

Opening designated stopping places within prohibited zones of Shenzhen Bay Port and Hong Kong Port of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge for use by taxi fleets under trial operations

The Government announced today (May 29) that, starting from May 30, designated stopping places within the prohibited zones of the Shenzhen Bay Port and the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will be open for use by two taxi fleets currently under trial operations (namely Joie and SynCab) to facilitate the fleets in picking up passengers with pre-booked trips. Passengers can book their journeys through the fleets' mobile applications or other online hailing channels, and board the taxis at the designated stopping places. The locations of these designated stopping places are shown in the Annex.

A spokesman for the Transport Department (TD) said, "The measure provides convenience to members of the public and visitors to enjoy quality fleet taxi services, and enables fleet operators to collect operational data and passenger feedback during trial operations, with a view to providing reliable services of higher quality at the time of official service commencement."

At this stage, the above two fleets operate a total of about 300 taxis on a trial basis, and they will be issued with a prohibited zone permit by the TD. The taxis will feature an exclusive livery design or marking for the public's easy identification. For the remaining three selected taxi fleets, the TD will also open the designated stopping places for their use when they commence trial operations.

The spokesman said, "The Government is committed to enhancing taxi service quality, and the introduction of taxi fleets is one of the key initiatives. The TD will continue to actively promote and assist the gearing-up work of the fleets with a view to commencing operations early."