

TD reminds public of implementation of HKeToll in Tate's Cairn Tunnel from 5am on November 26

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public today (November 23) that the HKeToll will be implemented in the Tate's Cairn Tunnel from 5am this Sunday (November 26). Motorists can drive through the toll plaza and pay tunnel tolls using the HKeToll without having to stop or queue at toll booths for payments. All manual toll booths and Autotoll lanes will be cancelled.

To tie in with the implementation of the HKeToll, temporary traffic arrangements will be implemented in phases in the vicinity of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel and its slip roads starting from 1am on November 26. Both directions of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel will be closed from 4am to 5am. During the closure of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel, overnight franchised bus route No. 680 (Kam Ying Court – Central (Macau Ferry)) will be diverted via the Lion Rock Tunnel. Please refer to Annex 1 for the temporary traffic and public transport arrangements.

At present, over 810 000 vehicle tags were issued, accounting for more than 99 per cent of the licensed vehicles in Hong Kong. About 92 per cent of vehicles have opened HKeToll accounts, and about 73 per cent of vehicles have set up automatic payment means. With the progressive implementation of the HKeToll in government tolled tunnels, the TD appealed to vehicle owners to complete the three steps for HKeToll service as soon as possible: (1) install a vehicle tag, (2) open an HKeToll account and (3) set up an automatic payment means, so as to fully enjoy the convenience of the HKeToll.

In addition, the TD reminds vehicle owners with outstanding tolls that they must pay them within 14 business days after passing through the tunnels. They can log in to the HKeToll website (hketoll.gov.hk) or mobile app to check and pay the outstanding tolls. Motorists should note that late payments will incur a surcharge of \$175, and that the maximum penalty for evading tolls is a fine of \$5,000 (per trip), and the license of the vehicle concerned will not be renewed.

If vehicle owners need assistance, they can browse the HKeToll website, call the 24-hour customer service hotline 3853 7333, or visit the four customer service centres, four service outlets, and consultation counters located at designated MTR stations. The locations and service hours of the facilities are shown in Annex 2.

Following the Tate's Cairn Tunnel, the Government plans to implement the HKeToll at the Aberdeen Tunnel in December. Details and exact dates will be announced separately.

