

## **WHY IS SLOPE MAINTENANCE IMPORTANT ?**

- The lack of maintenance of slopes can lead to landslides.

## **ARE PRIVATE OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SLOPE MAINTENANCE ?**

- Generally, the maintenance responsibility of slopes within the boundaries of private lots rests with the respective land owners. Private owners may also be liable for the maintenance of slopes falling on Government land pursuant to the terms of land leases, other relevant land documents or circumstances.

## **HOW TO OBTAIN SLOPE MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY INFORMATION ?**

- Based on a Systematic Identification of Maintenance Responsibility of Slopes in the Territory (SIMAR) Project initiated in 1996, a Slope Maintenance Responsibility Information System (SMRIS) has been developed within Lands Department for the disclosure, management and updating of the maintenance responsibility information in respect of man-made slopes in the Catalogue of Slopes maintained by the Civil Engineering and Development Department.
- The public can have access to the SMRIS via the Internet at Lands Department website [www.slope.landsd.gov.hk/](http://www.slope.landsd.gov.hk/)
- Options to display information in English, traditional Chinese characters and simplified Chinese characters are available.

- The SMRIS allows search of information and map by 7 types of keywords:

- (1) Slope number
- (2) Building name
- (3) Estate name
- (4) Street name
- (5) Lot number
- (6) Licence number
- (7) Short term tenancy number

- Maintenance responsibility information and slope location plans can be printed from the SMRIS.
- From the first set-up to 2009, there have been over 1,400,000 visitors to the SMRIS since the set up. The average monthly hit rate exceeds 10,000.
- The information of maintenance responsibility can also be accessed via the computer terminal in the SIMAR Unit of the Lands Department by pre-arranged appointment.

## **ENQUIRIES**

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**POINTS TO NOTE :**

The slope maintenance responsibility information displayed in the SMRIS is only the Lands Department's opinion. Users are advised to read carefully the "Disclaimer" displayed thereon. They should inspect the relevant land documents and consult their own advisers for independent advice and opinion where necessary.