

Free rides on December 19

On December 19 (Sunday), the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR), franchised bus operators and Hong Kong Tramways will provide free rides for the public. The Transport Department (TD) reminds members of the public to pay attention to the scope of free rides and relevant arrangements. The details are set out below:

(1) MTR

Domestic MTR services, including Light Rail and MTR Bus, but excluding the Airport Express.

(2) Franchised Bus

Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited

All routes, excluding "A" and "NA" routes to the airport, "B" routes to ports of entry, sightseeing bus "H" routes, overnight bus "N" routes and new long-haul services "P" routes.

New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited

The following 10 routes:

| Routes | Origin – Destination |
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| 1 | Mui Wo Ferry Pier – Tai O |
| 2 | Mui Wo Ferry Pier – Ngong Ping |
| 4 | Mui Wo Ferry Pier – Tong Fuk |
| 34 | Tung Chung Tat Tung Road Bus Terminus – Shek Mun Kap |
| 36 | Tung Chung Tat Tung Road Bus Terminus – Siu Ho Wan |
| 37H | Ying Tung Estate – North Lantau Hospital (circular route) |
| 37M | Ying Tung Estate – Tung Chung Station Bus Terminus (circular route) |
| 37S | Tung Chung Development Ferry Pier to Tung Chung Station Bus Terminus |
| 38 | Yat Tung Estate – Tung Chung Station Bus Terminus (circular route) |
| 39M | Mun Tung Estate – Tung Chung Station Bus Terminus (circular route) |

(3) Hong Kong Tramways

All tram routes.

The above-mentioned public transport operators will provide free rides from the first to the last departure on that day. Services will be maintained at the normal level and will be enhanced for busier routes and during peak periods subject to passenger demand and actual traffic conditions. Members of the public are reminded to take note of the on-site arrangement and co-operate with the staff of the public transport operators.

"Since the free ride day is on a Sunday and the polling day, it is anticipated that the demand for public transport services may be higher than usual, in particular for the routes to certain popular spots. We advise members of the public to pay attention to the latest traffic situation and real-time information provided by public transport operators before going out. We also advise members of the public to plan ahead for their journeys, reserve sufficient commuting time, and be patient and stay alert to the road conditions while queueing for public transport services," the TD spokesman said.

The TD's Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre will closely monitor the traffic conditions throughout the territory, co-ordinate with government departments and public transport operators to meet passenger demand on the polling day, and implement appropriate traffic management measures with the Police. The TD will update the public on the latest traffic information through media, the TD's homepage (www.td.gov.hk) and the "HKeMobility" mobile application.