

Ngong Ping Cable Car Temporarily Closed from 26 January

(Hong Kong, 25 January 2012) The Cable Car service at Ngong Ping 360 will be temporarily closed for service for about 10 days from tomorrow (26 January 2012) for maintenance works following a disruption today.

At 2:49pm, the automatic monitoring system of the Ngong Ping Cable Car service activated a stop command. The maintenance team immediately carried out inspections according to procedure. They noted that the haul rope pulley wheel at Airport Island Angle Station was not operating smoothly. After confirming that the system was safe to operate, the cable car system resumed operation at 3:22pm under slow speed for guests to alight. After all guests on the system had alighted at 4:53 pm, cable car service was suspended for the rest of the afternoon. Safe operation of the cable car system was maintained throughout the disruption.

Preliminary investigations show slight wearing of a bearing on the haul rope pulley wheel. As a prudent measure, Ngong Ping 360 will arrange for the bearing to be replaced. This involves a complex engineering process and the replacement work is expected to take one week. A thorough check of the cable car system will also be conducted.

At the same time, some regular maintenance works scheduled to be undertaken in the first quarter of this year according to the Ngong Ping 360 maintenance programme will be advanced and incorporated in this maintenance period, bringing the temporary closure to about 10 days.

Ngong Ping 360 apologises for the inconvenience that today's disruption has caused to visitors and hopes visitors understand the need for the temporary closure for maintenance.

The actual service resumption date will be announced at a later date.

During the servicing period, Ngong Ping Village will remain open. Visitors may go to the Village by bus or taxi.

For more information on Ngong Ping Cable Car service arrangements, visitors can call the Ngong Ping 360 hotline at 3666 0606 or browse its website at www.np360.com.hk.