

LSGI's scholar interviewed by RTHK on latest taxi demerit point system



On Monday 21 May, 2018, Dr Lilian Pun, Associate Head and Asscoiate Professor of LSGI, who is also Member in Committee on Taxi Service Quality, Transport Dept., HKSAR Government was interviewed by “Backchat” of RTHK3 on the controversial taxi service of HK and the propose of new demerit point system.

Recently, the HK Government is mulling over a new demerit point system for taxi drivers on 18 kinds of offences ranging from overcharging to refusing hires and might also increase the penalties to enhance deterrence. Meanwhile, taxi drivers have proposed some ways to revitalize the industry, including introducing new taxi licences with service duration limit, changing the bus-only lanes to allow usage by taxis and relaxing restrictions that stop people under 21 getting a taxi driving licence.

The programme interviewed some experts and scholars for the controversial topic and discussed with audiences on suggestions for improving the current situation.

Programme's guests of the day:

- Lilian Pun, Associate Professor, Department of Land Surveying and Geo-informatics, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; and Member, Committee on Taxi Service Quality.
- Hung Wing-tat, Chairman, Hong Kong Taxi Council; and Fellow, Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies.
- Frankie Yick, Legislator representing Transport Functional Constituency, Liberal Party.
- Kwok Ka-ki, Legislator, Civic Party; and Member of Legco's Panel on Transport.
- Chai Man-hon, Southern District Councillor, Democratic Party.
- Kevin Laurie, Programme Officer of Horseshoe Crab Specialist Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Full version of the programme can be found at:

http://podcast.rthk.hk/podcast/item_epi.php?pid=177&lang=zh-CN&id=114028