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Old car scrapping scheme eligibility lowered

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Eligibility for the first registration tax (FRT) concession under the old car scrapping incentive scheme will be lowered from Monday (April 14), a spokesman for Transport Department said today (Saturday).

The scheme was adopted by the Financial Secretary at his 97-98 Budget speech to lower the requirement of car ownership and licensing period from two years to one year.

Aimed to help improve air quality on the road, the scheme encourages owners of private cars of 10 years old or more to scrap their vehicles and to replace them by new petrol-engine ones.

Since its introduction last June, a total of 1 531 certificates have been issued and 977 FRT concessions granted.

The incentive of the scheme is a reduction in FRT of 20 per cent of the tax payable or \$30,000, whichever is the lower, for the registration of the new replacement private car.

Applications for this scheme should be made to the Transport Department's Hong Kong Licensing Office on third floor, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong.

The updated eligibility criteria for the scheme are:

- * the manufacturing year of the private car to be scrapped must be 1987 or before;
- * at the date of scrapping, the private car must have been owned by the same owner for at least 12 months beforehand, and also the car must have been continuously licensed in Hong Kong for 12 months immediately beforehand;
- * the new replacement private car under application for the first registration should not have been registered in Hong Kong or in any other countries; and
- * the registered owner of the new replacement car must also be the same person as that of the old car.

A Transport Department spokesman said those eligible car owners, if interested in the scheme, should scrap their old cars, deregister them and apply for a FRT concession entitlement certificate.

The entitlement can only be valid for six months from the date the old car was scrapped.

Enquiries for the scheme can be made to Hong Kong Licensing Office on 2804 2637 or by fax to 2804 2599.

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HK/China co-organise first engineering standards seminar

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Hong Kong and China are to co-organise for the first time a two-day Engineering and Construction Standards Exchange Seminar in Beijing on Monday and Tuesday (April 14 and 15) to strengthen the communication between the engineering and construction industries in the Mainland and the territory.

A delegation comprising 73 experts, engineers and other professionals of relating fields, led by the Secretary for Works, Mr Kwong Hon-sang, left Hong Kong today (Saturday). They will be joined by a similar number of experts from the Mainland who will participate in the seminar.

Co-organising the event in China are the Department of Standards and Norms, Ministry of Construction; the China Association for Engineering Construction Standardisation and from the territory the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

Besides the professionals from the private construction, engineering and architectural firms, forming part of the Hong Kong delegation are representatives from the Works Branch, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Buildings, Architectural Services, Civil Engineering, Drainage Services, Highways, Planning, Water Supplies and Housing Departments.

Before departure, Mr Kwong said the seminar would provide an opportunity for the people in the related trades in the two places to exchange views and experience and enhance the understanding on the formulation and implementation of engineering and construction standards.

He said the seminar would pave the way in establishing a foundation for exchanges between the two areas in future.

Some of the topics to be introduced by the Chinese experts will include: standardisation for engineering construction in China; drafting rules and working procedures for national standards on engineering construction; health development of construction supervision in China and engineering quality controlling and looking forward to the future for the construction in China.

From the Hong Kong side, the delegates will introduce to the Mainland counterparts issues such as development, formulation and implementation of engineering and construction standards for construction works in Hong Kong; an overview of selected standards and practices; quality management on bridge projects; construction site safety management practical and effective approach to quality management in building construction.

Separately, building services installation topics including water supply, drainage and fire protection; air-conditioning, energy conservation and intelligent building; electricity supply and lift and escalators performance will be discussed.

The delegation will return to Hong Kong on Wednesday (April 16).

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Fresh water cut in North District

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Fresh water supply to some premises in Fanling and Ta Kwu Ling will be suspended from 10 pm on April 15 (Tuesday) to 6 am the following day for connection work on watermains.

The suspension will affect all villages along Ping Che Road, including Ping Yeung, Tong Fong, Lei Uk, Chau Tin Tsuen, Fung Wong Wu, Kan Tau Wai, Tai Po Tin, Sheung Shan Kai Wat and Ha Shan Kai Wat; and those along Lin Ma Hang Road, including Kaw Liu Village, Chuk Yuen, Tsung Yuen Ha and Heung Yuen Wai.

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