

TAC briefed on DRL update and registration for vehicle mechanics

Members of the Transport Advisory Committee (TAC) were briefed at its meeting today (May 26) by the management of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) on Disneyland Resort Line (DRL)' s latest progress and fares.

"We notice that MTRCL's DRL project has been progressing well and that the Corporation has taken into consideration the economic situation, operating condition, public affordability, market competition as well as the nature of the trips in setting the fares for the DRL," Chairman of the TAC, Ms Teresa Cheng Yuek-wah said.

The TAC also noted the operational features of the DRL, including the automatic platform gates and fully automatic operation, which were first introduced in the MTR system.

At the meeting, TAC also considered the Administration's proposal on the way forward of a registration scheme for vehicle mechanics.

"We noted that the findings of the survey show that the majority of vehicle workshop operators and mechanics prefer to adopt an incremental approach by first launching a voluntary scheme. We support the Administration' s proposal to proceed along this line. This would facilitate early implementation of the scheme, which will be beneficial to both the trade and the community, and would minimise the impact on the employment situation of the trade," Ms Cheng said.

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