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The “Star” Ferry Fights COVID-19 with HK Together

All Ferries and Piers are Protected with Q-dot Photocatalyst Anti-bacterial & Virus Coating Letting Passengers Peace of Mind

(Hong Kong, 13 Nov 2020) The “Star” Ferry Company, Limited today announces that it is applying anti-bacterial and virus coating that lasts for 365 days to all its vessels in the fleet as well as all Star Ferry Piers located in Tsim Sha Tsui, Central and Wanchai, providing a hygienic environment and peace of mind for both passengers and staff.

Hong Kong people have been fighting COVID-19 since the beginning of 2020. As a major cross-harbour ferry operator, Star Ferry takes hygiene of its facility seriously and the Company has proactively implemented a series of preventive measures to fight the virus.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Eco Oil Company Limited, Star Ferry will further introduce photocatalyst coating not only to its vessels in the fleet covering the passengers seats and steering and engine rooms, but also apply to all three Star Ferry Piers in Tsim Sha Tsui, Central and Wanchai, including public areas and set up such as token vending machines, turnstiles, elevators, handrails, waiting area, restrooms, Water Tour waiting concourse, staff restroom and other back of house working area etc.

Mr. Jacky Ho, General Manager of The “Star” Ferry Company, Limited said, “Since the beginning of the epidemic outbreak, hand sanitizers have been placed next to token vending machines for passengers’ use. We have also increased the disinfection frequencies for all our vessels, pier public area and back of house area. In June, we applied for the first time photocatalyst anti-bacterial coating to all vessels.”

“We will continue to enhance our hygienic measures with a view to provide a reliable and safe ferry service on the Victoria Harbour.”

Eco Oil Company adopts the patent product *Q-dot Photocatalyst Anti-bacterial & Virus Coating “airDefender”*, which provides protection for 365 days just with one-time application, as proven by independent international laboratories. The effect of the coated surface against the virus and bacteria is not to be affected by daily cleaning. It can also decompose odor and harmful organic chemicals (e.g. formaldehyde and TVOC) and is proven to be non-toxic and non-irritating to skin.

The “Star” Ferry has been in service in Hong Kong for over 120 years. It is the first public transport offering free services for citizens aged 65 or above. National Geographic Traveler named the “Star” Ferry crossing as one of 50 ‘places of a lifetime’. However, number of passengers of the “Star” Ferry slid sharply in the past 10 months, the worst among all ferry operators, due to Covid-19.

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About Star Ferry

The “Star” Ferry Company, Limited have been providing cross-harbour ferry services between Hong Kong Island to Kowloon since its establishment in 1898. Not only is The “Star” Ferry an essential part of Hong Kong transportation system, it has also become one of the most remarkable icon of the city. *National Geographic Traveler* named the “Star” Ferry crossing as one of 50 ‘places of a lifetime’. For more information, please visit: <http://www.starferry.com.hk>

Photo captions

Photo 1: (left to right) The “Star” Ferry General Manager Mr. Jacky Ho, Secretary for Transport and Housing Mr. Frank Chan, The “Star” Ferry Director Mr. Frankie Yick, and ECO Oil Company Limited Director Mr Alvin Li attended the The “Star” Ferry Fights COVID-19 with HK Together.



Photo 2: (left to right) The “Star” Ferry General Manager Mr. Jacky Ho, Secretary for Transport and Housing Mr. Frank Chan, and The “Star” Ferry Director Mr. Frankie Yick applied the Q-dot Photocatalyst Anti-bacterial & Virus Coating on “Morning Star”.



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