## <u>Transcript of remarks by Director of</u> <u>Highways</u>

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Director of Highways, Mr Chan Pai-ming, on ventilation fan components of the Air Purification System at the East Ventilation Building of the Central — Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link at a media session after attending the special meeting of the Legislative Council Finance Committee today (April 10):

Reporter: How rare it is for the ventilation system to break down in such a short time?

Director of Highways: It is not a very common situation and that is why we are carrying out a detailed investigation to find out the cause of the problem, what led to the damage of the ventilation fans. When we have the results of the investigation, we will take necessary actions and follow up with the parties concerned.

Reporter: Was the damage severe?

Director of Highways: Altogether there are 15 ventilation fans (in the East Ventilation Building). We found that seven of the fans had some problems. This is the extent of the problem that we can see now.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)