

## “Central-Hung Hom” ferry service to commence on June 28

The Transport Department announced today (June 26) that the "Central-Hung Hom" ferry service will commence operation from June 28 (Sunday). The first sailing will depart from Hung Hom at 7.30am.

The "Central-Hung Hom" ferry route will ply between the Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier and Central Pier No. 8 (Western Berth). The adult fare is \$9 per trip. The ferry operator will provide fare concessions for children, the elderly and persons with disabilities as well as monthly ticket concessions. The basic schedule is every 20 minutes during peak hours from Mondays to Saturdays; and every 30 to 50 minutes during non-peak hours, Sundays and public holidays. The operator will closely monitor the passenger demand and strengthen services as necessary.

After conducting an open tender invitation, Fortune Ferry Company Limited was selected to operate the ferry service. The company is granted a ferry service licence for a period of five years to operate the route.

To gear up for commencement of the "Central-Hung Hom" ferry route, the operator has already carried out enhancement works at Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier and Central Pier No. 8 (Western Berth), including provision of free Wi-Fi service, passenger seats, electronic display panels, a public announcement system, turnstiles, fans and luggage storage facilities to offer better services for passengers.

In support of the Government's development of a smart city, the operator will disseminate real-time arrival/departure information of ferry routes via mobile phone applications and open up such data in a machine-readable format for use by the public under the data.gov.hk portal within six months upon commencement of the ferry service. The operator will continue to carry out enhancement works at Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier and Central Pier No. 8 (Western Berth), including provision of battery charging facilities, exploring the installation of solar panels for illumination of the external walls in order to support the smart city development and promote environmental protection, and installing LED lighting on the external walls to beautify the exterior of the pier.

For service details, please visit the Transport Department's website [www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk).