

## **FOREWORD**

Under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, Director of Highways (DHy) is responsible for the control of excavation on streets maintained by Highways Department (HyD). Director of Lands is responsible for the control of excavation on unleased land under the control of Lands Department.

HyD exercises control over excavation on streets through a permit system whereby a street excavation promoter, not the contractor, Authorized Person or consultant employed by the promoter, is required to obtain from HyD an excavation permit (XP) prior to commencement of excavation work. HyD regulates excavation works through audit inspection of excavation sites and referral to Department of Justice for prosecution if case warrants such course of action.

This Manual mainly presents the procedures with respect to application and administration of XPs. It also presents the site audit inspection procedures and standards.

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