

An aerial photograph of a city waterfront. A multi-lane highway bridge spans the water, with green landscaped areas and pedestrian paths along its length. Several high-rise buildings are visible in the background, including a prominent white building with a curved facade. The water is a deep blue-green color.

Introduction

This report shows the work and initiatives of the Highways Department in fulfilling our environmental responsibilities through contributions towards carbon reduction, environmental management, research and development and stakeholder engagement in the year 2022/23. Our environmental performance was well recognised with the winning of several prestigious environmental awards. The report also records our achievement of environmental objectives and targets for 2022/23, and environmental targets set for 2023/24. To reduce paper consumption, this report is published in English and Chinese on our website.

Department Profile

Who we are

We have about 640 professional staff spanning across various disciplines including engineering, surveying, landscaping and architecture. Another 1,630 staff in other grades are also supporting the Department's activities.

We have



640

professional staff



1,630

staff in other grades

Expenditure



Total operating expenditure
in the financial year 2022/23

HK\$ 4,187 million

What we do

- ▶ To expand and improve the road network of Hong Kong 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.
- ▶ To 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.
- ▶ To provide infrastructure for pedestrians such as footbridges, lifts, covered walkways and escalators to enhance accessibility and connectivity of local destinations with a view to fostering a pedestrian friendly environment.
- ▶ To formulate plans for further development of the railway network in Hong Kong.
- ▶ To provide technical support and set standards for the construction and maintenance of the road network.
- ▶ To research into new materials, techniques and standards including environmentally friendly technology, and evaluate their applicability in Hong Kong.

We maintain



2,238 km
of roads



1,462
road bridges



21
road tunnels



1,059
footbridges



546
subways



13,470
roadside slopes



585,000
trees

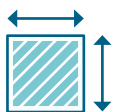


240,000
lighting points

Where we are

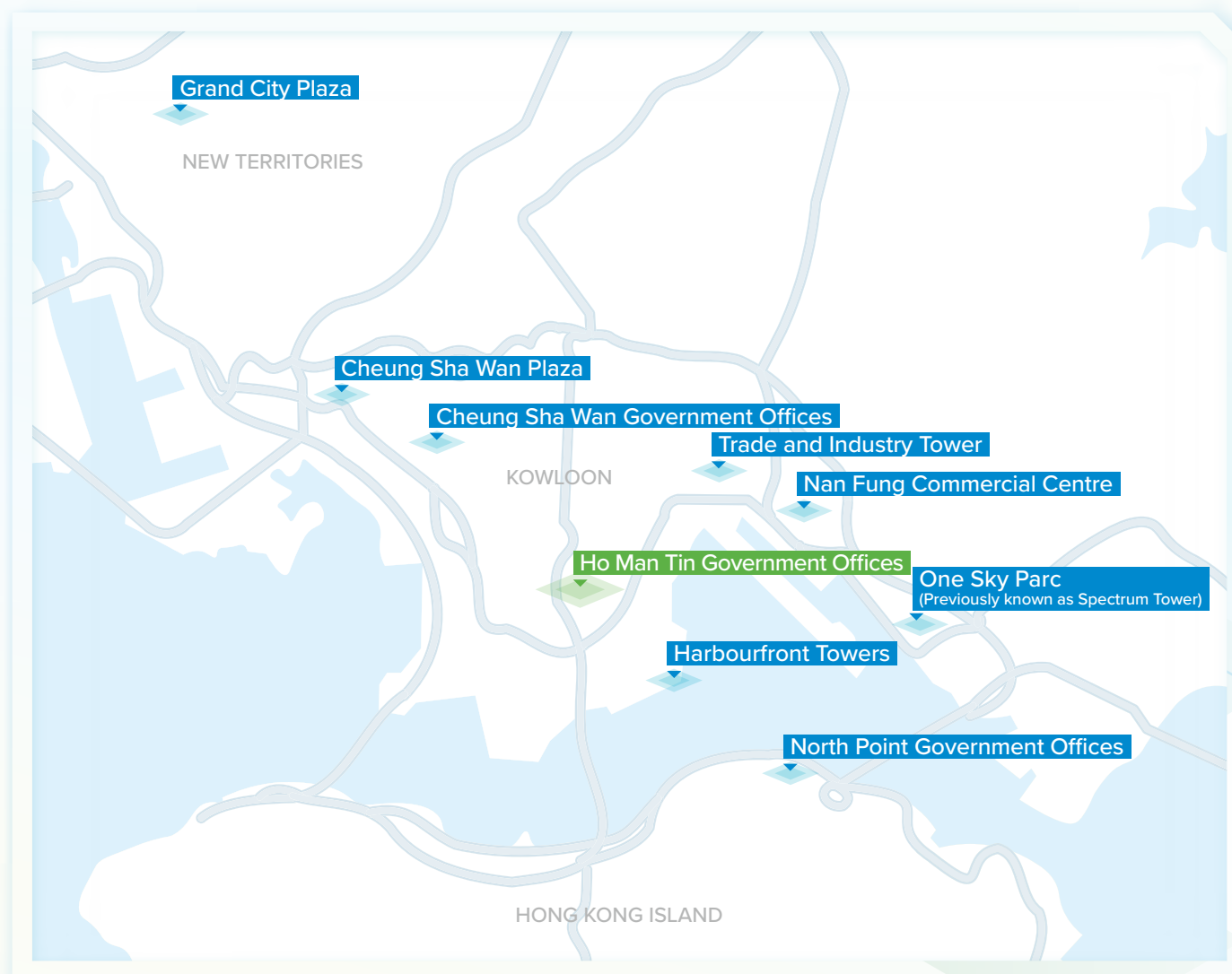
The Headquarters of the Highways Department are located in Ho Man Tin Government Offices with sub-offices in:

- ▶ North Point Government Offices
- ▶ Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
- ▶ Trade and Industry Tower
- ▶ Grand City Plaza
- ▶ One Sky Parc (Previously known as Spectrum Tower)
- ▶ Cheung Sha Wan Plaza
- ▶ Nan Fung Commercial Centre
- ▶ Harbourfront Towers



Total office floor area:

28,100 m²



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.