

## Thank you for the past year

To begin with, I would like to thank you all for excellent achievements and great cooperation during the past year.

I would also like to catch this opportunity to draw your attention to the Code of Conduct of Trafikverket. It serves as a guidance not only for the employees of Trafikverket but also for the suppliers of services to Trafikverket. Therefore, the Code of Conduct is included in every business contract of Trafikverket. It is important that we all make sure that the Code of Conduct is respected and complied with in our daily work.

In recent years, media has reported on some serious irregularities involving Swedish public authorities as well as private undertakings. Statistics reveal that in 2018, more than a third of the convictions regarding bribe crime involved the business of building and construction.

I consider this a grave and troublesome development. Because of this, our common efforts to strengthen the trust in our business is particularly important.

Ever since the public authority Trafikverket was created, we have systematically worked with ethics and morals. This is done in order to maintain the public trust in the operation of Trafikverket specifically and the operation of public authorities at large. Considering the general development in society with regard to corruption, we believe that our efforts cannot be reduced. Instead, it is crucial to maintain a strong focus on this issue.

Trafikverket has been entrusted the handling of large sums of tax money and together with you, our suppliers, we perform a task that is very important to society. In that, we must also protect society from corruption and other irregularities.

With Christmas season pending and with respect to our Code of Conduct, as in previous years I would like to ask you to please refrain from offering Christmas gifts or sending invitations to activities for pleasure or enjoyment to the employees of Trafikverket. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a nice Christmas holiday.

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