

# Transfer passengers arriving at Hong Kong International Airport through SkyPier Terminal via Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to be exempted from Air Passenger Departure Tax

The Government will publish in the Gazette on May 20 the Air Passenger Departure Tax Ordinance (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2022 to specify that transfer passengers who arrive at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) through the SkyPier Terminal (SPT) via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) for direct onward travel by air will be exempted from Air Passenger Departure Tax (APDT).

"The arrangement will encourage more tourists from the Mainland and Macao to make use of HKIA and is conducive to enhancing Hong Kong's status as a regional and international aviation hub," a Government spokesman said.

The exemption will tie in with the expected commissioning of the SPT at HKIA in 2023. The terminal will enable bridge-to-air passengers from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to enter HKIA through the SPT via the HZMB by land transport approved by the Airport Authority Hong Kong for onward departure by air, much in the same way as existing SkyPier sea-to-air passengers.

"Under the existing Air Passenger Departure Tax Ordinance, direct transit, connecting airside transfer and SkyPier sea-to-air passengers are exempt from payment of APDT.

"The legislative amendment will provide the same exemption for all transfer passengers arriving at HKIA through the SPT via the HZMB," the spokesman added.