

## 2010-11 Policy Address

# Ten Major Infrastructure Projects

*The 2007-08 Policy Address announced 10 major infrastructure projects to promote economic development in Hong Kong and create employment opportunities. These projects are making good progress as set out below.*

### South Island Line

**Progress:** The MTR Corporation Limited is working on the detailed planning and design for the project. Construction is expected to commence in 2011 for completion in 2015.

### Sha Tin to Central Link

**Progress:** Design and site investigation are underway in parallel with public consultation, which is expected to complete within this year. We plan to gazette the project by early 2011 and seek to start work in 2012.

### Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass

**Progress:** Preliminary design and site investigation for the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link will be completed in early 2011, while the alignment options for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass are under review and consultation. We aim to synchronise the commissioning of these two projects with that of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

### Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link

**Progress:** Construction commenced in January 2010 for completion in 2015.

### Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

**Progress:** Construction of the Main Bridge commenced in December 2009. The three governments have established the legal framework for the construction and operation of the Main Bridge, and the financing arrangements with the lead bank are expected to be finalised by the end of 2010. As regards local projects, detailed design and site investigation for the reclamation works of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities are underway, while preliminary preparation for the design and construction of the Hong Kong Link Road has just begun. Our aim is to tally the commissioning of these projects with that of the Main Bridge in 2016.

### Rail connection between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports

**Progress:** Preliminary feasibility study has confirmed the technical feasibility of the alignment. Apart from enhancing co-operation between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports, another major function of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line is to promote the development of Qianhai and the Northwest New Territories. Its design has to take into consideration and tie in with the planning of these two areas.

### Lok Ma Chau Loop

**Progress:** The Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development, established in 2008, commissioned a joint study on the development of Lok Ma Chau Loop in mid-2009. It aims to consult the public in Hong Kong and Shenzhen on the preliminary outline development plan in late 2010 or early 2011. The study is scheduled for completion in 2012.

### West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)

**Progress:** The WKCD Authority, established in 2008, is conducting a three-stage public engagement exercise, with a view to formulating a detailed Development Plan for WKCD. Phase I core arts and cultural facilities are expected to be completed in stages starting from 2015.

### Kai Tak Development

**Progress:** In November 2007, the Executive Council approved the statutory Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan. In accordance with the Plan, the Government formulated the Kai Tak Development which is being implemented in stages. Works of the first stage, including public housing, cruise terminal and associated supporting infrastructure, are in progress. The first berth of the cruise terminal commenced construction in November 2009 and is expected to come into operation in mid-2013, together with the cruise terminal building which will be completed a year earlier than originally scheduled. The second berth is expected to come into operation in 2014.

### North East New Territories (NENT) New Development Areas (NDAs) and Hung Shui Kiu NDA

**Progress:** The planning and engineering (P&E) study for the NENT NDAs commenced in June 2008 for completion in 2011. Construction works are expected to commence in 2016 at the earliest, with a view to completing the first phase of the project for population intake by 2021. The P&E study for the Hung Shui Kiu NDA, currently under preparation, is expected to commence in 2011.