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**Competition Commission’s response to media enquiries on
Government’s study of regulation of online hire car hailing platforms**

The Transport and Logistics Bureau (“Bureau”) presented its study of the regulation of online hire car hailing platforms at the Legislative Council’s Panel on Transport meeting today (12 July 2024). In response to media enquiries on the subject, the Competition Commission (Commission) issued the following statement:

The Commission welcomes the Bureau’s plan to explore the regulation of online hire car hailing platforms in Hong Kong. The study released by the Bureau provided information on the regulatory regimes and related experiences of other jurisdictions as regards online hire car hailing. The examples illustrate how different jurisdictions, taking into account their own circumstances, addressed the challenges and opportunities brought about by online hire car hailing to their existing public transportation modes.

Back in 2019, the Commission had expressed some views related to competition in the sector. We will continue to carry out our policy advisory function by liaising with and providing relevant authorities with competition-related analysis and recommendations, with a view to promoting competition in this important sector to the benefit of the general public.

Continuous enhancement of business efficiency and facilitation of innovation by promoting market competition is the bedrock of Hong Kong’s economic success. The Commission believes this similarly applies to the opening up of the online hire car hailing service through regulation, which would enable them to compete with taxis on a level playing field in the point-to-point transport services market in Hong Kong.
