<u>Driving on Lantau Island Scheme to</u> <u>commence second phase from July 1</u>

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (May 16) that the second phase of the Driving on Lantau Island Scheme (DLS) will commence from July 1 in view of the keen demand. The daily quotas from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays) will be increased from 25 to 50, including 10 for electric private cars, to promote green transport.

To tie in with the implementation of the second phase of the DLS, as well as to further enhance the transparency and fairness in the allocation of DLS quotas, the TD will launch a ballot system on June 1 for members of the public to submit applications for quotas one month in advance via the TD's website

(www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/licences_and_permits/lantau_closed_road_per mit/driving_on_lantau_island/index.html#3).

In addition, to enable people with disabilities' access to South Lantau, the TD will introduce a trial of five daily quotas to hire cars serving wheelchair users on a first-come, first-served basis.

The TD will closely monitor the situation upon the implementation of the measures. The TD has produced a driving guide and videos to remind motorists participating in the DLS of matters that require special attention when driving on closed roads on South Lantau, as well as to introduce the quota application and balloting procedures.

Details of the second phase of the DLS and the quotas for hire cars are available on the TD's website.