

## Gearing Up...for a Far Journey

"For a Far Journey" ("引重致遠") comes from Part II of I-Ching's Commentary on the Appended Judgements (《周易●繋辭下》) – "They tamed the ox and yoked the horse, to enable them to carry heavy loads for a far journey, for the benefit of the world…" ("服牛乘馬,引重致遠,以利天下…") What this really means is that one has to work diligently and devote persistent efforts in order to go far and beyond and make contributions to the society at the same time.

After ten years of hard work, Shenzhen Expressway has attained and accumulated substantial project resources, but it is also facing the pressure from the resulting capital expenditure and financing costs. The adoption of "Gearing Up...for a Far Journey" as the theme of this year's annual report, on the one hand, reflects the Company's focus of work in the next two years: consolidating and developing quality resources, with relevant adjustments to be made to underperforming projects. On the other hand, the theme denotes the fact that Shenzhen Expressway has now reached a critical point of its development, and that it must make its best efforts to achieve farther and higher objectives. Meanwhile, in enhancing the benefits for shareholders and itself, the Company should also bear in mind its social responsibilities and strive to be a responsible corporate citizen.