Adjustment of bus services to and from Airport and HZMB Hong Kong Port

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (March 28), in view of the implementation of enhanced anti-epidemic measures, among which non-Hong Kong residents coming by plane would be denied entry to Hong Kong with effect from March 25, and the significant drop in the number of cross-boundary passengers using the Airport, the following bus services serving in different districts to and from the Airport and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Port (HKP) will be adjusted starting from April 1 (Wednesday).

- 1. Citybus (CTB) routes No. All, A21, A22, A29, E23, E23A and N21 their service headways will be lengthened by not more than 15 minutes throughout the operation period.
- 2. Long Win (LWB) routes No. A31, A32, A33X, A36, A37, A41, A41P, A43, E31, E32A, E34A, E34B, E42, NA33 and NA34 their service headways will be lengthened by not more than 15 minutes during peak hours and adjusted to not more than 60 minutes during non-peak hours.
- 3. CTB routes No. A10, A12, A20 and A26, and LWB routes No. A38, A43P and A47X their service hours will be revised and their headways will be adjusted to or maintained in not more than 60 minutes. For LWB route No. A33, one departure will be operated in each direction during peak hours. Details of the service arrangements are given in the Annex.
- 4. CTB routes No. A17, A23 and NA12 (one departure daily) will be suspended due to persistent low passenger demand. Passengers of CTB route No. A17 can take other public transport services and interchange with CTB route Nos. A11 or A12. Passengers of CTB route No. A23 can take alternative services operating in the vicinity, such as CTB routes No. A22, E23 or E23A, etc. Passengers of CTB route No. NA12 can take NWFB routes No. N8, N8P or CTB N8X and interchange with CTB route No. NA11.

Passengers going to and from the Airport and HZMB HKP, apart from taking those Airport bus routes in service and making interchanges, may also consider taking Airport Express and interchanging with other bus services. Passengers are advised to check with the public transport operators concerned on the detailed service arrangements and allow sufficient traveling time.

The TD has approved the service adjustments of the relevant bus routes for a period of seven days. We will take into consideration the actual circumstances to review the service adjustments each week and keep contact with the bus companies to adjust the services according to the needs of passengers. Passengers should pay attention to the Government's latest announcements.

Update on COVID-19 test centres

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

From March 20 to 9pm today (March 28), 533 and 131 people have been referred to the test centres at the AsiaWorld-Expo and North Lantau Hospital respectively for COVID-19 viral test. So far, 575 people have negative test results for COVID-19 and have returned to their residence to continue the home quarantine.

Preliminary positive test results will be further confirmed by the Department of Health and announced as confirmed cases in due course.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (March 28), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 302 patients (144 male and 158 female, aged 1 to 95) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 501 patients under isolation currently. So far, 112 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infection have been discharged upon recovery.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

<u>Buildings Department adjusts its</u> <u>public services from March 30</u>

In view of the latest situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Buildings Department (BD) announced today (March 28) that from next Monday (March 30),

for the sake of reducing social contact, the opening hours of the Receipt and Dispatch Counter located at the office of the BD's New Buildings Divisions at 7/F, 14 Taikoo Wan Road, Taikoo Shing, Hong Kong, will be adjusted to 8.30am to 3pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except public holidays) for receipt of statutory submissions and related documents and forms for new building works, and for applicants to collect the relevant plans and documents that have been processed.

The BD will maintain other emergency, essential and limited public services listed in the press release issued on March 22.

Emergency reports can be made on 1823. For general enquiries and reports, members of the public may call 1823 or inform the department by email (enquiry@bd.gov.hk), online reporting (eform.one.gov.hk/form/bd0001/en), fax (2537 4992) or post (North Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon). In addition, electronic information can be submitted to the BD via receipt@bd.gov.hk.

Fatal traffic accident in Tuen Mun

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tuen Mun this morning (March 28) in which a 55-year-old man died.

At 8.39am, a private car driven by a 47-year-old woman was travelling along Tai Fong Street towards LRT Tai Hing (South) Station, while an LRT train was travelling along Tai Fong Street towards Town Centre Station. When approaching LRT Tai Hing (South) Station, the private car reportedly went out of control and knocked down the 55-year-old man who was crossing the road. It then collided with the LRT train.

Sustaining multiple injuries, the pedestrian was rushed to Tuen Mun Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 9.56am. The private car driver sustained waist and leg injuries. She was sent to Tuen Mun Hospital in conscious state.

The private car driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. She has been released on bail pending further enquiries and is required to report back to Police in late April.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3800.