

Bus Safety Excellence Award commends multidisciplinary staff and encourages trade to promote safety awareness (with photos/video)

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 3) held the Bus Safety Excellence Award Ceremony 2025 to commend multidisciplinary staff of franchised bus operators (FBOs) with excellent performances in enhancing bus safety in daily operations, with a view to encouraging the trade to promote safety awareness with ongoing efforts. About 200 participants attended the ceremony.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Kevin Choi, said that continuously enhancing bus safety is a shared priority of the Government and FBOs, which requires both hardware equipment and staff training to complement each other. While bus captains shoulder the important duty of safe driving, the dedication of and collaboration among professional teams behind them are equally indispensable in ensuring stable services. Mr Choi expressed gratitude to the contributions of staff at different positions, who upheld professionalism in delivering safe and reliable bus services. He looked forward to ongoing efforts of the trade in fostering a safety culture and the importance of vehicle safety extensively, thereby providing a safe commute for passengers at large.

Also officiating at the ceremony were Legislative Council (LegCo) Member (Transport) Mr Frankie Yick; the Chairman of the LegCo Panel on Transport, Mr Chan Siu-hung; the Deputy Chairman of the LegCo Panel on Transport, Mr Yiu Pak-leung; the Commissioner for Transport, Ms Angela Lee; the Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee, Professor Stephen Cheung; Independent Expert Member of the Committee on Enhancement of Franchised Bus Safety Professor Wong Sze-chun; and the Chief Superintendent of Police (Traffic) of the Hong Kong Police Force, Mr Leung Shun. The officiating guests hosted the kick-off ceremony and urged road users to take heed of safety tips, including "staying courteous and alert", "obeying traffic regulations", "keeping a safe distance" and "driving attentively, no speeding".

The Excellence Award this year gave recognition to a total of 57 staff members, comprising 28 bus captains, six driving instructors, 12 inspectors/regulators and 11 engineers/mechanics from five teams. Among them, the engineer/mechanic teams competed in bus safety projects for the first time, with their entries assessed by the TD based on safety benefits, creativity and technological application. The winning entries, such as a predictive bus maintenance system and the application of an AI digital video recording system on both buses and emergency rescue vehicles, effectively made good use of technologies in enhancing safety and efficiency.

Awardees in the other categories were nominated by FBOs and assessed by

the TD. Regarding the assessment criteria, bus captains should have a clean traffic accident record and no driving offence records, and their driving attitude and skills were assessed. Driving instructors should provide effective safety training for bus captains while inspectors/regulators should maintain effective management of buses' daily operations. At the ceremony, special guest Matthew Ho had interactive quiz games with bus trade representatives, strengthening their understanding of a proper driving attitude and bus safety tips.

The list of awardees this year is set out in the Annex.

