

Hong Kong Blind Union – “Tap My Dish”

Introduction

“Tap My Dish” is a tailor-made iOS mobile app for visually impaired persons. As all we know, both public and private sectors have spent a lot of effort and resources to improve our city’s accessibility in recent years. The visually impaired can now travel to many places in Hong Kong freely and independently. Dining out with friends and relatives is a very common and important social activity among the visually impaired persons, just like their sighted counterparts. At present, the visually impaired have to rely on sighted persons such as friends or waiters around, to read out printed menus in restaurants before deciding what dishes to order. This is very clumsy, time-consuming and sometimes embarrassing. Although some restaurants have recently started to provide Braille menus for visually impaired customers, there are difficulties in keeping the menu information up to date. Moreover, some visually impaired persons are slow in reading Braille, and some even cannot read Braille at all. Nowadays, smart phones have become so popular among general users, including the visually impaired. The “Tap My Dish” mobile app provides them with detailed food menu information of local restaurants in a user-friendly manner.

Major Contents & Functions

Search for the food menu of any restaurant registered in the system by choosing the appropriate categories in the navigation menu, including the names of dishes, regions and categories of restaurants.

Enter keywords of restaurant names/addresses and dishes to shortlist the desired restaurants.

Search for the user’s current location with the Global Positioning System (GPS) function of his/her mobile phone, and display the food menus of the 10 registered restaurants that are closest (within 500 metres) to the user’s location.

Enter an identification number or scan a QR code of a particular registered restaurant to search for the food menu of that restaurant.

Allow users to save multiple lists of their favorite restaurants with the “My Favourite” function.

Allow persons-in-charge of the restaurants to create and display coupons in the system for use in specified validity periods. Users are able to save the coupons with the “My Coupon” function and retrieve them for use within the validity periods.

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