

All traffic lights resumed operation

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 21) said that owing to the collaborative efforts of various departments, all traffic lights have resumed normal operation.

Since June, about 740 sets of traffic lights in various districts have been damaged to varying degrees. Some traffic lights were repeatedly damaged and the ones in Yau Tsim Mong District were the most seriously affected. The damage in October and November has been more serious than in earlier months, with a number of controllers and components damaged. In cases where such facilities were burnt, underground cables would have to be replaced. With the co-ordination and joint efforts by relevant departments, the repair works of all the damaged traffic lights have been completed. The departments will continue to strengthen the protection measures of the traffic lights.

Traffic lights play an important role in the road network as they can effectively co-ordinate the traffic at junctions and ensure road safety. Pedestrian traffic lights can assist people in safely crossing the road. They are particularly essential for the elderly and people with disabilities. Traffic lights equipped with electronic audible traffic signals are important to the visually impaired as the signals help guide them across the street.

For the safety of road users, the TD again appealed to the public to stop damaging traffic lights and other road facilities.