TD appeals to public transport sector to be vaccinated and arranges new round of free COVID-19 voluntary testing services for taxi and public light bus drivers and employees of local ferry operators

The Transport Department (TD) today (May 28) appealed to the staff of public transport service operators to participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme as soon as possible to protect themselves, their families and the community as a whole. In addition, the TD will arrange a new round of COVID-19 voluntary testing services for taxi and public light bus (PLB) drivers and employees of local ferry operators covering a period of two weeks from May 31 to June 13. The locations, opening dates and hours of the five designated testing centres are detailed in the Annex.

Taxi and PLB drivers may make an appointment via the dedicated online booking system of the TD (covidtest.td.gov.hk) from tomorrow (May 29). When booking an appointment, drivers should provide their Hong Kong identity card number, select a time slot and designated testing centre, and fill in a contact number for receiving SMS notifications. Upon completion of registration, the system will display the booking confirmation and issue an SMS notification that confirms the date and time of the booking, the name of the testing centre and the booking number.

As for employees of local ferry operators, the ferry operators have already notified their employees to bring along their valid staff identity cards or letters issued by the ferry operators during specific time slots from May 31 to June 3 to undergo testing at specified locations.

For details of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, please visit the designated website (<a href="www.covidvaccine.gov.hk">www.covidvaccine.gov.hk</a>). For details of the testing services, please visit the website of the TD (<a href="www.td.gov.hk">www.td.gov.hk</a>).