

TD holds Briefing on Green Minibus Real-Time Arrival Information System

The Transport Department (TD) today (November 29) held the Briefing on Green Minibus (GMB) Real-Time Arrival Information System for the GMB trade representatives to introduce the preliminary concept of the system and listen to their views.

According to the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address, the Government has been promoting the opening up of operating data by public transport operators to facilitate commuting and trip planning of the public. To provide real-time arrival information of GMBs, the Government will fund and develop a data collection system and a mobile application, as well as install relevant devices on GMBs to enable passengers to access the real-time arrival information of GMBs through the mobile application. The relevant data will also be released in a machine-readable format for public use. GMB operators can make use of the data for fleet management with a view to improving operational efficiency.

"The Government is pleased that the GMB trade pledges full support for the plan to provide a GMB real-time arrival information system and is willing to co-operate with the Government for the follow-up actions. We believe the provision of real-time arrival information for GMBs will enhance the image of the trade and consolidate its competitiveness," a spokesman for the TD said.

"The TD will appoint a technical consultant and a system contractor for conducting a pilot scheme, developing the system and the mobile application, and installing the system. Meanwhile, the TD will work with the GMB operators on various types of advance preparation work, which include the setting up of a working group to discuss the details of the system, and compiling the stop information for all GMB services," the spokesman added.

The TD anticipates that the GMB real-time arrival information system will require around three years for development and testing, and hopes that the system will commence operation in early 2022.