## <u>Number of applications of Northbound</u> <u>Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles to be</u> <u>processed increased today</u>

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (January 2) that as mutually agreed between the governments of Guangdong and Hong Kong, starting from today, the number of applications of Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles (the Scheme) to be processed on each working day will be increased from 400 to 500, aiming to better cope with the needs of new and renewal applications.

A spokesman for the TD said that the eligibility, procedures and balloting of applications of the Scheme remain unchanged. The streamlined renewal arrangements implemented since May 2024 will also be continued, allowing applicants eligible for the renewal of Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles to apply for renewal without having to participate in a computer ballot. Applicants may refer to the Scheme's website (www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk) or the Renewal Application page (www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk/en/RenewalApplication) for details.

The governments of Guangdong and Hong Kong will continue to monitor the operation of Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles and maintain close liaison with relevant departments to review and enhance the arrangements of the Scheme in a timely manner.