

## Director's Message

The Highways Department is responsible for providing an efficient road and rail network to facilitate the movement of people and goods. We aim to perform related works in an environmentally friendly manner.

In 2019, we continued to deliver our public works projects with due consideration to the environment. We strived to manage environmental impacts of the Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link by improving the construction schedule and reducing the wastage of construction materials. We have implemented direct noise mitigation measures for Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre and Fu Tei Sections) to reduce the traffic noise impact on neighbouring residents. To mitigate traffic noise nuisance and visual impacts arising from the Central–Wan Chai Bypass project, noise barriers and noise semi-enclosures with landscape deck are being progressively installed.

In developing the environmentally friendly railway system as the backbone of public transport, we have adopted natural ventilation concept for a section of noise enclosure under the Shatin-to-Central Link project. The naturally ventilated absorptive noise enclosure could not only reduce the use of construction materials and electricity consumption, but also provide a natural and pleasant appearance.

We also applied the Mobile Laser Scanning and Imagery Technology to increase efficiency and effectiveness of our road condition survey and reduce fuel and paper consumption. A Slope Enhancement Programme of Vegetated Slopes has also been implemented, and we have proactively collaborated with government bodies, non-government organisations, academia and craftsmen on the upcycling and recycling of felled trees.

We continued to promote environmental consciousness and idea exchange with both internal and external stakeholders. We are pleased to conclude that all of our environmental targets for 2019 were achieved. In recognition of our construction sites' good site safety and environmental performance, considerate attitude towards the neighbourhood and the public, and our contractors' outstanding achievements, we received various awards for green management in 2019. We also attained the "Construction Industry Caring Organisation Scheme Logo" for our longstanding support to corporate social responsibility initiatives over the past three years. To make our best endeavours in environmental management, we also set out clear annual environmental objectives and targets for the coming year.

Looking ahead, the Highways Department will continue to provide the public with services in an environmentally responsible manner, and strive to build a greener environment for our society.



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