#### Invitation of tenders for fee-paying public car park licence

The Government Property Agency (GPA) is inviting tenders for a threeyear licence of a fee-paying public car park on portions of the Ground Floor, Level Basement 1, Level Basement 2 and Level Basement 3 of Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The premises should only be used for the purpose of a fee-paying public car park for the parking of private cars and motor cycles.

The tender notice was uploaded today (February 23) to the GPA Property Portal: <a href="www.gpaproperty.gov.hk/en/index.html">www.gpaproperty.gov.hk/en/index.html</a>. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during the period from 9am to 6pm from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. The documents can also be downloaded from the GPA Property Portal.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend a site inspection of the premises should make a prior appointment with the GPA by calling 3842 6783 on or before March 1.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before noon on March 15. Late tenders will not be accepted.

#### HKSAR Government sets up Hong Kong Cross-boundary Public Services selfservice kiosk in Guangzhou (with photos)

In his Policy Address last year, the Chief Executive proposed to advance the development of digital government and collaborate with Guangdong Province to promote the Cross-boundary Public Services initiative. To deepen the cooperation in government services between the two places, the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau (ITIB) announced today (February 23) the setting up of the first Hong Kong Cross-boundary Public Services self-service kiosk in Guangzhou. The self-service kiosk will enable enterprises and residents in Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) to access Hong Kong government services without the need to travel

to Hong Kong in person.

Starting today, the public can use the Hong Kong Cross-boundary Public Services self-service kiosk located on the third floor of the Guangzhou Municipal Government Service Center, Zhujiang New Town, Guangzhou, to access over 50 Hong Kong government services. The kiosk is available for use by the public during the opening hours of the Center (i.e. Monday to Friday, 9am to noon and 1pm to 5pm, except public holidays). For details, please visit the Hong Kong Cross-boundary Public Services thematic website at www.crossboundaryservices.qov.hk/en/home/index.html.

The Cross-boundary Public Services self-service kiosk currently provides over 50 government services from nine government bureaux/departments, encompassing areas commonly used by enterprises and the public such as taxation, company registration, property and vehicle enquiry and registration, personal identification documents and application for entry of talent, welfare and education, healthcare, as well as immigration clearance and urgent assistance. Members of the public can use the self-service kiosk to perform data entry, document scanning and result printing, so as to enjoy one-stop access to apply for various government services.

In addition, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer has set up an "iAM Smart" self-registration kiosk at the same location to enable Hong Kong residents working and living on the Mainland to register for or upgrade to "iAM Smart+" to enjoy convenient online services. For details and registration requirements, please visit the "iAM Smart" thematic website at www.iamsmart.gov.hk/en/reg.html.

A spokesman for the ITIB expressed sincere gratitude to the Guangdong Provincial Administration of Government Service and Data for its strong support and the Center for its full co-operation. The ITIB will continue to collaborate with the Guangdong Provincial Administration of Government Service and Data to explore the setting up of more self-service kiosks in the GBA.

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In order to implement the State Council's Guiding Opinions to all provincial governments on Cross-provincial Public Services and their comprehensive deployment, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government accepted the invitation of the People's Government of Guangdong Province in 2021 to jointly launch the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao GBA Cross-boundary Public Services, and worked with Guangdong Province in November last year to introduce a dedicated service area/thematic website for Cross-boundary Public Services. The initiative enables enterprises and the public in both regions to enjoy simple and convenient cross-boundary services, with a view to facilitating the provision of public services and investment in the GBA, and enhancing the satisfaction and sense of contentment of enterprises and the public in accessing services across the boundary.





### Proposed road works at Kim Shin Lane in Cheung Sha Wan gazetted

The Government gazetted today (February 23) the proposed permanent closure of and ancillary works at Kim Shin Lane in Cheung Sha Wan to facilitate the Kim Shin Lane/Fuk Wa Street Development Project of the Urban Renewal Authority.

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Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Sham Shui Po Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon West, 4/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan are available at <a href="https://www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html">www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html</a>.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

• By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for

use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);

- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than April 23, 2024.

## Proposed ancillary road works for drainage improvement works at She Shan in Tai Po gazetted

The Government gazetted today (February 23) the proposed ancillary road works at She Shan in Tai Po to improve the drainage system in the area.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Tai Po Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Tai Po Government Offices Building, 1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, New Territories

District Lands Office, Tai Po, 1/F, Tai Po Government Offices Building, 1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans, resumption plan and location plan are available at <a href="https://www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html">www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html</a>.

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# Government proposes amendments to update regulations on merchant shipping and merchant shipping seafarers for compliance with international standards

The Government gazetted today (February 23) to propose legislative amendments to five regulations under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) to incorporate into local legislation the latest relevant requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, of the International Maritime Organization and the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, of the International Labour Organization.

The five regulations to be amended are the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulation (Cap. 4130), the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P), the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulation (Cap. 478C), the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Returns of Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) Regulation (Cap. 478F), and the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) Regulation (Cap. 478AF).

The proposed amendments include new requirements related to the Garbage Record Book, designation of a new emission control area for sulphur oxides and particulate matter, and welfare of seafarers, including seafarer recruitment and placement agents, provision of drinking water and balanced meals, delivery of the bodies or ashes of deceased seafarers and reporting of relevant fatality data, as well as provision of appropriately sized personal protective equipment.

A spokesman for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said, "As a major member of the international maritime community, Hong Kong has been a staunch

supporter of marine environmental protection and enhancement of seafarers' welfare. The proposed legislative amendments demonstrate our continual commitment in these aspects, which are crucial for the creation of a favourable environment for maritime activities in line with the relevant international standards."

The Panel on Economic Development of the Legislative Council, as well as the Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee, the Local Vessels Advisory Committee and the Seafarers' Advisory Board of the Marine Department, have been consulted on the legislative proposal. Members supported the proposal.

The proposed legislative amendments will be tabled at the Legislative Council on February 28 for negative vetting.