

CE meets Mayor of Seoul, Korea (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met with the Mayor of Seoul, Korea, Mr Park Won-soon, at Government House this afternoon (February 1). The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, was also present.

Welcoming Mr Park's visit to Hong Kong, Mrs Lam said she was very pleased to meet him again in Hong Kong. She said she visited Seoul some seven years ago as Secretary for Development and was impressed by the city's infrastructure developments, urban planning and heritage conservation, in particular the two successful river restoration projects in Seoul, namely the restoration of Cheonggyecheon River and the Hangang Renaissance Project, which served as valuable reference in her subsequent promotion of urban renewal and waterfront development initiatives in Hong Kong.

Mrs Lam noted that Hong Kong and Korea have close ties, with continuous economic and trade co-operation and people-to-people exchanges, adding that Korean popular culture appeals to many Hong Kong people. She said that Hong Kong has been committed to developing cultural and creative industries in recent years and a number of cultural facilities popular with both local residents and visitors have been launched, including the Xiqu Centre in the West Kowloon Cultural District and the Blue House Cluster, which won the Award of Excellence in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. Mr Park has visited both places during his stay in Hong Kong. Holding the belief that there is room for more economic and trade and cultural co-operation between Hong Kong and Korea, Mrs Lam expressed the hope that an Economic and Trade Office would be set up in Seoul as soon as possible to foster further exchanges between the two places in various areas.



Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements in Kowloon and the New Territories during Lunar New Year

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts in Kowloon and the New Territories to facilitate members of the public visiting Lunar New Year Fairs. During Lunar New Year period, Police will also implement crowd safety management measures in Mong Kok District.

Crowd safety management measures in Mong Kok

During the Lunar New Year period, an upsurge of crowd flow is expected in areas including Portland Street (between Argyle Street and Soy Street), Sai Yeung Choi Street South (between Argyle Street and Dundas Street) and the adjacent Nelson Street, Shantung Street, Soy Street, Tung Choi Street and Fa Yuen Street.

The Mong Kok Pedestrian Precinct at Sai Yeung Choi Street South between Argyle Street and Dundas Street were abolished in August 2018. Members of the public are advised to pay attention to road safety to avoid accidents.

For safety reason, Police may divert crowds to leave saturated areas when necessary. Police also appeal to the public not to patronise unlicensed hawkers or conduct street performance in public places, so as to avoid causing obstructions, disorder and potential danger to others in the crowded area. Any obstruction of public places, pavements, loading or unloading areas might impede the free flow of crowd and traffic, posing threats to public safety and public order.

Police will implement appropriate measures for crowd safety and traffic management to maintain public order and safety. Members of the public should exercise patience and tolerance, follow instructions given by Police officers and take heed of Police advice and announcement at scene.

Special traffic arrangements for Lunar New Year Fairs

Flower Market Road area

A. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following roads will be closed until 8am on February 5:

- Flower Market Road;
- Yuen Ngai Street;

- Yuen Po Street; and
- Prince Edward Road West service road.

Goods vehicles may access the above roads daily from 12.01am to 5pm for loading/unloading.

During the road closure period, traffic along westbound Prince Edward Road West cannot turn right to northbound Sai Yee Street. Affected vehicles will be diverted via northbound Tung Choi Street, Playing Field Road/Boundary Street, Fa Yuen Street, and Prince Edward Road West service road.

Subject to prevailing traffic situation, the following roads will be closed from 3pm on February 4 or anytime when necessary until 8am on February 5:

- Sai Yee Street between Prince Edward Road West and Boundary Street;
- Fa Yuen Street between Prince Edward Road West and Boundary Street;
- Playing Field Road between Tung Choi Street and Sai Yee Street; and
- Prince Edward Road West service road between Nathan Road and Sai Yee Street.

Traffic along westbound Prince Edward Road West cannot turn right to northbound Sai Yee Street during the period.

To facilitate pedestrians, off side lane of Prince Edward Road West 50 metres in front of flyover will be closed from 6pm on February 3 to 4am the following day; and from 2pm on February 4 to 8am the following day.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

The parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended until 8am on February 5:

- The metered parking spaces on Fa Yuen Street between Prince Edward Road West service road and Boundary Street;
- The disabled parking spaces on Fa Yuen Street near Boundary Street;
- The metered parking spaces on Tung Choi Street between Prince Edward Road West service road and Boundary Street;
- The motorcycle parking spaces on Tung Choi Street near Playing Field Road;
- The motorcycle parking spaces on Playing Field Road between Fa Yuen Street and Tung Choi Street;
- The motorcycles parking spaces under Prince Edward Road West flyover between Tung Choi Street and Sai Yee Street; and
- The disabled parking spaces on Playing Field Road near Tung Choi Street.

The metered parking spaces on Playing Field Road between Sai Yee Street and Tung Choi Street will be suspended from 3pm on February 4 to 8am the following day.

Fa Hui Park

A. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 6pm on February 3 to 4am the following day, and from 2pm on February 4 to 7am the following day:

- Traffic along westbound Lincoln Road cannot turn left to Cumberland Road, except for taxis;
- Traffic along Essex Crescent cannot turn left to southbound Cumberland Road, except for residents;
- Traffic along Embankment Road cannot turn right to Duke Street, except for residents;
- The cul-de-sac section of Dianthus Road east of Tat Chee Avenue will be closed;
- The third lane of southbound Tai Hang Tung Road between Tat Chee Avenue and Boundary Street will be closed;
- The first lane of eastbound Boundary Street between Tai Hang Tung Road and the bus stop outside Fa Hui Park will be closed;
- The third lane of northbound Tai Hang Tung Road between Tat Chee Avenue and Boundary Street will be closed. Vehicles cannot turn right to Tat Chee Avenue; and
- The first lane of eastbound Cheung Sha Wan Road flyover leading to Boundary Street will be closed.

The fifth lane of westbound Prince Edward Road West between Yuen Po Street and the flyover will be closed from 10pm on February 4 to 3am the following day.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 3pm on February 3 to 8am on February 5:

- Two metered parking spaces on Tong Yam Street;
- All metered parking spaces and motorcycle parking spaces on Duke Street;
- Motorcycle parking spaces on Knight Street near the junction with Duke Street;
- Two metered parking spaces on Belfran Road; and
- All metered parking spaces on Lincoln Road.

C. Temporary loading and unloading point

A loading and unloading point will be set up at Tong Yam Street near the junction with Tai Hang Tung Road from 3pm on February 3 to 8am on February 5.

Wong Tai Sin

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 5pm on February 4 to 6am the following day:

A. Road closure

Subject to traffic condition, Ching Tak Street between Lung Cheung Road and Tung Tau Tsuen Road may be closed.

B. Traffic diversions

Public light buses and taxis at Ching Tak Street terminus cannot turn right to eastbound Ching Tak Street.

Subject to traffic condition, vehicles may not be allowed to turn left from westbound Lung Cheung Road to Ching Tak Street and Fung Mo Street.

C. Temporary "No-Stopping" Area

Illegal parking and stopping will be strictly prohibited on Ching Tak Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Shatin Pass Road, Fung Mo Street, Fu Mei Street, Wang Tau Hom East Road, Wang Tau Hom South Road and Wang Tau Hom Central Road. Disabled persons will be allowed to board or alight from vehicles in the area should the situation warrants.

Kwun Tong

A. Road closure

Kai Lim Road will be closed from 6pm on February 2 to 4am the following day, and daily from 3pm to 4am the following day on February 3 and 4.

Fuk Ning Road and Fuk Tong Road will be closed daily from 3pm to 4am the following day on February 3 and 4.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Metered parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Kai Lim Road will be suspended from 8am on February 2 to 4am on February 5.

Tseung Kwan O

All parking spaces on Wan Lung Road will be suspended from 7am on February 3 to 7am on February 5.

Tuen Mun

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented daily from 6pm to 8am the following day on February 2 to 4:

A. Road closure

- Tin Hau Road;
- San Hop Lane;
- Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit;
- Southbound Hung Cheung Road between its northern and southern junctions with San Ping Circuit;

- San On Street from its southern junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction;
- Hing Wong Street from its southern junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction; and
- The cycling track along the western riverside of Tuen Mun River Channel between Pui To Road and Yau Oi Bridge.

B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along Yip Wong Road cannot turn to northbound Tin Hau Road;
- Traffic along southbound Tin Hau Road cannot turn to Hung Cheung Road; and
- Hung Cheung Road between its northern and southern junctions with San Ping Circuit will be re-routed to one-way northbound.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

The overnight on-street parking spaces on Tin Hau Road and Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit will be suspended.

D. Passenger pick up and drop off point

Tin Hau Road near its junction with San Hop Lane will be designated as passenger pick up and drop off point.

Yuen Long

A. Road closure

Keung Yip Street will be closed until 2pm on February 5.

The following roads will be closed from 4pm on February 4 to 7am the following day:

- Hong Yip Street between Po Yip Street and Wang Yip Street West;
- Hi Yip Street;
- Wang Yip Street East;
- Wang Yip Street South between Wang Yip Street East and Kwong Yip Street;
- The unnamed road between Wang Yip Street West and Kwong Yip Street;
- Hong Yip Street between Wang Yip Street West and Wang Yip Street East, except for franchised buses; and
- The slip road leading from Long Yip Street to Kwong Yip Street, except for franchised buses.

B. Traffic diversions

Hong Yip Street between Po Yip Street and Yuen Long Kau Hui Road will be re-routed to one-way eastbound from 8pm on February 4 to 7am the following day. Vehicles heading to One Regent Place will be diverted via Po Yip Street, Hong Yip Street and Kwan Lok Lane.

C. Cycling track closure

Cycling track in Keung Yip Street will be closed from 4pm on February 4 to 7am the following day.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

Part of the parking spaces on Wang Lee Street near Yuen Long Industrial Estate Bus Terminus will be suspended from 5pm on February 2 to 7am on February 5, except for franchised buses.

Parking spaces on Hong Yip Street, Wang Yip Street East between Wang Yip Street South and Hi Yip Street, and Wang Yip Street South will be suspended from 4pm on February 4 to 7am the following day.

Parking spaces on the following streets will be suspended daily from 8pm to 8am the following day from February 2 to February 5:

- Fu Yip Street;
- Tak Yip Street;
- Wang Lok Street;
- Po Yip Street;
- Wang Yip Street East between Hong Yip Street and Keung Yip Street;
- Wang Yip Street West; and
- Leung Yip Street (will be suspended depending on prevailing crowd and traffic conditions)

Tsuen Wan

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented daily from 6pm to 5am the following day on February 3 and 4:

A. Road closure

- Kai Hong Close;
- Kai Chi Close;
- Hoi Pa Street between Tai Ho Road and Lo Tak Court;
- The first lane of eastbound Sha Tsui Road between Yuen Tun Circuit and Tai Ho Road; and
- The first lane of westbound Sha Tsui Road between Yuen Tun Circuit and Heung Shing Street.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Motorcycle parking spaces on Kai Hong Close will be suspended.

Metered parking spaces No. 20192(A), 20192(B), 20195(A) and 20195(B) of Sha Tsui Road will be suspended.

Kwai Chung

The metered parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Ko Fong Street will be suspended from 2pm on February 4 to 8am the following day.

Tai Po

The cycling track on Ting Kok Road between Ting Tai Road and On Chee Road will be closed from 6pm on February 4 to 6am the following day.

Sheung Shui

San Lok Street (except for vehicles entering or leaving from Pearl Vista), San Tsoi Street, and Fu Hing Street between San Hong Street and San Tsoi Street will be closed from 6pm on February 4 to 4am the following day.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport to go to the Lunar New Year Fairs.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of special traffic arrangements may be towed away without prior warning or subjected 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 drive with care and patience and follow the instructions of the Police on site.

Missing man in Lantau South located

A man who went missing in Lantau South has been located.

Chung Kwok-fai, aged 45, went missing after he was last seen on South Lantau Road near Fu Kong Shan Road on January 26 morning. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located on Fu Tung Street, Lantau North this afternoon (February 1). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Contractors fined for violation of

safety legislation

Dragages Hong Kong Limited, China Harbour Engineering Company Limited and VSL Hong Kong Limited were fined \$264,000, \$214,000 and \$136,000 respectively at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (February 1) for violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations, the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear) Regulations and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on March 29, 2017, in a construction site of the Hong Kong Link Road of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge projects. While three workers were dismantling a temporary working platform suspended by a lifting system erected on the bridge deck of a bridge under construction, a lifting beam of the lifting system suddenly collapsed and two slings suspending the platform snapped. The platform plunged into sea together with the three workers. At the same time, the collapsed lifting beam hit two other workers working on the bridge deck. As a result, two workers died and the other three sustained injuries.

Relevant provisions of Third Party Funding of Arbitration come into operation

A spokesman for the Department of Justice (DoJ) has announced that the relevant provisions of Section 3 of the Arbitration and Mediation Legislation (Third Party Funding) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 (Amendment Ordinance) on third party funding of arbitration came into operation today (February 1).

There is now greater certainty that third party funding of arbitration in Hong Kong is not prohibited by the common law doctrines of maintenance and champerty. This can add to the attractiveness of Hong Kong as an international arbitration centre.

A Code of Practice for Third Party Funding of Arbitration was issued on December 7 last year setting out the practices and standards with which third party funders are ordinarily expected to comply in carrying on activities in connection with third party funding of arbitration. The Code serves a useful role in setting minimum standards of good practice by third party funders of

arbitration and laying down safeguards for funded parties.

The Amendment Ordinance was passed by the Legislative Council to implement the recommendations made in the Report on Third Party Funding for Arbitration published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong and the views of the Steering Committee on Mediation.