

UPDF trains experts to build railway

Well done: Maj Gen James Mugira, the managing director of NEC (2nd left), hands over a performance report to Capt Albert Mukama Yebare as Prof Wang Yuesen, the chancellor of Shijiazhuang Tiedao University, (left) looks on at the weekend.

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KAMPALA. The Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) will lead the training of engineers to take part in the construction of the standard gauge railway, the managing director of the National Enterprise Corporation (NEC), has said.

Maj Gen James Mugira said the training is in fulfilment of the constitutional duties and obligations of the UPDF.

"NEC is expected to provide skilled labour for the construction, operation and maintenance of the standard gauge railway (SGR) once it takes effect," Maj Gen Mugira said at the weekend while

welcoming 10 officers who attained specialised training in railway construction from China's Shijiazhuang Tiedao University.

The function was held at the Ministry of Defence Headquarters in Mbuya.

The training was sponsored by China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC), the contractor for the construction of the standard gauge railway.

"We have started with 10 engineers and we shall have several other batches, including civilian engineers," Maj Gen Mugira said.

The group, led by Capt Albert Mukama Yebare, will train other officers in the engineering brigade and civilian engineers working with the

ministry of Works.

Speaking at the same function, Prof Wang Yuesen, the

ABOUT PROJECT

The SGR project is part of a wider Northern Corridor integration project being implemented in four East African Community member-states. China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd was contracted to construct the Eastern and Northern routes, stretching from Malaba-Kampala and Tororo-Gulu-Nimule respectively.

chancellor of Shijiazhuang Tiedao University, promised to provide more study opportunities for Ugandan engineers.

Mr Wang An, a CHEC official, said the engineers exhibited the desired outcome and will ably complement the company's undertakings during the construction phase.

"We knew that the three months of specialised training at Shijiazhuang Tiedao University would not be easy but these 10 engineers have proved that they have all it takes," Mr Wang said.

He also said the training was part of a wider commitment by CHEC to ensure that the SGR remains a Ugandan project.