

Intro

In every city, wherever there are people, there are roads. The Highways Department (HyD) strives to keep every road unobstructed. Paving the way for all walks of life.

Part I intro – Achievements

The HyD has been striving to implement various transport infrastructure projects, expanding and improving our road network to meet the transport and development needs of Hong Kong.

We build bridges and tunnels for achieving the goals of time-saving and high efficiency, while taking account of cost-effectiveness. During project implementation, the department's professional teams maintain close communications with stakeholders while keeping a close eye on the works progress and strive to mitigate the impacts of the works on the environment and the public.

By adopting suitable construction technologies, we carry out the works in a safe and effective manner.

The HyD fully supports the Government's policy of "Innovation and Technology". We widely utilise Building Information Modelling enhancing construction efficiency and quality.

The HyD has introduced air purification systems in some of the new road tunnel projects for eliminating most respirable suspended particulates and nitrogen dioxide. As major road projects were commissioned successively to serve the general public, more new projects are being planned and designed to support development needs.

(Railway Development)

The HyD is tasked with the mission of planning future railway development and implementing new railway projects. We continue to develop a public transport-oriented system with railway as the backbone. Through the railway development strategy studies, the HyD maps out the blueprint for Hong Kong's railway development.

Construction, the gateway to Hong Kong's future.

Part II intro – Life

(Routine Duties)

The HyD is arranging appropriate repair and maintenance works in a timely manner through regularly inspecting roads and associated facilities as well as monitoring bridge structures and roadside slopes. The department also considers repaving the roads with low noise road surfacing materials to alleviate traffic noise impacts.

(LED Public Lighting Installation and Replacement Programme)

The HyD launched the LED Public Lighting Replacement Programme in 2018. We have also introduced the Smart Lighting Management System to provide more eco-friendly and reliable illumination for public roads.

When most people rest at night, the HyD forges ahead to keep road facilities in good condition.

(Road Works Co-ordination and Control)

The HyD is also responsible for issuing excavation permits and expressway works permits to ensure that road opening works and expressway works can be implemented systematically.

(Handling of Emergencies)

During the rainy and tropical cyclone season, the HyD stands ready to activate the Emergency Control Centre. In case of road blockage caused by landslides, fallen trees or objects blown away by strong wind, the Emergency Control Centre will co-ordinate for prompt clearance work so as to restore road traffic.

Part III intro – Every Step

(Universal Accessibility Programme)

In 2012, the HyD launched the Universal Accessibility Programme to install lifts and other barrier-free access facilities at public walkways.

(Providing Covers to Walkways)

The HyD has been proactively implementing walkway cover projects according to local needs.

(Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems)

The HyD has constructed a number of Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems to facilitate comfortable and convenient access to hillside areas.

(Streetscape Enhancement)

The HyD decorates different corners of the city with vegetation along roadside slopes and aesthetic paving and street facility designs, creating unique streetscapes for different districts.

(Vegetation Replacement and Maintenance)

The HyD maintains vegetation for slopes under its purview and within expressway boundaries. Among these, Acacia trees planted in the fifties and the sixties have now reached their senescent stage and the HyD is gradually replacing the senescent Acacia trees with native seedlings and shrubs.

Stonewall trees are part of Hong Kong's unique cityscape. While preserving these invaluable trees, we also ensure the safety of road users to achieve true harmony between people and trees.

Ending

Living in this same city, every second we strive to move forward.

Wherever there are people, there are roads.

The HyD paves the way for all walks of life.