

## Remarks by STL at media session

Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, at a media session today (May 17):

Reporter: What's the outcome of yesterday's meeting with ride hailing services operators? What's the next step being planned to address the concerns raised by taxi drivers who may consider to step up their action? And finally, any progress on the future legislative proposal to regulate ride hailing services? Thank you.

Secretary for Transport and Logistics: In enhancing the personalised point-to-point services, we have been taking three-pronged measures. First of all, we have been helping the taxi sector to improve their service quality by creating five taxi fleets. The feature of these fleets is basically to provide e-hailing services and they will also provide new electric cars to enhance their services. The second prong is that we are actively pursuing our internal review and survey on the passenger demand on the provision of e-hailing services and we are actively doing that. In this process, we have been arranging and lining up regular sessions with relevant stakeholders, including in particular the taxi trade representatives as well as existing e-hailing platform operators and those potential candidates who are interested to operate in Hong Kong. Yesterday's meeting as well as the meeting by the Transport Department with the taxi trade were two of the series of meetings we have held in collecting their views and listening to their concerns. We will be meeting them on a regular basis in order to solicit and gather the updated views and suggestions so as to finalise our internal study and survey on the demand and requirements needed to regulate the e-hailing platform services in the future.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the remarks)