<u>Transport Department to resume motor</u> <u>cycle driving test service from August</u> <u>31</u>

To align with the announcement by the Government to resume public services in a safe and orderly manner, the Transport Department (TD) said today (August 20) that, after having considered the ways of conducting driving test for different classes of motor vehicles, the TD will first resume the motor cycle driving test, including Part B (competence test) and Part C (road test), from August 31.

Candidates who have been scheduled to take a motor cycle driving test on or after August 31 should attend the test according to the test date, time and the driving test centre specified in the driving test appointment letter. Motor cycle driving test candidates affected by the suspension of the driving test centres during the period from July 29 to August 28 will be notified individually of their rescheduled test dates.

Other driving test services (including road tests of private car, light goods vehicle and commercial vehicles, written test (Part A) and taxi written test) and driving test appointment services (including walk-in counter service of Driving Test Appointment Office, online booking service for driving test appointments and telephone booking service for repeater early test appointments) will continue to be suspended until further notice. The TD will notify the affected candidates individually of the rescheduled test dates after resumption of the relevant driving test services.

As regards anti-pandemic measures to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus, all candidates participating in the driving test must wear surgical masks inside the test centres and throughout the test, clean their hands with alcohol sanitisers before entering the centre office, and undergo body temperature screening arranged by the TD. If a candidate does not wear a surgical mask, refuses to undergo a body temperature screening, or whose body temperature is higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius, the candidate will not be allowed to enter the test venue and the test will be rescheduled.

The TD urges candidates not to attend a driving test if they are unwell, and advises that they should consult a doctor promptly. For applicants who are absent from a driving test on medical grounds, they may submit their postponement applications with the original sick leave certificate/medical certificate to the Driving Test Appointment Office of the TD within one month from the test date for rescheduling of the test date.

In addition, candidates who would like to submit applications for test postponement/temporary cancellation of a driving test appointment or change of driving test region can submit the applications within two weeks after resumption of the services of the Driving Test Appointment Office. The TD will continue to closely monitor the development of the pandemic, align with the social distancing measures implemented by the Government and adopt sufficient anti-epidemic measures, and will resume all driving test services under a phrased approach and in an orderly manner. For enquiries, please contact the Driving Test Appointment Office at 2771 7723 from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday.