

Remarks by STL on LAE Regulatory Sandbox at media session

Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, at a media session after attending the Low-altitude Economy Regulatory Sandbox – Launch Event today (March 20):

Reporter: When will the projects start testing and officially be of service? How will the Government help researchers overcome any regulatory obstacles that they might face? Thank you.

Secretary for Transport and Logistics: The trial of the sandbox projects will help us accumulate experience and data in order to enable the Government and relevant departments to map out and devise a comprehensive infrastructure support for the execution of various low-altitude economy activities.

With the amendment of the existing regulation regulating the low-altitude flying drones, we would like to increase the existing weight limit, so as to facilitate heavier and more sophisticated drones to be flying. On the other hand, we will also introduce a special provision enabling the Director-General of Civil Aviation to allow trials of even more sophisticated and heavier low-altitude equipment, so as to facilitate our trial of the state-of-the-art models, including those models which can carry passengers.

With the launch of the various sandbox projects from April and in the coming months ahead, we really hope that the society and the members of the public will visualise the projects, and they can even touch these projects. We hope that with all these projects launching, we would incorporate innovation and technology into our daily lives.

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