## Special Helping Measures Provided by the Government to the Six Major Outlying Island Ferry Routes<sup>1</sup> During the Three-year Licence Period from Mid 2011 to Mid 2014

- (i) waiving annual vessel survey fee and private mooring fee;
- (ii) reimbursing pier water, electricity and cleansing 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" in 2012 to provide ferry fare subsidy to encourage schools, non-governmental organizations, community and local groups etc, to organize activities to the outlying islands concerned. (The application period of the Scheme was closed on 31 December 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The six major outlying island ferry routes are "Central – Cheung Chau", "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".