## <u>Student monthly tickets for five major</u> <u>outlying island ferry routes to be</u> <u>launched on March 1</u>

The Transport Department announced today (January 8) that approval has been given to the five major outlying island ferry routes, namely Central – Cheung Chau, Central – Mui Wo, Central – Peng Chau, Central – Yung Shue Wan and Central – Sok Kwu Wan, to launch student monthly tickets with effect from March 1.

The fares of the student monthly tickets of the five licensed ferry services, which are about 30 per cent off those of the adult monthly tickets, are as follows:

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The student monthly tickets are applicable to students aged between 12 and 25 who are currently enrolled in full-time day courses offered by recognised education institutions in Hong Kong. Eligible students are required to submit their student identity to the relevant ferry operators in advance for the purchase of student monthly tickets. The ferry operators will distribute the application forms and announce the application details within this month.

Holders of the student monthly tickets are entitled to take a daily round trip of ordinary class on ordinary sailings of the Central – Cheung Chau or Central – Mui Wo routes, ordinary sailings of the Central – Peng Chau route or any sailings of the Central – Yung Shue Wan or Central – Sok Kwu Wan routes within the valid period of the relevant tickets. Moreover, students can choose to take deluxe class of ordinary sailings or fast ferry sailings of the relevant routes after paying top-up fares.

Ferry operators were originally scheduled to provide the student monthly tickets from the commencement date of the new licence period on April 1. With a view to alleviating the burden of public transport expenses on students, ferry operators have advanced the launch of the fare concession by one month.