

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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||| STAY CURIOUS, STAY POSITIVE.
KEEP GOING, KEEP EXPLORING. |||

I am enthusiastic and grateful to witness the publication of this Sustainability Report and to convey my first message as the Director of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) in the Report. Together with our members of senior staff forum, we decided to use **“Go Beyond · Reach New Horizons”** as the theme of the report. Thanks to the concerted efforts of my predecessor and colleagues, we continue to grow stronger as we advance our vision and mission.

Year 2021 marks the 35th anniversary of ArchSD. For over three decades, we integrate social consideration and use design thinking as a tool to facilitate stakeholder communication to provide the general public with accessible public and leisure spaces for inter-generational solidarity, enhancing the community with heart and care. This innovative, human-centric and nature-balanced design concept is well reflected in our projects “Hoi Ha Visitor Centre”, “Tai Po Lung Mei Beach Building”, “Kai Tak Promenade (Hong Kong Children’s Hospital Section)” and “Wan Chai Pier Harbourfront Area”.

Setting our sights on creating a healthy and low carbon lifestyle for our citizen, as well as transforming Hong Kong into a sustainable and lively city in the future, we aim to raise the quality of public facilities in Hong Kong to a new level to improve productivity, quality and sustainable performance through innovation. Our project “Fire Services Department Pak Shing Kok Married Quarters”, being the first high-rise concrete modular integrated construction (MiC) building project in Hong Kong, showcases the possibility of adopting the latest innovative and sustainable construction methodologies, and advances Hong Kong’s construction industry towards a new horizon.

Our desire to explore opportunities and push the limits has earned us professional and industry-wide recognition. In 2020, our project “Hong Kong Children’s Hospital” was awarded with both the top Quality Excellence Award and the Grand Award of Hong Kong Non-Residential

(New Building – Government, Institution or Community) Category. Another project, “North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre” received a Highly Commended Award in the European Health Design Award 2021 – Design for Adaptation and Transformation Category. On training and development, our “TechnoLand” programme specially designed for our technical officers was bestowed “Silver Award” and “Excellence in Future Skills Development” in Award for Excellence in Training and Development 2021 organised by The Hong Kong Management Association. We are developing our “Corporate Intelligence” (CO-i) digitalisation programme and this programme received a Bronze Award in the Construction Industry Council (CIC) Construction Digitalisation Award 2021 (Organisation Category – Client). We feel extremely honored and encouraged for these achievements.

I am sincerely grateful for the endless efforts made by our partners, clients and multigenerational colleagues that have culminated in our achievements, enabling ArchSD to look beyond the present and to reach new horizons.

In line with the spirit of “We Build Our City. We Build Your Dream”, the slogan of ArchSD’s 35th anniversary, let us join hands to shape our beloved city together.

Wishing you all achieving your goals and adding grandeur in life!

Cheers,

