

Hong Kong enjoys some of the most advanced business infrastructure in the world. Businesses and companies can take advantage of the leading business infrastructure to maximise their opportunities throughout the region.

In the next few years, annual capital works expenditure is expected to reach HK\$100 billion, and the annual total construction output will increase to around HK\$300 billion.

### **Building for the Future**

# *Northern Metropolis* – 300 km², 926,000 flats, 2.5 million population, and 650,000 jobs

The 2021 Policy Address outlines the plan to develop the northern part of Hong Kong into a metropolitan area for people to live, work and travel in the next 20 years. Through the formation of a spatial framework of "Twin Cities, Three Circles", social and economic collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in economic development, infrastructure, innovation and technology and ecological conservation can be further improved.

# Lantau Tomorrow Vision – 1,700 ha, 400,000 units, 1.1 million population, and 340,000 jobs

Among the largest in scale providing land supply, the artificial islands in the Central Waters, the studies of which commenced in 2021, optimise the transport network of Hong Kong and boost the commercial development potential of North Lantau.

## Railway Projects – railway network expansion up to 2031 at HK\$110 billion

Being the backbone of public transport system, new railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 include Tung Chung Line Extension, Tuen Mun South Extension, Northern Link and Hung Shui Kiu Station.

# Hong Kong International Airport Expansion – undergoing HK\$40 billion upgrade up to 2030

Together with the Three-runway System, the premium logistics centre and future development of AsiaWorld-Expo, the "Airport City" transformed under the Hong Kong Port Island development includes the 350,000 m2 SKYCITY, automated car parks, autonomous transportation system, air cargo logistics and related supporting facilities, etc.

# Energizing Kowloon East – 500 ha, 30,000 units, 130,000 population, and 110,000 jobs

The initiative sets out to facilitate transformation of the old industrial areas and the former Kai Tak Airport into Hong Kong's second core business district and a desirable place to work, live and enjoy a high-quality lifestyle including the Kai Tak Sports Park, East Kowloon Cultural Centre, and multi-modal Linkage System.

### **Industry Development**

#### The 14th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area

The Plan promulgates expedition of the construction of inter city railways, co ordinated planning for the positioning of ports and airports, and optimisation of the allocation of maritime and aviation resources to strengthen connectivity in the Greater Bay Area, and also raises support for Hong Kong to enhance its status as an international aviation hub.

### **Belt and Road Opportunities**

Mainland China has invested about US\$770 billion into projects along the Belt and Road Initiative routes, with over one third of the investments in transport infrastructure projects such as ports, railways, and roads, and real estate projects. Being renowned for its excellent professional services, Hong Kong can benefit from the ample opportunities ahead.



# Hong Kong Infrastructure

#### Green Building Boom

With growing awareness of the need for environmental protection, Hong Kong is outstanding in terms of integration and application of technologies and know-how in designing and constructing green buildings. More than 2,300 buildings are certified by *BEAM Plus*.

#### **Technology Adoption**

The construction industry has been promoting efficiency and innovation by adopting modern construction methods and techniques, information technology and automation technology. Building Information Modelling (BIM) has increased across the industry. Adoption of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), prefabricated steel rebar, and other advanced technologies such as automated wall plastering machines also helps increase productivity.

### Preferential Access to Mainland China for Hong Kong-based Professional Services

By obtaining equivalent qualifications through a simple registration system, eligible consultant firms in architecture, engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, and planning enterprises and professionals are able to directly provide services in the Greater Bay Area.

### **Government Support**

To encourage wider adoption of innovative constructive methods and new technologies in the construction industry, the Government has set up a HK\$1 billion Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) to promote productivity, uplifting built quality, improving site safety and enhancing environmental performance.



### **Useful Links**

### **Architectural Services Department**

archsd.gov.hk

#### **Buildings Department**

bd.gov.hk

### Civil Engineering and Development Department

cedd.gov.hk

### **Construction Industry Council**

cic.hk

### Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre

citac.cic.hk

# Construction Innovation and Technology Fund

citf.cic.hk

### **Drainage Services Department**

dsd.gov.hk

### Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

emsd.gov.hk

#### **Energy Efficiency**

emsd.gov.hk/en/energy\_efficiency/index.html

### **Highways Department**

hyd.gov.hk

### **Hong Kong Housing Society**

hkhs.com

### **Lands Department**

landsd.gov.hk

### **Planning Department**

pland.gov.hk

### **Urban Renewal Authority**

ura.org.hk

### **Water Supplies Department**

wsd.gov.hk

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