio B. Celestino, President of the ITA.

Director Zhu YongLing said: "I am really very, very happy to receive this International Award today. I thank the International Tunnel Association and all the international judges for their recognition of the project. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge has gathered the experience of the whole world and the glory belongs to all the shareholders. I will bring the trophy and the certificate back to Zhuhai and keep it in the Hong Kong Zhuhai Macao Bridge Museum forever." After the meeting, Mr. Zhu told Ying Li added, "I thank for the great contribution TEC made for our project!"

