

Time-varying tolls to be implemented at three road harbour crossings from 5am on December 17

The Government announced today (October 16) that the Secretary for Transport and Logistics has made the Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (Commencement) Notice (the Commencement Notice) in relation to the arrangement of the implementation of time-varying tolls at the three road harbour crossings (RHCs), namely the Cross-Harbour Tunnel, the Eastern Harbour Crossing and the Western Harbour Crossing. The Commencement Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council on the first day of its resumption of business (October 18) for negative vetting.

The Government attaches great importance to publicity and education. In order to allow sufficient time for carrying out extensive publicity work after the completion of the legislative procedures when the commencement date is fixed, so that members of the public can have a better understanding of the detailed arrangements of time-varying tolls through various channels, the Government has decided to appoint 5am on December 17 (Sunday) as the commencement time by the Commencement Notice, with a view to ensuring the orderly and smooth implementation of time-varying tolls.

A spokesperson for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said, "It has been the Government's target to implement time-varying tolls within 2023. Since the announcement of the toll plans for the three RHCs in March this year, we have been actively launching publicity campaigns to enable motorists to grasp the details of the toll plans and make early preparations. Upon the completion of the legislative procedures when the commencement date of time-varying tolls is fixed, the Government will further step up publicity so that members of the public are fully aware of the specific charging arrangements. Press conference will be arranged together with TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, social media/online promotions, information packs, the new toll enquiry function on the HKeMobility mobile application, etc."

Implementation details of time-varying tolls are set out in the Annex and the Transport Department's website:
www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/tunnels_and_bridges_n/tvt/index.html.