

Code of Practice for Trial and Pilot Use of Autonomous Vehicles issued by Transport Department

To tie in with the commencement of the Road Transport (Amendment) (Autonomous Vehicles) Ordinance 2023 and the Road Traffic (Autonomous Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 374AA) today (March 1), the Transport Department (TD) published in the Gazette today the Code of Practice for Trial and Pilot Use of Autonomous Vehicles. The purpose of the Code is to set out detailed technical and operational requirements in relation to autonomous vehicles (AV) to ensure that applicants and holders of pilot licences and AV certificates conduct trial and pilot use of AVs safely.

The major contents of the Code include: (1) general requirements of trial and pilot use of AVs; (2) backup operator's requirements; (3) vehicle requirements; and (4) infrastructure requirements.

The Code will be updated as necessary with a view to keeping abreast of the evolving AV technology and the latest international standards while flexibly coping with the developments of the industry with proper risk control.

Members of the public may download the Code, which is available in Chinese and English free of charge, from the TD website (www.td.gov.hk).