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Dear Ms LAU,

**Meeting of the Panel on Transport
Progress update of the Discussions with
the Governments of Guangdong Province and Macao on
the Cross-boundary Transport Arrangements for the
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge**

At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 29 February 2016, the Hon WONG Kwok-hing requested the Government to provide information on the procedures and relevant fees for Hong Kong drivers to apply for the Mainland and Macao driving licences (in particular commercial vehicle driving licence), as well as the assistance provided by the Government. Our reply is set out below.

With the implementation of the arrangement for direct issue of driving licences for private cars between Hong Kong and the Mainland, a person holding a Hong Kong full driving licence for private car may apply for the direct issue of a Mainland driving licence for private car from the relevant Mainland authorities. For Macao, a person holding a valid Hong Kong driving licence may drive a private car in Macao for not more than 14 days with the Hong Kong driving licence without undergoing any formalities. If the length of stay exceeds 14 days, the person concerned is required to register with the Macao Public Security

Police Force or other designated entities in order to continue to drive a private car in Macao with a Hong Kong driving licence.

As regards Mainland and Macao driving licences for commercial vehicle (including cross-boundary coaches and goods vehicles), there is no arrangement for direct issue of such driving licences between the Mainland and Hong Kong or between Hong Kong and Macao. Hong Kong drivers have to submit applications to the Mainland and Macao and take driving tests according to the relevant regulations. Applicants for Mainland commercial vehicle driving licence may apply to the Vehicle Administration Office of the Shenzhen Municipal Government. As for Macao commercial vehicle driving licence, we understand that the Macao Government is revising the relevant legislation so as to allow Hong Kong Identity Card holders to take driving tests for the driving licences for bus and goods vehicle. The Macao Government has yet to formulate the arrangements for Hong Kong drivers to apply for Macao commercial vehicle driving licence. We will ask the Macao Government to announce the arrangements as soon as possible to facilitate the trade's early preparation.

The Government has been actively discussing with the relevant Mainland authorities ways to facilitate Hong Kong drivers to obtain Mainland driving licences. Starting from 2011, the Vehicle Administration Office of the Shenzhen Municipal Government has set up designated counters to handle applications for driving licences from Hong Kong drivers. Guidelines, points-to-note and procedures for the application for driving licence by Hong Kong drivers have also been published for persons in need. Regarding applications for Macao driving licences, we will request the Macao Government to consider putting in place facilitation measures, such as providing designated timeslots for Hong Kong drivers to take driving tests to speed up the application process. Also, the Transport Department will prepare a set of guidelines on how to apply for the Mainland and Macao driving licences for the trade's reference. The Government will continue to liaise with the cross-boundary transportation trade and promulgate information in a timely manner to assist trade members to apply for Mainland and Macao driving licences.

The fees for obtaining the Mainland and Macao driving licences are set out in Annex.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Fees for obtaining the Mainland and Macao driving licences

Type of vehicle	Mainland (Renminbi) (“RMB”)	Macao (Macanese Pataca) (“MOP”)
Private car (including hire car)	<p><u>Fee for application</u> RMB 480 per person for each application for direct issue of a Mainland Small Vehicle Driving Permit</p> <p><u>Fee for issue of licence</u> RMB 10 for each licence</p>	<p>Holders of a valid Hong Kong driving licence may drive the same type of vehicle in Macao for a short period of time of not more than 14 days.</p> <p>For licence holders who will stay in Macao for more than 14 days and intend to drive in Macao after the 14-day period, they are required to register with the Macao Public Security Police Force or other entities designated by the supplementary legislation. No fee is charged for such registration.</p>
Bus, goods vehicle	<p><u>Fee for application</u> RMB 350 per person for each application for a driving test for the Motor Vehicle Driving Permit</p> <p><u>Fee for issue of licence</u> RMB 10 for each licence</p>	<p><u>Fee for application</u>¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MOP 400 (plus a tax of MOP 40) for issue of a learner’s driving licence ■ Application fee for a practical driving test²: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Heavy goods vehicle: MOP 600 ➤ Heavy passenger service vehicle: MOP 800 ■ The fee for learning to drive varies at individual driving schools in Macao ■ MOP 10 per hour per vehicle for driving at the driving learning and test centre

¹ The Macao Government is considering revising the relevant fees. The fees for applying for a Macao driving licence for cross-boundary commercial vehicle are subject to Macao Government’s announcement.

² No fee is charged for application for a practical driving test for light passenger service vehicles and light goods vehicle.