

Notes to Drivers under “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles”

Road Design in Hong Kong and the Mainland

Hong Kong adopts “left-hand traffic” rule for road design, in which traffic keeps on the left-hand side of the roads. Steering wheels are set on the right-hand sides of vehicles. This arrangement facilitates drivers to overtake the vehicle in front on the road system under the “left-hand traffic” rule. On the contrary, the Mainland adopts “right-hand traffic” rule for road design, in which traffic keeps on the right-hand side of the roads and steering wheels are set on the left-hand side of vehicles.

When driving Hong Kong vehicles in the Mainland, the field of vision of drivers will be limited and narrowed due to changes in the road system. Extent of blind spots will be increased resulting in a higher risk of accidents, in particular when overtaking, changing lanes, turning at junctions, merging into main roads on high-speed roads, etc.

Points to Note when Driving in the Mainland

- Must observe local regulations at all times
- Properly plan the driving routes between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province when using Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. Use car navigation system to assist driving if needed
- Understand the traffic signs, traffic lights, road markings and direction signs in the Mainland
- Keep to the right
- Pay attention to blind spots of vehicles
- Beware of traffic conditions when letting passengers get off vehicles on the left
- Beware of driver assistance systems of the vehicles (such as automatic parking, automatic steer, automatic lane change, lane keeping, etc.) that could be conditionally used are still applicable in the Mainland
- Check whether electric vehicles can use charging facilities in the Mainland directly