

Department Profile

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 various activities associated with implementation of new railway projects;
- providing design input for road lighting, highway 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 Headquarters of the Highways Department are located in Ho Man Tin Government Offices (HMTGO), with sub-offices in North Point Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Plaza, Skyline Tower, Nan Fung Commercial Centre and MG Tower. We have an establishment of about 490 professional staff and about 1,630 technical / common and general grades staff. We maintain about 2,090 km of roads and some 13,110 roadside slopes within the territory. The total operating expenditure for the financial year 2013/14 is HK\$2,470 million.

Vision and Mission

Our Vision

To develop and upkeep the road network as well as to plan and implement railway development to world-class standards.

Our Mission

In order to enhance the long term prosperity and improve the living standards of the community, we are committed to:

- expanding and improving the road network to meet the growth and change in transport needs, and development requirements;
- maintaining the integrity of the road network;
- providing high quality technical support for the planning, design, construction and maintenance of the road network; and
- implementing and updating the Railway Development Strategy.

Environmental Goal

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

Management Policy

We maintain a Quality Management System to meet the requirements of the International Standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. We incorporate quality and environmental considerations at all stages of our work in developing and up-keeping the road network as well as planning and implementing the railway system. In so doing, we are committed to:

- delivering high quality services to our community;
- identifying and controlling the environmental aspects at all stages of our work, using resources efficiently, minimising waste and preventing pollution as far as practicable;
- monitoring the performance of our contractors to ensure good quality of works and to prevent or mitigate potential environmental impacts arising from our projects;
- complying with relevant legal and other requirements; and
- sustainable construction with due consideration to balancing environmental, social and economic needs.

We improve our services through regular review of our Quality Management System, its Management Objectives and Targets, and through identification of opportunities for continual improvement.

About this Report

This report covers the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013. It shows the environmental awareness of our work and efforts in supporting the Clean Air Charter, environmental management, research and technology and stakeholder's engagement. Our environmental awards received in 2013, our achievement of environmental objectives and targets for 2013 and our environmental targets for 2014 are also included in this report.

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