

## Director's Message

It is my pleasure to present to you our Environmental Report 2015 which summarises our effort in the past year in environmental management and introduces our environmental targets and initiatives for 2016.

We are committed to carrying out works projects with due consideration for our environment. We have used Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM) to construct the subsea tunnel of Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link, which helps reduce the dredging and disposal of some 11 million cubic metres of marine sediment and avoid environmental impact on marine life habitats near the construction area. For better air quality, we have incorporated an air purification system (APS) into the tunnel ventilation system of the Central –Wan Chai Bypass. The APS is a pilot application of the treatment of exhaust from road tunnel in Hong Kong.

We uphold the Government's policy of developing the environmentally friendly railway system as the backbone for the mass public transportation. The Kwun Tong Line Extension of the Mass Transit Railway has recently been commissioned and the South Island Line (East) is expected for commissioning shortly, while the Shatin to Central Link and the Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou –Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link are currently under construction.

In pursuit of excellence in our daily work, we put much effort in researches and trials on environmentally friendly technology, including the trial use of "thin surfacing" to reduce road traffic noise and the use of recycled aggregates for sub-base construction in carriageway.

We promote environmental consciousness to our colleagues, business partners and industry stakeholders. Internally, we organised various training courses, green activities and provided green advice to heighten the environmental awareness of staff. Externally, we co-organised the Joint Safety, Health and Environmental Seminar 2015 with various corporations to promote the latest safety, health and environmental management measures for stakeholders of the industry. We joined hands with our contractors in promoting environmental awareness on construction sites. In recognition of their outstanding achievements, we granted awards to contractors in various environmental labelling and award schemes, including "Wastewise Environmental Labels", "Energywise Environmental Labels", "Hong Kong Green Awards 2015" and "Yan Oi Tong Plastic Recycling Partnering Scheme 2014-2015".

We look for opportunities of continual improvement by setting out clear annual environmental objectives and targets. We are pleased to conclude that we have achieved all our environmental targets for 2015. Our efforts were recognised by external organizations and we have received three Outstanding Environmental Management and Performance Awards, six Considerate Contractors Site Awards and the "Gold Award for Unique Feature (Landscape Display)" in the Hong Kong Flower Show 2015.

Looking into the future, we will continue to carry out our work in an environmentally responsible manner. With the joint effort of my colleagues, we endeavour to make our society a greener and better place to live in.



  
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