<u>LegCo Panel on Transport visits Tuen</u> <u>Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Northern</u> <u>Connection (with photos)</u>

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

â€<The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport conducted a visit to the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) Northern Connection (Northern Connection) today (December 17) to better understand the latest development of the project before its commissioning on December 27 this year.

Members first received a briefing by the Project Manager/Major Works (Special Duties) of the Highways Department, Mr Chris Wong, on the project of the Northern Connection and the arrangements for its commissioning. Members then visited the South Portal and the lowest point of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel to learn more about the innovative engineering solutions and the key features of the tunnel. One of the key features is the service gallery under the tunnel's carriageway where drainage pipes, fire mains, power supplies and control systems are installed, so that part of the daily maintenance works can be carried out at the same time during tunnel operation.

The TM-CLKL is the route between the Northwest New Territories and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), the Hong Kong International Airport and North Lantau and it comprises the Northern Connection and Southern Connection. The Northern Connection is 5.5 kilometres long, of which about five km is the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel, a subsea road tunnel. The Southern Connection connects the HZMB Hong Kong Port and North Lantau on viaducts, was opened to traffic in October 2018.

Members participating in the visit included the Panel Chairman, Mr Frankie Yick; Panel members Mrs Regina Ip, Mr Michael Tien, Mr Yiu Si-wing, Mr Poon Siu-ping, Dr Lo Wai-kwok, Mr Kenneth Lau and Mr Tony Tse; as well as non-Panel members Mr Jeffrey Lam, Mr Wong Ting-kwong, Ms Alice Mak and Mr Chan Chun-ying.





