## <u>TD's response to media enquiries on</u> <u>residents' service and ferry service</u> <u>for Park Island</u>

In response to media enquiries on residents' service and ferry service for Park Island, a spokesman for the Transport Department (TD) today (July 10) gave the following reply:

According to the Heads of Agreement concerning the Ma Wan northeastern comprehensive development area signed between the Government and Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited (the Developer), the Developer shall provide ferry service and has an obligation to provide bus service to and from Ma Wan.

The Park Island Transport Company Limited (PITCL) has the responsibility to provide proper transport services to Ma Wan residents. The TD is gravely concerned about the PITCL's failure in providing sufficient residents' service during the peak hours yesterday evening (July 9) and this morning, resulting in long waiting time for residents. The TD has already urged the company to honour its obligation of providing proper transport services for residents. The PITCL responded that deployment has been made to ensure there are sufficient resources to deal with passenger demand. The TD will continue to closely monitor the situation.

In processing any application for adjustment of service, residents' needs will be the TD's prime concern.