

CS visits Hong Kong Port of HZMB

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, today (December 19) visited the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) to be briefed on the overall traffic diversion plan prepared by government departments in anticipation of a surge in passenger traffic during Christmas and New Year.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, Mr Cheung first visited the Passenger Clearance Building for a briefing on the facilities of the building. He then proceeded to the check-in service counters of the Hong Kong International Airport and the visitor centre of the Hong Kong Tourism Board to observe how these facilities assist passengers in checking in baggage, obtaining boarding passes and receiving information on accommodation and sightseeing. He was also provided an update on the business operation of shops in the Passenger Clearance Building.

Later, he arrived at the Hong Kong Port Public Transport Interchange (South) to receive a briefing on the carrying capacity of various types of public transport during passenger peak periods. He also took the opportunity to tour the surroundings of the Passenger Clearance Building and note the study progress of providing food truck services for passengers in areas nearby.

Following his visit to the Departure Hall to inspect clearance procedures for passengers by officers of the Immigration Department and the Customs and Excise Department, Mr Cheung moved on to the cross-boundary coach ticketing counter to observe how travel agencies made use of the pre-booked cross-boundary coach service to purchase cross-boundary coach tickets in advance for tour groups departing the Hong Kong Port for the Zhuhai Port so that they could arrive at the Zhuhai Port in an orderly manner.

He was also briefed at the pick-up areas for shuttle buses and cross-boundary coaches on the queuing, boarding and alighting arrangements for passengers during peak periods.

Mr Cheung was pleased to note the close co-operation established between the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Authority and governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. He also expressed confidence in government departments' joint efforts in meeting the demand arising from the peak periods of passenger flow during the holiday season and maintaining the smooth operation of the Hong Kong Port of HZMB.