

Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal to be repossessed by Government

The Marine Department (MD) announced today (June 1) that the Hongkong Macao Hydrofoil Company Limited (HKMHCL), the existing tenant of the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal (TMFT), has served formal notification to the Government that it would terminate the tenancy agreement and return the TMFT to the Government with effect from June 8, 2021. Accordingly, the cross-boundary passenger ferry services between Tuen Mun and Macao, which has since January 30, 2020 been suspended, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, will cease formally.

The MD has been working closely with the HKMHCL on the handover arrangements, with a view to ensuring that the TMFT will be returned to the Government in a smooth and orderly manner. The MD has also informed the Macao maritime administration of the HKMHCL's decision.

â€‹ The MD said that the China Ferry Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui and the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan have sufficient capacity to cope with the need of cross-boundary ferry passengers. Upon resumption of cross-boundary passenger ferry services, the public can use these two terminals for ferry services between Hong Kong and Macao. In addition, the newly commissioned Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel together with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge also provide an alternative for passengers travelling between Hong Kong and Macao.

â€‹ The future use of the TMFT will be considered having regard to the Government's assessments of any public demand for water transport services and requests from ferry service operators, so as to put it into gainful use where possible.