

# Operation arrangements for Tate's Cairn Tunnel upon franchise expiry

The Transport Department (TD) today (July 3) announced the tunnel operation arrangements upon the expiry of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel (TCT) franchise.

"The TCT will be taken over by the Government on July 11. Pacific Infrastructure Management Limited, the management contractor of the TD, will take up the management, operation and maintenance of the TCT on the same day," a spokesman for the TD said.

The new management company will retain most of the existing management team and operation staff of the TCT to ensure the smooth operation of the tunnel. It will act according to the management procedures and standards stipulated in the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance as well as the contract conditions to manage and operate the tunnel.

â€‹ "To facilitate the takeover arrangement, traffic in manual-toll lanes will be briefly stopped at about midnight on July 11. Traffic in auto-toll lanes will not be affected. Motorists should follow the instructions of tunnel staff. We shall monitor the transitional arrangements and work closely with the existing TCT franchisee and the new management company to ensure that the transition will be smooth," the spokesman added.