

# Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley tomorrow

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley tomorrow (October 28). The arrangements will come into effect one and a half hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

## A. Traffic arrangements before the commencement of the first race

### 1. Road closure

Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp outside Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) will be closed except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

### 2. Traffic diversions

- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the up-ramp outside HKJC will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Vehicles from eastbound Queen's Road East heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left to Morrison Hill Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn right to Wong Nai Chung Road except for vehicles heading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Morrison Hill Road to turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, southbound Morrison Hill Road, Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road.

## B. Traffic arrangements before the conclusion of race meeting

### 1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- The up-ramp on Wong Nai Chung Road outside HKJC leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the Public Stands of HKJC;
- Westbound Leighton Road between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
- Southbound Morrison Hill Road between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

In addition, southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed from about 10 minutes before the start of the last race.

## 2. Traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- Eastbound Queen's Road East at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic on southbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted to turn left to eastbound Leighton Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

## C. Learner drivers prohibition

Learner drivers will be prohibited to turn left from Caroline Hill Road to Leighton Road between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race. In addition, learner drivers will be prohibited from accessing the following roads within the above period of time:

- Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
- Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;
- Canal Road East; and
- The service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.

## D. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces on southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended from 11am to 7pm during day racing, from 4.30pm to 11.59pm during evening racing, and from 5pm to 11.59pm during night racing.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the above affected areas will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of road closure and traffic diversion will be made by the Police at the time depending on traffic conditions in the areas. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.

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## Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (October 27) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

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## Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (October 27). They are, on Hong Kong Island, Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited; in Kowloon, the Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod; and in the New Territories, OIWA Limited, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Arrangements have been made with the charities to help people distinguish between the three flag-selling activities.

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on October 27 is as follows:

Region	Name of Organisation	Colour of Collection Bag	Colour of Flag
Hong Kong Island	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited	Pink	White
Kowloon	The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod	Purple	Purple
New Territories	OIWA Limited	Orange	Light Blue

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the Charitable Fund-raising Control Team at 2832 4311 during office hours. Information on the flag days of the month is available at the SWD's website ([www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_whatsnew](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew)). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the

approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website ([www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_controlofc/sub\\_recentlyap](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap)). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website ([www.gov.hk/fundraising](http://www.gov.hk/fundraising)).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

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## **Anti-Drink and Drug Driving Halloween Road Safety 2018 event successfully held**

The following is issued on behalf of the Road Safety Council:

The Road Safety Council (RSC), Traffic Hong Kong Island of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol (Hong Kong Island and Islands) jointly held the Anti-Drink and Drug Halloween Road Safety 2018 event today (October 26) at Forbes Street Temporary Playground in Sai Wan.

Anti-drink driving and anti-drug driving messages were successfully disseminated to the public. The event featured an artistic roller skating performance by the Kanata Roller Skating Association, a taekwondo performance by the Hong Kong Chido Taekwondo Association, a band performance by the Dawn Society and a performance by the Hong Kong Police Silver Band. After the launch ceremony, the guests walked through the bar areas of Forbes Street, Cadogan Street and Davis Street to distribute road safety leaflets in order to deliver the "No Drug and Drink Driving" message to road users.

Today's ceremony was officiated by the Chairlady of the Road Safety Campaign Committee of the RSC, Ms Rebecca Ma; the Superintendent of Traffic Hong Kong Island (Investigation and Support Division) of the Hong Kong Police Force, Ms Petrina Lai; the Acting Chief Inspector of Police and Assistant Divisional Commander (Administration) of Western Division of the Hong Kong Police Force, Mr Yeung Kwun-chung; Senior Inspector of Police, Road Safety Unit, Traffic Branch Headquarters, Ms Susie Tsai; the Regional Commander of the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol (Hong Kong Island and Islands), Dr Baldwin Cheng; and the Chairman of the Central and Western District Road Safety Campaign Committee, Mr Chow Chiu-sheung.

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## Innovation and Technology Commission responds to media report

In response to a media report yesterday (October 25) on the Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS), a spokesman for the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) gave the following reply today (October 26):

Since the TechTAS came into operation in June this year, 142 quotas have been allotted under the scheme.

With respect to the ITC, the processing of all these 142 quota applications was completed within the target of two weeks upon receipt of all the required information and documents. On average, the processing time was around three working days. As for the Immigration Department, 12 applications for a visa / entry permit have been approved so far. The processing of all these cases was completed also within the target of two weeks' time.

The Harbin Institute of Technology, which is mentioned in the media report, is ranked ninth in Engineering/Technology and Computer Sciences in the latest (2016) Academic Ranking of World Universities (also known as the Shanghai Ranking). It is, therefore, a well-recognised university as required by the TechTAS. It should not be required to submit lots of documentary proof.

The ITC and the Immigration Department will keep processing applications within the target timeframe, so as to facilitate the admission of required talent for the technology sector.