

## Director's Message



It is my pleasure to present to you our fifth Environmental Report which summarized the efforts we have taken to achieve our environmental goal in the year of 2007.

In this report, we share with you our experience on environmental management in capital works projects. This covers heritage conservation in the vicinity of the Central Kowloon Route, which is a commitment of the Government. Green procurement approach in works tenders, implementation of environmental nuisance abatement measures on sites, as well as monitoring of contractors' performance will be demonstrated with details.

Our greening efforts on asset management are displayed in our investigation study for greening of highways structures. You may also be interested in our research on greening and aesthetics design of the noise barriers.

To pave the way forward, special attention has been given to research and technology on low noise road surfacing, recycled pavement materials and common utility enclosure.

Under the Clean Air Charter on air pollutions in Hong Kong, an Energy and Emission Management Team has been set up in the department to formulate various initiatives. One of the initiatives is to reduce the use of Volatile Organic Compounds at source. We will continue the installation of electronic ballasts with a view to saving energy for public lighting. On the other hand, an energy audit to identify opportunities on energy saving in our offices at Ho Man Tin Government Offices Building has also been arranged.

Notwithstanding our efforts made in the year of 2007, we shall continue maintaining our contributions in protecting our environment and searching for every opportunity for a blue sky and better environment.

I hope you will find this report interesting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wai Chi-sing'.

WAI Chi-sing  
Director of Highways  
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