

**Continued Provision of Special Helping Measures  
By the Government to the Six Major Outlying Island Ferry Routes<sup>1</sup>  
During the Three-year Licence Period from Mid -2014 to Mid-2017**

The Legislative Council Finance Committee has approved in July 2013 a commitment of about \$190 million for the continued provision of the following special helping measures to the six major outlying island ferry routes during the three-year licence period from mid-2014 to mid-2017 with a view to enhancing the long term financial viability of these services and reducing the burden on passengers in association with fare increase –

- (i) waiving annual vessel survey fee and private mooring fee;
- (ii) reimbursing pier water, cleansing and electricity charges subject to caps prescribed by the Government;
- (iii) reimbursing the balance of revenue forgone due to provision of elderly fare concessions after netting off the amount of pier rental reimbursement and vessel licence fee exemption under the current arrangement subject to a cap prescribed by the Government;
- (iv) reimbursing the vessel maintenance cost subject to a cap prescribed by the Government;
- (v) reimbursing the vessel insurance cost subject to a cap prescribed by the Government;
- (vi) reimbursing the revenue foregone due to provision of child fare concessions subject to a cap prescribed by the Government; and
- (vii) re-launching “Visiting Scheme to Outlying Islands” to provide ferry fare subsidy to encourage schools, non-governmental organizations, community and local groups etc, to organize activities to the outlying islands concerned.

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<sup>1</sup> The six major outlying island ferry routes are “Central – Cheung Chau”, “Inter Inter-islands (Peng Chau – Mui Wo – Chi Ma Wan – Cheung Chau)”, “Central – Mui Wo”, “Central – Peng Chau”, “Central – Yung Shue Wan” and “Central – Sok Kwu Wan”