

# Video Transcript for Pave the Ways Towards Our Future

## 1. Prelude

(The host's voice over)

A comprehensive road network is essential to the continual development of the local communities in Hong Kong. To enhance competitiveness, it is also vital to develop an extensive network connecting Hong Kong with other cities in the Mainland.

The Highways Department is committed to constructing new roads and maintaining the integrity of the road network.

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## 2. Road Network

### Construction, Maintenance and Management

(The driver)

"Hi! Yes. I am on my way back to the office. Just gone through immigration. I'm almost there. Okay."

(The driver's voice over)

We have to deliver goods to various places every day, and travel a lot between Hong Kong and the Mainland, too.

Proper provision and maintenance of roads can make our journeys smoother and faster.

Although Hong Kong is a small place, the Highways Department has constructed state-of-the-art highways, bridges and tunnels which facilitate transportation. Now, you can find us wherever the road leads. Moreover, road maintenance is very important for smooth flow of traffic. When we drive around, we notice that maintenance works are sometimes carried out at night. That is understandable, as maintenance works carried out during daytime will disrupt traffic.

(The host's voice over)

As night falls, while we are all in our sweet dreams, the Highways Department staff are still hard at work.

They are busy repairing roads and bridges, and keeping road signs and traffic lights clean.

Besides, Highways Department staff regularly check the conditions of bridge structures, road surfaces and roadside slopes to keep them safe and reliable.

Other than maintenance works, the Highways Department also coordinates and controls excavations on roads, such as electric cable and gas mains works.

With a computerised management system and standardized excavation permit procedures, the Highways Department strives to minimise the inconvenience caused to road users by these excavations.

When a typhoon hits Hong Kong, the Emergency Control Centre of the Highways Department will be activated immediately to handle emergency incidents on public roads, ensure public safety and minimise traffic disruption.

Even though typhoons come and go, the roads in Hong Kong continue to serve their intended purposes.

(Driver's voice over)

The road network in Hong Kong is world class.

The spectacular Tsing Ma Bridge is on the way to the airport. It is not only one of Hong Kong's famous landmarks, but it also holds the record for the longest suspension bridge in the world carrying both road and rail traffic.

(Driver's voice over)

That's why I am proud of the road infrastructure of Hong Kong whenever I drive along the Tsing Ma Bridge.

I find this a wonderful place to date my wife, too.

### **3. Regional Works**

#### **Road Enhancement Works**

(Student's voice over)

There have been more landscaping works on the roads in recent years. Now I often feel light-hearted on my way to school in the morning. Look at these paving blocks! What a distinctive design!

It's such a nice picture, let me share with my sister.

(The host's voice over)

The Highways Department has put much effort in beautifying our roads and improving the city landscape.

Other than laying paving blocks along pedestrian pavements, the Highways Department also implements a series of street beautification and greening works in pedestrian areas, cycle tracks, railings and by adopting street lighting with special features, etc.

(The host's voice over)

The Highways Department also collaborates with other Government departments in revitalisation works of the harbourfront, so as to provide citizens with cosy open space.

#### **4. Railway Development**

(Teacher's voice over)

Just like many Hong Kong people, I go to work and travel across districts by rail every day.

Our convenient railway network enables me to go anywhere I wish even though I don't have a car.

(The host's voice over)

A little known fact is that the Highways Department plays a key role in the building of new railways and the planning of future railway extensions.

The Highways Department conducts reviews on the railway development strategy on a regular basis. By assessing the public demand on travel by rail, it aims at mapping out a long-term railway development blueprint that will meet the traffic demand and support the overall development of Hong Kong.

New railway lines that are soon to be opened to public use include the West Island Line, the South Island Line, Kwun Tong Line Extension, Shatin to Central Link and the Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL).

(The host's voice over)

In addition to the provision of high-speed railway service between Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou, the XRL links Hong Kong to the 16,000-kilometre national high-speed railway network. The XRL plays an unparalleled role in fostering closer economic and social ties between Hong Kong and the Mainland. This will create opportunities for the development of Hong Kong in the medium and long term.

#### **5. HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge & Related Projects**

Radio Host: "The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is under construction. This project is one of the key vehicular boundary crossing projects of the Highways Department. Upon completion of the bridge, the journey time from Hong Kong to Zhuhai and Macao will be greatly shortened....."

Wife: "With the new bridge, it will be much quicker for you to deliver goods to Zhongshan and Zhuhai. It will also be easier to go sightseeing in Macao!"

Driver: "That's right. It will only take about half an hour to drive to Macao. I could drop you and the kids off at a restaurant in Macao to wait for a table before I head off to Zhuhai. I could probably return just in time for the appetizers."

(The host's voice over)

The Highways Department is responsible for the planning and building of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and related infrastructure projects.

The bridge will link up with Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, Tuen Mun Western Bypass, Kong Sham Western Highway and Shenzhen Bay Bridge forming a strategic road network connecting Hong Kong, Macao, Zhuhai and Shenzhen.

## **6. New Construction Projects**

(The host's voice over)

Hong Kong enjoys a safe and modern road system. The Highways Department will continue developing, planning and implementing new roads and railways for a better future of Hong Kong.

Following the completion of two major urban road projects, Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Central Kowloon Route, traffic congestion in the core urban areas will be alleviated.

## **7. Conclusion**

(The host's voice over)

The modernised roads, comprehensive railway network as well as quality maintenance works are the essential elements for enhancing Hong Kong's cohesiveness and competitiveness. Tapping into their rich experiences, all professional and technical staffs of the Highways Department will strive to connect the community and support the public in their everyday transport needs, paving a broad highway towards Hong Kong's future.