

## INTRODUCTION

This report shows the work and initiatives of the Highways Department in fulfilling our environmental responsibilities through supporting the Clean Air Charter, environmental management, research and technology and stakeholder's engagement in the year 2020. Our environmental performance was well recognized with the winning of several environmental

awards in 2020. Our achievement of environmental objectives and targets for 2020, and environmental targets set for 2021 are also reported.

To reduce paper consumption, this report is published in English and Chinese on our website.

## DEPARTMENT PROFILE

We are responsible for expanding and improving Hong Kong's road network in order to meet the growth in traffic demand, serve new development areas and facilitate the movement of people and goods both within the territory and across the boundary and at the same time contribute towards sustainable development. Besides, we maintain the integrity of the road network with particular emphasis on safety and serviceability, and implement local road infrastructure works to facilitate and cope with the public and private sector developments. In addition, we formulate plans for further development of the railway network. We also provide technical support and set standards for the construction and maintenance of the road network. We research into new materials, techniques and standards

including environmentally friendly technologies, and evaluating their applicability in Hong Kong.

The Headquarters of the Highways Department are located in Ho Man Tin Government Offices, with sub-offices in North Point Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, Trade and Industry Tower, Spectrum Tower, the Harbourfront Towers, Grand City Plaza, Cheung Sha Wan Plaza and Nan Fung Commercial Centre. We have an establishment of about 670 professional staff and about 1,860 technical/common and general grades staff. We maintain about 2,150 km of roads and some 13,071 roadside slopes within the territory. The total operating expenditure for the financial year 2020/21 is HK\$3,879 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 an Integrated 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 service providers 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;
- ▶ sustainable construction with due consideration to balancing environmental, social and economic needs; and
- ▶ wider adoption of innovative technologies and practices.

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

