

Shuttle bus services at Hong Kong Port of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge operate smoothly

The Transport Department (TD) today (November 4) said that since the implementation of new measures at Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge this weekend, the cross boundary transport services have been operating smoothly in general, and the queuing and boarding situation has also been improved.

A spokesman for the TD said that the passenger traffic recorded yesterday was over 86 000, which is about 50 per cent higher than last Saturday (over 58 000) and last Sunday (over 77 000).

The shuttle bus fleet has increased from 120 to 138 with the extra deployment of over 30 additional buses since yesterday, increasing the carrying capacity of shuttle bus services to more than 170 buses to meet passenger demand. Moreover, crowd management measures have also been implemented at Hong Kong Port during peak hours in the evening. Queue of tour groups and individual visitors going to Zhuhai are separated, resulting in marked improvement in the order and efficiency.

From 10am to noon today, the average hourly passenger traffic was about 7 000. Passengers only waited for an average of about 10 minutes and 20 minutes at the pick-up areas for taking shuttle buses to Zhuhai and Macao respectively. From 6pm to 8pm today, the average waiting time for shuttle buses to Macao was less than 5 minutes, and the average waiting time of tour groups and individual visitors for shuttle bus to Zhuhai were about 30 minutes and 5 minutes respectively.

Meanwhile, the "pre-booked cross-boundary coach service" has started to operate this evening to make better use of the carrying capacity of cross-boundary coaches. According to the information provided by operators of cross-boundary coaches, more than 50 trips have been operated to carry about 2 500 passengers of tour groups from Hong Kong Port to Zhuhai Port so as to meet passenger demand at peak hours. Based on on-site observations, passengers got on coaches swiftly and orderly which showed the service can effectively divert passengers of tour groups.

To facilitate the implementation of the above-mentioned new measures, directional signs have been erected at the pick-up areas for shuttle buses and cross-boundary coaches at Hong Kong Port to remind passengers of the diversion arrangements.

Regarding the local public transport services, the spokesman said that the TD and bus companies have been closely monitoring the demand of various feeder bus routes ("B" route). B6 route going to Tung Chung operated an additional of about 40 trips yesterday. As there were more passengers waiting

for B5 route going to Sunny Bay and B6 route going to Tung Chung today, an additional of over 90 trips have been operated up to 8pm to accommodate passengers and the average waiting time was about 15 to 20 minutes during peak hours.

The TD will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the new measures and the local public transport arrangements at Hong Kong Port.