



## CIRCULAR TO TRAVEL TRADE

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### **Peak Tram to reschedule second service suspension in 2021**

Dear Travel Trade Partners

Peak Tramways Company, Limited today announced that the second phase of its tram service suspension, originally scheduled for autumn 2020, will now commence in 2021.

The outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has caused devastation to many families around the world and we sympathise with those who have been affected and have lost loved ones. The business impact, particularly on the tourism industry, has been severe, including a considerable impact on supply chains and construction workforces.

With regards to the Peak Tram Upgrade Project, we have been negatively impacted in terms of the sourcing of materials and production delays in Asia and Europe, which has affected the manufacturing of our new tramcars and equipment. We believe this will affect the project in terms of its scheduled completion date and we have unfortunately had to postpone the second phase of service suspension until 2021. The entire upgrade project is still planned to be completed in the same year, 2021. Details of the timeline and a confirmed schedule of the second tram service suspension will be announced in due course.

We thank all for your understanding and support. In the meantime, the Peak Tram remains open for business.

#### **About the Peak Tram Upgrade Project**

The Peak Tram has proudly served Hong Kong for over 130 years, having been established in 1888. It has successfully transformed from an essential mode of transport to one of Hong Kong's most popular tourist attractions.

To create a more exciting and pleasurable experience for visitors, the Peak Tram is undergoing a substantial upgrade project which commenced in January 2019.

The Peak Tram upgrade project will replace the current tramcars, which have a capacity of 120 passengers, with longer tramcars capable of carrying 210 passengers. These new tramcars require a complete replacement of all haulage and control systems, new track rails and the strengthening of track foundations and bridges. Both upper and lower termini will be refurbished, creating additional queueing capacity at the Lower Terminus for up to 1,300 passengers in a more comfortable and entertaining environment.



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The first phase of tram service suspension and construction of the temporary lower terminus was completed in July 2019. A second service suspension was due to start in autumn 2020 for around five months, during which time the entire tram system - comprising tramcars, ropes, track rails, haulage and control systems - would be replaced, and both upper and lower termini construction works would be completed. This will now be postponed until 2021.

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