

# TD launches new version of "HKeMobility" mobile application

The Transport Department (TD) today (March 25) launched a new version of the "HKeMobility" mobile application. The new version has adopted a brand new user interface, providing personalised traffic and public transport information and additional real-time arrival information to enhance the user experience and facilitate commuting and route planning by the public.

The new "HKeMobility" enables users to create shortcuts for quick access to traffic and public transport information. Users can bookmark frequently visited stops or car parks for accessing real-time arrival or parking vacancy information more conveniently. With the personalised settings, users can obtain real-time traffic and public transport information based on the selected districts, travel routes, times and more. By referencing users' locations, the mobile application also provides nearby traffic and public transport information, such as details of the locations of the nearest stops, the public transport routes available and their real-time arrival information.

Regarding the additional real-time arrival information, with the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) and Long Win Bus Company Limited (LWB) releasing real-time arrival information to the Government, "HKeMobility" has added real-time arrival information of KMB and LWB. The information is also released in machine-readable formats via the Public Sector Information (PSI) Portal ([data.gov.hk](http://data.gov.hk)) for free use by the public.

In addition, the TD is further disseminating real-time arrival information of 72 green minibus (GMB) routes in "HKeMobility" and the PSI Portal from today ([www.td.gov.hk/en/transport\\_in\\_hong\\_kong/its/intelligent\\_transport\\_systems\\_strategy\\_review\\_and\\_rtais/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/its/intelligent_transport_systems_strategy_review_and_rtais/index.html)). The TD will continue to extend the dissemination of real-time arrival information of the remaining GMB routes, about 500 in total, in phases, with a view to achieving full implementation next year.

The promotional video "HKeMobility Makes Your Trip Easy" for "HKeMobility" has been uploaded to the TD YouTube channel ([youtu.be/Rm2Qovc10dY](https://youtu.be/Rm2Qovc10dY)).

For enquiries or comments on "HKeMobility", please call 1823 or email [tdenq@td.gov.hk](mailto:tdenq@td.gov.hk).

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## [Hongkong Post holiday arrangements for Easter holidays and Ching Ming Festival](#)

Hongkong Post announced today (March 25) that no mail delivery and no mail collection will be provided during the Easter holidays and the Ching Ming Festival from April 2 to 6. All post offices will be closed. In accordance with the usual practice, mail posted on the public holidays will be processed on the next working day.

For more information, members of the public may visit Hongkong Post's website at [www.hongkongpost.hk](http://www.hongkongpost.hk) or call the Hongkong Post enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

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## [Tourism Commission launches City in Time tourism project \(with photos\)](#)

The Tourism Commission today (March 25) launched the City in Time tourism project, which integrates augmented reality (AR) and multimedia technologies to present perfect combinations of historical panoramas and real-life surroundings. Together with lively animations and special sound effects, the project lets locals and tourists travel through time and enjoy enriched visual and audio experiences with their smartphones.

To experience 360-degree historical panoramas featuring heritage photos or illustrations by young Hong Kong artists, locals and tourists can scan the AR markers installed at designated locations using their smartphones with the "City in Time" mobile app downloaded. The mobile app is also equipped with a selfie function that enables users to share their City in Time experience with their friends on social media platforms. They can also understand more about the history of Hong Kong by browsing photos and information of the iconic spots with the mobile app.

"City in Time is a key project to promote cultural, creative and smart tourism, in which locals and tourists can enjoy a unique 360-degree AR experience easily with a dedicated mobile app along with redesigned visitor sign poles. Despite the disruptions to travel as a result of the epidemic, we will continue to strengthen the appeal of Hong Kong's attractions to prepare for the return of visitors by showcasing the city's distinctive culture and history," the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said.

The first phase of the City in Time project has been rolled out in seven designated locations in Central and six designated locations in Tsim Sha Tsui. The seven locations in Central are Edinburgh Place, Chater Road (near the Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong), Des Voeux Road Central (near Chater Garden), Statue Square, Pedder Street (near World-Wide House), Hollywood Road (near PMQ) and Pottinger Street (near Tai Kwun), while the six locations in Tsim Sha Tsui are Kowloon Park Drive (near the YMCA of Hong Kong), Nathan Road (near the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers), Salisbury Garden, Salisbury Road (near the Hong Kong Cultural Centre), the Former Kowloon-Canton Railway Clock Tower and the Tsim Sha Tsui Waterfront Promenade. The AR markers are installed on redesigned visitor sign poles at these locations. Each sign pole has a different colour combination to complement elements of local architecture and reflect the tastes of Hong Kong.

The mobile app is available for free download at the Apple App Store and Google Play. Locals and tourists can also embark on virtual journeys on the City in Time website ([cityintime.hk](http://cityintime.hk)).

The Yeung Kin Man Chair Professor of Media Art at the City University of Hong Kong, Professor Jeffrey Shaw, and his team were commissioned by the Tourism Commission to develop and produce the City in Time project, which will be gradually rolled out in other locations.





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## [Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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## [Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19 Immunisation assesses serious adverse events relating to COVID-19 vaccination](#)

The Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19

Immunisation (Expert Committee) convened a meeting today (March 24) to assess serious adverse events relating to COVID-19 vaccination including five death cases. The Expert Committee preliminarily considered that the events and the vaccination did not have direct causal association. However, the Expert Committee would wait for the full autopsy reports before concluding the causality assessment.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Adverse Events Following Immunisation refers to any untoward medical occurrence which follows immunisation and which does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine. Under the established mechanism, upon receipt of reports of death cases from the Hospital Authority (HA), the Department of Health (DH) will immediately contact the HA for further information and refer the cases to the Expert Committee for deliberation. The Expert Committee would conduct causality assessment based on the algorithm of the WHO with all available information. According to the risk communication plan endorsed by the Expert Committee, figures and summary of clinical events received will be released and updated through the designated website every two weeks. When serious adverse event involving death case within 14 days of vaccination is received, it will be announced via press release as soon as possible. An updated report (as at March 21) will be uploaded on Friday (March 26).

For the five death cases, the first case, which was first announced on March 2, involved a 63-year-old man who received treatment in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and passed away on February 28. The autopsy report indicated that the patient died of acute pulmonary oedema due to acute myocardial infarction, other investigation results did not reveal any possible immunological reactions due to vaccine. Based on the WHO algorithm, the Expert Committee considered that the causality assessment of the deceased's outcome with COVID-19 vaccination was inconsistent.

The second case, which was announced on March 13, involved an 80-year-old man who received treatment in the Caritas Medical Centre and passed away on March 13. Based on the medical history and preliminary autopsy findings of acute myocardial infarction, which led to pulmonary oedema and death, the Expert Committee considered that the deceased's outcome was not directly associated with COVID-19 vaccination.

The third case, which was announced on March 13, involved a 63-year-old man who received treatment in the North District Hospital and passed away on March 14. Based on the medical history and preliminary autopsy findings of heart failure, the Expert Committee considered that the deceased's outcome was not directly associated with COVID-19 vaccination.

The fourth case, which was announced on March 19, was about a 66-year-old man who received treatment in Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and passed away on March 19. He had received a dose of Comirnaty on March 16. Based on the patient's history of diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidaemia, the Expert Committee preliminarily considered that the deceased's outcome was not directly associated with COVID-19 vaccination but will conduct causality

assessment when the preliminary autopsy report is available.

The fifth case was about an 80-year-old woman with history of hypertension and diabetes. She was found non-responsive at home on March 19. There was no sign of life when ambulance arrived and later confirmed death at Queen Mary Hospital. She received a dose of CoronaVac on March 2, i.e. 17 days before her death. Based on the medical history and preliminary autopsy findings of cardiovascular disease and heart failure, which possibly led to arrhythmia, the Expert Committee considered that the deceased's outcome was not directly associated with COVID-19 vaccination.

According to the local mortality data, in the same period (i.e. February 26 to March 21) of 2017, 2018 and 2019, there were on average 278 deaths due to ischaemic heart diseases, including acute myocardial infarction, among people aged 60 or above. The Expert Committee reviewed these data and considered there is no unusual pattern identified so far. Moreover, the existing available information of the reported cases also does not show any causal relationship with the vaccines. The Expert Committee will continue to closely monitor the situation and collect more data for further assessment.

The Expert Committee has also reviewed a report of anaphylaxis and a number of reports of Bell's palsy. While Bell's palsy (temporary one-sided facial drooping) is one of the listed rare side effects of Comirnaty, the Expert Committee would continue to look into these cases.

Separately, the DH received a report from the HA this morning involving a 60-year-old man with history of hypertension, hyperlipidemia and carotid artery disease. He complained of chest discomfort and was found collapsed at home in the early morning of March 24. He was then admitted to the Accident and Emergency Department of Yan Chai Hospital and passed away this morning. According to available information, he had received a dose of CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine on March 11, i.e. 13 days before his death. The Expert Committee will review the case when necessary information is available.