

Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service to hold hearings to receive oral evidence from invited parties

The following is issued on behalf of the Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service:

The Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service will hold hearings to receive oral evidence from nominated representatives of the interested parties as follows:

Date/Time	Venue	Interested Parties
July 30 (Monday) (10am to 5.30pm, with a break between 1pm and 2.30pm)	Auditorium of the Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar	Trade unions, representatives of: (AM session) Motor Transport Workers General Union, including its sub-unions: • Citybus Branch; • KMB Branch; • Long Win Bus Branch; • New Lantao Bus Branch; and • New World Bus Branch (PM session) The Federation of Bus Industry Trade Unions, including its members: • KMB Staff Union; • New World First Bus Company Staff Union; and • Citybus Limited Employees Union KMB Employees Union;
July 31 (Tuesday) (10am to 5.30pm, with a break between 1pm and 2.30pm)	Auditorium of the Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar	Staff Rights Association of KMB; Monthly-Rated Drivers Union; and Part-time Drivers Union

August 1
(Wednesday)
(10am to 4.30pm,
with a break
between 1pm to
2.30pm)

Auditorium of the
Central Government
Offices, 2 Tim Mei
Avenue, Tamar

Ms Debby Wong and Mr
Kelvin Yeung, employees
of the Kowloon Motor Bus
Company (1933) Limited;
and

Mr Raymond Cheng, a
former employee of the
Kowloon Motor Bus Company
(1933) Limited

The Committee's rules of procedure for the receipt of oral evidence and notice to the public attending the hearings to receive oral evidence are available on the Committee's website (www.irc-bus.gov.hk/eng/press.html).

Having received and considered written submissions from various interested parties, and in order to obtain further information, the Committee is in the process of inviting specific interested parties to give oral evidence to the Committee through nominated representatives. Eight hearings have been held so far to receive oral evidence from:

(A) Representatives of –

- the Transport and Housing Bureau;
- the Transport Department;
- the New World First Bus Services Limited and Citybus Limited;
- the New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited;
- Tai Po, Shatin and Sham Shui Po District Councils;
- ZF Friedrichshafen AG and Openmatics s.r.o.; and
- the Community for Road Safety.

(B) Mr Alok Jain, a former employee of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited.

A transcript of that evidence (and a translation in Chinese) is available on the Committee's website (www.irc-bus.gov.hk/eng/transcripts.html).

The Committee wishes to invite family members of the victims and passengers on board the bus involved in the fatal incident on Tai Po Road, and other recent serious incidents involving franchised bus services, to attend the hearings, and invites them to contact the Secretariat in advance of the hearings if they wish to attend. Except for seats reserved for such persons as well as the media and specifically identified interested parties, all available seats in the hearing venues will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. A registration counter will open at 9.30am on July 30, July 31 and August 1.

Enquiries regarding the hearings may be directed to the Secretariat of the Committee at 2867 5324.

Tenders invited for a licence for two automatic vending machines

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The tender notices were uploaded today (July 27) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 31/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to inspect the site should make a prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7697 on or before August 3.

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Details of the further amendments are set out in the Annex. The second amendment plans and second amendment scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, North District Government Offices,
3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories

Ta Kwu Ling Community Hall,
G/F, Ta Kwu Ling Rural Centre Government Building,
136 Ping Che Road, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories

North District Community Centre,
G/F, 2 Lung Wan Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories

District Lands Office, North,
6/F, North District Government Offices,
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The gazette notice, second amendment scheme, second amendment plans and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the proposed further amendments is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection

in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the proposed further amendments. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than September 26, 2018.

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