

Invitation for Expressions of Interest for Operating Two Licensed Ferry Services

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

- Transport Department (TD) is inviting interested parties to express their interest in operating two licensed ferry services (the Ferry Services) :
 - 1) “Central – Hung Hom” (“Hung Hom Service”); and
 - 2) “Kai Tak – Hung Hom – Tsim Sha Tsui East – Central – West Kowloon (Circular)” (“In-harbour Circular Service”) .

Objectives

- To bring vibrancy to the Victoria Harbour, including the Hung Hom harbourfront;
- To respond to requests from the public for resuming the operation of “Central – Hung Hom” ferry service; and
- To respond to the suggestions from the community for introducing the “water taxi” service plying between different calling points along the waterfront.

Minimum Service Requirements of Ferry Services

Hung Hom Service

- **Routeing**

- Central – Hung Hom

- **Operating days**

- 7 days a week

- **Minimum operation period**

- from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily

Hung Hom Service

● Minimum sailings

- Mon to Fri (except public holidays)
 - at least 17 round trip sailings (i.e. headway of 30-60 mins);
 - in which at least 5 round trip sailings (i.e. headway of 30 mins) in each of the morning and evening peak
- Sat, Sun and public holidays
 - at least 17 round trip sailings

Hung Hom Service

- **Steaming time**

- Not more than 20 mins

- **Fare**

- Provide fare concessions for children, elderly and passengers with disability
- Participate in the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme

Hung Hom Service

● Vessel requirements

- Vessel with carrying capacity not less than 150
- Equipped with Octopus fare collection device if not provided at the piers
- Toilet facilities including facilities for people with disabilities and wheelchair users

In-harbour Circular Service/"Water Taxi"

● Routing

- Main Route: Kai Tak – Hung Hom – Tsim Sha Tsui East – Central – West Kowloon (Circular)
- Short-working Routes on weekdays/ weekends: routes between any calling points of the Main Route/ any additional calling points along the Victoria Harbour as proposed

In-harbour Circular Service/"Water Taxi"

- **Operating days**

- 7 days a week

- **Minimum operation period**

- Mon to Sat (except public holiday)
 - from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Sun and public holidays
 - From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

In-harbour Circular Service/"Water Taxi"

- **Minimum sailings**

- Mon to Sat (except public holidays)
 - at least 22 sailings (i.e. headway of 45 mins)
- Sun and public holidays
 - at least 19 sailings (i.e. headway of 45 mins)

- **Steaming time**

- Not more than 110 mins per circular route of the Main Route

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● Fare

- Provide fare concessions for children, elderly and passengers with disability
- Participate in the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities and Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme
- Provide round trip ticket, day pass/ half day pass and monthly pass
- Day pass/ half-day pass passengers allow to hop-on and hop-off any calling point

In-harbour Circular Service/"Water Taxi"

● Vessel requirements

- Vessel with carrying capacity not less than 150 passenger seats
- Length not over 35 metres
- Equipped with air-conditioning system
- Equipped with Octopus fare collection device if not provided at the piers/ landing steps
- Allow passengers to enjoy scenery of Victoria Harbour
- Toilet facilities including facilities for people with disabilities and wheelchair users
- Equipped with luggage storage facilities
- Breast feeding room

Location of the Piers for Ferry Services

Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier



This map shows the Central Pier 8 area in Hong Kong. The waterfront is at the top, with Central Pier 8 highlighted in red. Other piers shown include Central Pier 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (New Star Ferry Pier), 9, and 10. Streets shown include MAN KWONG STREET, MAN PO STREET, FINANCE STREET, MAN YIU STREET, and MAN CHEUNG STREET. Landmarks include the International Finance Centre (Two IFC), The Hong Kong Observation Wheel, and the Four Seasons Place. The map also shows various bus stops, construction areas, and other local features.

Runaway Park Pier Landing No.1/No. 2 Kai Tak



Tsim Sha Tsui Landing No. 2/ No. 5

Tsim Sha Tsui East



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Central Pier 2



Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 1/ No. 2, West Kowloon



Beautification of Piers

- Proponents are invited to submit innovative proposals on beautification of
 1. Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier; and
 2. Western Berth of Central Pier No. 8
- Proponents should consider incorporating suitable commercial elements to enhance vibrancy of the harbourfront and promote public enjoyment. Revenues so generated from commercial concessions at the piers will be used to cross-subsidise the Ferry Services.

Greener Ferries

- For bringing green environmental protection elements into the ferry fleet and improving air quality of Victoria Harbour, Proponents are invited to indicate plans on provision of greener ferries in operating the Ferry Services with due regard to financial viability of the operation of the Ferry Services.

Way forward

- Deadline of EOI submission:
12:00 noon, 27 September 2018
- Subject to the result of the invitation of EOI and actual circumstances, the earliest expected commencement date of Ferry Services:
 - Hom Hung Service : February 2019
 - In-harbour Circular Service: September 2019

Thank You