

## Highways Department highly concerned about accident happened at Central Kowloon Route works site

The Director of Highways, Mr Jimmy Chan, was highly concerned about the incident happened at the works site of Central Kowloon Route – Yau Ma Tei East (Contract No.: HY/2014/08) today (November 11), expressing sadness to workers being injured while at work, and paid visit to the hospital to extend sympathies to the injured workers and their family members. Mr Chan has also instructed the project team to seriously follow up the cause of the incident, carry out a comprehensive review on the safety procedures and measures of the works site, and offer necessary assistance to the injured workers and their family members.

At around 1.30pm today, an accident happened while the contractor was lifting rebars using a crane lorry at the works site located at the junction of Kansu Street and Ferry Street. Four workers transporting rebars were hit by the rebars and got injured. They were later sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital respectively for medical treatment.

The Highways Department attaches great importance to industrial safety of the works sites and has all along been requesting contractors to strictly implement safety management and different safety measures to ensure the works progress in a safe manner. After the incident, the area concerned has been fenced off and the relevant works procedure has also been suspended. The department has urged the related personnel of the project to fully review the site safety and implement improvement measures in order to uplift site safety and avoid the re-occurrence of similar accidents.

The main contractor of the project concerned is Build King – SK ecoplant Joint Venture and the subcontractor employing the injured workers is Time Concept Construction Ltd. The project mainly includes the construction of cut-and-cover tunnels at Yau Ma Tei, reprovisioning of Gascoigne Road Flyover and construction/reprovisioning of other related facilities. The construction works commenced in January 2018 and are anticipated to be completed by end-2025 as planned.