

Appointments to Law Reform Commission

The following is issued on behalf of the Law Reform Commission:

The Law Reform Commission (LRC) today (December 31) announced that Professor Fu Hualing, Mr Stephen Hung Wan-shun and Mrs Janice Choi Kwan Wing-kum have been appointed by the Chief Executive as new members of the LRC for three years. The appointments of Professor Fu and Mr Hung will take effect on January 1, 2021, while Mrs Choi's appointment will commence on March 1, 2021.

Professor Fu is the Dean of Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong and his research interests include human rights and public law. The LRC believes that the expertise of the legal scholar will benefit the LRC in law reform.

Mr Hung was the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong from 2014 to 2016. Specialising in criminal law, he is a current member of the LRC Subcommittee on Causing or Allowing the Death of a Child or Vulnerable Adult. His professional standing and substantial expertise in criminal law will certainly be conducive to the LRC's future studies in this regard.

Mrs Choi is the Advisor and Legal Director of Sunwah Group and a current Standing Committee Member of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong. The LRC believes that Mrs Choi's legal background and extensive experience in the commercial sector will sustain the LRC's broad expertise in delivering effective law reform.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, who is also the Chairman of the LRC, expressed her heartfelt thanks to the outgoing members, namely Professor Michael Hor, Mr Robert Pang, SC, and Mr Allan Leung, for their valuable contributions and advice to the LRC during their two consecutive terms.

With these latest appointments, the LRC will comprise the following members:

The Secretary for Justice (Chairman)
The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal (ex-officio member)
The Law Draftsman (ex-officio member)
Mr Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung
Ms Alexandra Lo
Ms Melissa Wu
Ms Winnie Tam, SC
Ms May Chan Suk-mei
Professor Tan Cheng-han
Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff
Professor Fu Hualing
Mr Stephen Hung Wan-shun
Mrs Janice Choi Kwan Wing-kum

Test launch of Green Minibus Real-time Arrival Information System on three Hong Kong Island green minibus routes

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (December 31) that a test launch of the Green Minibus (GMB) Real-time Arrival Information System is being conducted on three Hong Kong Island GMB routes, namely Nos. 69 (Cyberport – Quarry Bay (Shipyard Lane)), 69A (Cyberport – Aberdeen) and 69X (Cyberport – Causeway Bay (Lockhart Road)), with effect from today to facilitate passengers' trip planning.

Passengers can check the estimated arrival times of the next three GMBs that will arrive at GMB stops (including the termini and specified en-route stops) of the above routes through the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility". The relevant data will also be released in machine-readable format via Public Sector Information Portal (data.gov.hk) for public use free of charge. Current users of "HKeMobility" have to update the mobile application in order to access the relevant information.

A spokesman for the TD said, "Opening up data is an important government policy initiative to promote innovation and technological development. At present, major public transport operators have already provided passengers with real-time arrival information. The GMB Real-time Arrival Information System can meet passengers' needs so as to facilitate their commuting and trip planning. It can also enhance the image and competitiveness of the GMB trades."

The TD has posted publicity materials at the termini and inside the GMB compartments of the GMB routes concerned to inform passengers of the test-launch arrangements. The system contractor will also arrange for service ambassadors to be at the Cyberport and Causeway Bay GMB termini at designated periods to assist passengers in checking the estimated arrival times of the routes concerned through "HKeMobility".

The TD and the system contractor are closely monitoring the operation of the System. Subject to the system performance, extending the dissemination of real-time arrival information to the first batch of about 70 GMB routes is targeted for March 2021.

The GMB Real-time Arrival Information System was one of the initiatives promulgated in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address. Apart from facilitating passengers' trip planning, the System also enables GMB operators to make use of the data for fleet management so as to enhance operational efficiency. The TD will extend the dissemination of real-time arrival information to the rest of the GMBs in phases, with a view to achieving full

implementation in 2022.

For details, please visit the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk).

Commencement notice for Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 gazetted

The Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (Commencement) Notice was gazetted today (December 31).

The Secretary for Transport and Housing has appointed March 1, 2021, as the day on which the Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (the Amendment Ordinance) comes into operation.

After the commencement of the Amendment Ordinance, the latest requirements of the International Convention for Safe Containers, as promulgated by the International Maritime Organization, relating to the manufacture, use and examination of freight containers and the marking and fixing of safety approval plates, will be implemented in Hong Kong. The Amendment Ordinance was enacted by the Legislative Council earlier on.

The commencement notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on January 6, 2021.

Tenders invited for “Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways – Package 5 Contract 1”

The Highways Department (HyD) today (December 31) invited tenders for "Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways – Package 5 Contract 1" (Contract No. HY/2020/24).

The works are scheduled to commence in April 2021 and will take about 48

months to complete. The works will mainly include:

- * construction of 29 lifts at 11 walkways in Sha Tin, Yuen Long, and North District; and
- * associated civil works, electrical and mechanical works, geotechnical works, roads and drainage works, modification works for the existing walkways, landscaping works and lighting works.

The HyD has appointed Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited (MACL) as the consultant to design and supervise the construction works. Interested contractors can obtain the tender forms and other particulars from the office of MACL at 5/F, Winning Commercial Building, 46-48 Hillwood Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The invitation to tender was gazetted today. Submission of tenders will close at noon on February 11, 2021 (Thursday). Tender submissions should be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box located at the lobby of the Public Entrance on G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

For enquiries, please call the consultant at 3168 2028.

[Tenders invited for Tung Chung New Town Extension – Major Infrastructure Works in Tung Chung East](#)

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (December 31) invited tenders for the contract for Tung Chung New Town Extension – Major Infrastructure Works in Tung Chung East (Contract No. NL/2020/03).

The works mainly include:

- construction of engineering infrastructure including drainage works, sewerage works (including two sewage pumping stations), waterworks, roadworks (including carriageways, footpaths, cycle tracks and junction improvements), common utility tunnels and landscaping works; and
- construction of associated environmental mitigation works including noise barriers and low-noise road surfacing.

The works are scheduled to commence in mid-2021 and will take about 60 months to complete.

The CEDD has appointed AECOM Asia Company Limited as the consultant to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors may obtain the forms

of tender and other particulars from the company at 12/F, Tower 2, Grand Central Plaza, 138 Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin, New Territories.

The invitation to tender was gazetted today. The closing time for the tender is noon on February 26, 2021.

Details of the tender notice are available at the CEDD's website (www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html). For enquiries, please call AECOM Asia Company Limited at 3922 9000 during office hours.