

LegCo Panel on Transport visits Central – Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport conducted a visit to the Central – Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (CWB) today (January 4) to better understand the latest development of the project before its commissioning.

The CWB is 4.5 kilometres long of which 3.7km is in form of a tunnel, and connects the Rumsey Street Flyover in Central and the Island Eastern Corridor in North Point. Members first received a briefing by the Director of Highways, Mr Jimmy Chan, on the CWB project and the arrangements for its commissioning. Members then visited the CWB Tunnel to learn more its key features.

Members learnt that the CWB Tunnel will introduce the first air purification system for use in road tunnels in Hong Kong, which can effectively remove at least 80 per cent of the respirable suspended particulates and nitrogen dioxide, resulting in air purification. Members also expressed concerns on issues relating to the effects of CWB in diverting traffic flows and the transport arrangements in the vicinity of the entrances and exits of CWB near Wan Chai and Tin Hau.

Stage one of CWB will be commissioned on January 20. CWB will be fully commissioned after the opening of the carriageway connected with the Rumsey Street Flyover westbound.

Members participating in the visit included the Panel Chairman, Mr Chan Han-pan; the Deputy Panel Chairman, Mr Jeremy Tam; Panel members Ms Claudia Mo, Mr Michael Tien, Mr Yiu Si-wing, Mr Charles Mok, Mr Poon Siu-ping, Dr Cheng Chung-tai, Mr Gary Fan, Mr Au Nok-hin, Mr Tony Tse; as well as non-Panel members Mr James To, Mr Kwok Wai-keung and Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan.



