

Special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement special traffic arrangements this Sunday (April 28) to facilitate two public order events to be held on Hong Kong Island.

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A. Road closure

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 12 noon until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Kam Hong Street;
- Westbound King's Road;
- Westbound Causeway Road;
- Westbound Irving Street;
- Northbound Pennington Street;
- Westbound Yee Wo Street;
- Westbound Jardine's Bazaar;
- Westbound Hennessy Road;
- Westbound Queensway;
- Westbound Queen's Road Central; and
- Southbound Bank Street.

B. Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from about 1pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Traffic from northbound Justice Drive cannot enter westbound Queensway intermittently and must go straight to eastbound Queensway; and
- Traffic from eastbound Queensway cannot turn right to southbound Cotton Tree Drive intermittently.

Vehicles may not be permitted to access or leave car parks along the route during the road closure period.

(2)

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented in phases until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

A. Road closure

From about 2.30pm

- If necessary, Great George Street;
- If necessary, Paterson Street between Gloucester Road and Great George Street;

- If necessary, Kingston Street;
- If necessary, Cleveland Street;
- If necessary, Cannon Street;
- If necessary, Lockhart Road east of Percival Street, except for green minibuses (GMBs);and
- If necessary, Jaffe Road east of Percival Street, except for GMBs.

From about 3pm

- The leftmost lane of westbound Yee Wo Street;
- The leftmost lane of westbound Hennessy Road;
- Jardine's Bazaar;
- Tang Lung Street;
- Canal Road East between Russell Street and Hennessy Road;
- Canal Road West between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road;
- Wan Chai Road between Canal Road West and Morrison Hill Road;
- Bowrington Road between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road;
- Lee Garden Road between Kai Chiu Road and Hennessy Road;
- Kai Chiu Road; and
- Yun Ping Road between Lan Fong Road and Kai Chiu Road.

From about 4pm

- Southbound Rodney Street;
- Westbound Harcourt Road between the exit of Harcourt Garden car park and Cotton Tree Drive;
- All lay-bys along Tim Mei Avenue and Lung Wui Road;
- The unnamed road outside ex-Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters; and
- If necessary, southbound Tim Wa Avenue between Lung Wo Road and Harcourt Road.

B. Traffic diversions

From about 2.30pm

- If necessary, traffic along northbound Tai Hang Road flyover cannot turn left to westbound Kingston Street;
- If necessary, traffic along southbound Paterson Street must turn left to eastbound Kingston Street;
- If necessary, traffic along southbound Cleveland Street cannot turn right to westbound Kingston Street;
- If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road service road cannot turn left to southbound Cleveland Street;
- If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road service road cannot turn left to southbound Paterson Street;
- If necessary, traffic along slip road leading from westbound Victoria Park Road cannot enter Cleveland Street;
- If necessary, traffic along eastbound Lockhart Road must turn right to Percival Street, except for GMBs; and
- If necessary, traffic along northbound Cannon Street cannot turn left to westbound Jaffe Road, except for GMBs.

From about 3pm

- Traffic along northbound Pennington Street cannot turn left to Jardine's Bazaar;
- Traffic along westbound Hennessy Road cannot turn left to southbound Canal Road East;
- Traffic along westbound Russell Street must turn left to southbound Canal Road East;
- Traffic along northbound Canal Road West near Sharp Street West will be diverted to the up-ramp leading to northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Traffic along eastbound Sharp Street West will be diverted to the up-ramp leading to northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Traffic along eastbound Sharp Street West cannot turn left to northbound Bowrington Road;
- Traffic along northbound Bowrington Road must turn right to eastbound Sharp Street West; and
- Traffic along eastbound Wan Chai Road must turn right to southbound Morrison Hill Road.

From about 4pm

- Traffic along westbound Harcourt Road near the exit of Harcourt Garden car park will be diverted to westbound Harcourt Road flyover;
- Traffic from United Centre Bus Terminus must turn left to westbound Drake Street;
- If necessary, traffic along eastbound Harcourt Road cannot turn left to northbound Tim Mei Avenue;
- If necessary, traffic along Lung Wo Road cannot enter Tim Wa Avenue, except for vehicles accessing Chief Executive's Office and Central Government Offices car park; and
- If necessary, traffic along Lung Wo Road cannot enter southbound Edinburgh Place.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on eastbound Lung Wui Road opposite to CITIC Tower will be suspended from about 3pm to 11.59pm.

Vehicles will not be permitted to leave or enter car parks at the affected areas during the road closure period.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning or subject to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Update on number of dengue fever cases

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (April 26) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

From April 12 to 25, the CHP recorded one imported DF case. The patient had been to Thailand during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (April 25), 40 cases had been confirmed this year, all of which were imported. The cases were mainly imported from Indonesia (eight), Malaysia (eight) and Thailand (seven).

DF remains endemic in some areas of Asia and beyond. In Guangdong, there were 63 cases in the first three months of this year. The latest figures for 2019 reveal that 16 635 cases had been recorded in Thailand, 55 976 in the Philippines (which was 1.8 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018), 36 285 in Malaysia (which was 2.5 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018), 2 699 in Singapore (since December 30, 2018), 48 647 in Vietnam (which was 3.5 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018) and 86 in Japan. In the Americas, the latest figures indicate that 439 432 and 10 581 cases were filed in Brazil and Mexico respectively in 2019.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing loose, light-coloured, long-sleeved tops and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or exposed parts of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from areas affected by DF and Zika virus infection should apply insect repellent for 14 days or at least 21 days respectively upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical

advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged two months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public may refer to the CHP's [tips for using insect repellents](#) for details.

[Appeal for information on missing man in Kwun Tong \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (April 26) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Wong Hok-kwan, aged 85, went missing after he was last seen at a minibus stop on Kwun Tong Road yesterday (April 25) afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.68 metres tall, 54 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt, dark trousers and black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0316 or 9886 0060 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Illegal worker jailed

A Vietnamese illegal worker was jailed by Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday (April 25).

During operation "Twilight" on April 23, Immigration Department (ImmD) investigators raided a restaurant in Yuen Long. One female Vietnamese illegal worker, aged 48, was arrested. When intercepted she was working as a dish washing worker. One employer suspected of employing the illegal worker was arrested and the investigation is ongoing.

The illegal worker was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday with taking employment after landing in Hong Kong unlawfully and remaining in Hong Kong without the authority of the Director of Immigration or while being a person in respect of whom a removal order or deportation order was in force. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment. Meanwhile, she was also charged with one count of using a forged Hong Kong identity card and one count of possessing a forged Hong Kong identity card. She was sentenced to 15 months and 12 months' imprisonment respectively. All sentences are to run concurrently, making a total of 15 months' imprisonment.

The ImmD spokesman warned that, as stipulated in section 38AA of the Immigration Ordinance, illegal immigrants or people who are the subject of a removal order or a deportation order are prohibited from taking any employment, whether paid or unpaid, or establishing or joining in any business. Offenders are liable upon conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and up to three years' imprisonment. The Court of Appeal has issued a guideline ruling that a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment should be applied in such cases. Under the prevailing laws, it is an offence to use or possess

a forged Hong Kong identity card or a Hong Kong identity card related to another person. Offenders are liable to prosecution and a maximum penalty of a \$100,000 fine and up to 10 years' imprisonment.

The spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to the court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

Under the existing mechanism, the ImmD will, as a standard procedure, conduct initial screening of vulnerable persons, including illegal workers, illegal immigrants, sex workers and foreign domestic helpers, who are arrested during any operation with a view to ascertaining whether they are trafficking in persons (TIP) victims. When any TIP indicator is revealed in the initial screening, the officers will conduct a full debriefing and identification by using a standardised checklist to ascertain the presence of TIP elements, such as threat and coercion in the recruitment phase, and the nature of exploitation. Identified TIP victims will be provided with various forms of support and assistance, including urgent interference, medical services, counselling, shelter, temporary accommodation and other supporting services. The ImmD calls on TIP victims to report crimes to the relevant departments.

Seventeen immigration offenders arrested

The Immigration Department (ImmD) mounted a territory-wide anti-illegal worker operation codenamed "Twilight" from April 23 to 25. A total of 12 illegal workers and five suspected employers were arrested.

During the operation, ImmD Task Force officers raided 33 target locations including a bar, a car park, factories, restaurants, shopping malls and a shop. Twelve illegal workers and five employers were arrested. The illegal workers comprised five men and seven women, aged 20 to 54. Among

them, a man and four women were holders of recognisance forms, which prohibit them from taking any employment. Furthermore, two of the men and five of the women were suspected of using and being in possession of forged Hong Kong identity cards. Meanwhile, four men and a woman, aged 38 to 50, were suspected of employing the illegal workers.

"Any person who contravenes a condition of stay in force in respect of him shall be guilty of an offence. Also, visitors are not allowed to take employment in Hong Kong, whether paid or unpaid, without the permission of the Director of Immigration. Offenders are liable to prosecution and upon conviction face a maximum fine of \$50,000 and up to two years' imprisonment. Aiders and abettors are also liable to prosecution and penalties," an ImmD spokesman said.

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