



## About this Report

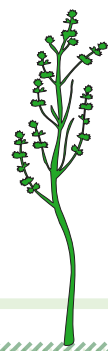
This report covers the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007. It shows the environmental awareness of our work and our efforts in environmental management, asset management, research and technology, Clean Air Charter, and green office management. Environmental awards, achievement of environmental objectives for 2007 and the new targets for 2008 will also be covered in this report.

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## About Highways Department

The Highways Department is responsible for:

- implementation of highway projects in the Public Works Programme;
- maintenance of public roads, including road furniture, road drainage and roadside slopes, and co-ordination and control of utility openings on public roads;
- planning, monitoring and coordinating the various activities associated with the implementation of new railway projects;
- providing design input for road lighting, highways structures, roadside slope upgrading and landscape features associated with capital works projects and maintenance works;
- inspecting the safety provision on highway construction sites;
- researching into new materials, techniques and standards; and
- providing engineering, quantity surveying and landscaping technical services.





The Department's Headquarters are located in Ho Man Tin Government Offices, with sub-offices in North Point Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Plaza, and Skyline Tower and Nan Fung Commercial Centre in Kowloon Bay. We have an establishment of some 400 professionals and 1,570 technical and general grades staff. We maintain about 2,009 km of roads and 12,564 roadside slopes in the territory. The total operating expenditure for the financial year 2007/08 is \$1,998 million.

## Environmental Goal

Our environmental goal is to accomplish public works efficiently and with due regard to the environment.

## Environmental Policy

Our policy on protection of the environment has been integrated into our Department's Management Policy with its latest version promulgated in August 2007. To achieve the goal of protecting the environment, we place emphasis on the environmental considerations of our work under the Environmental Management System. We act on the policy by:

- **identifying environmental aspects in all stages of our work, controlling their impacts and preventing pollution as far as practicable;**
- **monitoring the performance of our contractors to ensure good quality of works and prevention or mitigation of potential environmental impacts arising from our projects;**
- **complying with relevant legal and other requirements;**
- **using resources efficiently and minimizing waste arising from our projects; and**
- **identifying opportunities for continual improvement.**

