

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

Please provide information on the latest progress of the following projects:

- i. Central Kowloon Route
- ii. Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- i. Central Kowloon Route (CKR)

Having established the preferred alignment of CKR, we are currently refining the preliminary design, as well as the Environmental Impact Assessment, taking into account public opinion gathered in the public engagement process. We expect to complete the investigation and preliminary design of CKR in 2010.

- ii. Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2

Highways Department has commissioned a consultant to undertake an investigation study for the project. The study includes formulation of various improvement and construction options, which will later serve as the basis for public consultation. Highways Department has convened two public forums to collect public views on the improvement proposals. Detailed assessments on engineering feasibility, cost, implementation programme, environmental impact, sustainability and land requirements are now being carried out in light of public views received. Upon completion of the assessments, Highways Department will consult the Sai Kung District Council on the assessment results.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ **WAI CHI SING** _____

Post Title _____ **Director of Highways** _____

Date _____ **15.3.2010** _____