

Special traffic and transport arrangements for 2018 Hong Kong Cyclothon

The Transport Department (TD) today (October 3) reminded members of the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases at various locations in New Territories South, Kowloon West and Tsim Sha Tsui from 1am next Sunday (October 14) to facilitate the holding of the 2018 Hong Kong Cyclothon. Vehicles from Lantau Island heading in the Tsing Yi direction will be diverted via the lower deck of the Lantau Link.

The 30-kilometre ride will start at Salisbury Road in East Tsim Sha Tsui and take a route via Kowloon Park Drive, Canton Road, Austin Road West, the Nga Cheung Road Flyover, Jordan Road, Lin Cheung Road, the West Kowloon Highway, the Tsing Kwai Highway, the Cheung Tsing Tunnel, the Cheung Tsing Highway, the Nam Wan Tunnel, Stonecutters Bridge and the Tsing Sha Highway before returning to the finish point at Salisbury Road near 1881 Heritage in Tsim Sha Tsui via the West Kowloon Highway. A similar route will be adopted for the 50km ride, but the Tsing Ma Bridge, the Ting Kau Bridge and the Eagle's Nest Tunnel will be added as part of its route. The major event venues, namely the roads in the vicinity of Urban Council Centenary Garden in East Tsim Sha Tsui, such as Salisbury Road, Mody Road, Science Museum Road and Mody Lane, as well as the Hung Hom Bypass and Hung Hom Road, will also be temporarily closed on event day.

During the event, the road closures will not affect vehicles from Hong Kong Island/Kowloon/New Territories East heading for the airport and Lantau Island. Both traffic directions of the Western Harbour Crossing will remain in normal operation. Due to the closure of the Ting Kau Bridge (Kowloon bound), motorists travelling from New Territories West to the airport and Lantau Island via Tuen Mun Road or the Tai Lam Tunnel will be diverted to use Tsuen Wan Road, Tsuen Tsing Interchange, Tsing Tsuen Road, the Tsing Tsuen Bridge, Tam Kong Shan Interchange and Tsing Yi North Coastal Road heading for the Tsing Ma Bridge.

In view of the road closures, more than 150 bus routes and green minibus routes will be diverted, truncated and suspended or have their stops relocated. The affected bus routes include those using the West Kowloon Highway, airport routes and routes travelling in Yau Tsim Mong District. The bus termini at the Star Ferry Pier and China Ferry Terminal will be suspended until 11am, while Tsim Sha Tsui East (Mody Road) Bus Terminus will be suspended from 11am to 6pm.

Travellers and motorists heading for the High Speed Rail Hong Kong West Kowloon Station should pay special attention. Due to road closures, vehicles from the Western Harbour Crossing (Kowloon exit) heading for West Kowloon Station via Jordan Road (eastbound) will not be allowed. Route diversion via Hoi Po Road, Yau Ma Tei Interchange and Lin Cheung Road (southbound) will be

required. In addition, vehicles from Tsim Sha Tsui heading for West Kowloon Station via Austin Road West (westbound) will not be allowed. Route diversion via Canton Road (northbound) and Jordan Road (westbound) will be required.

Furthermore, tourists heading for Ocean Terminal, China Ferry Terminal (China Hong Kong City) or Airport Express Line Kowloon Station are advised to plan their journey early to avoid possible delay.

Bus stops, taxi stands, taxi pick-up/drop-off points, public light bus/green minibus stands, roadside parking spaces and private car parks within the closed roads will also be suspended.

The TD appeals to members of the public to pay particular attention to the road closures and public transport arrangements at the Lantau Link, the Ting Kau Bridge, the Stonecutters Bridge, the Eagle's Nest Tunnel, Kowloon West, Tsim Sha Tsui, and East Tsim Sha Tsui on that day. Due to extensive road closures, the TD anticipates that Kowloon-bound traffic on the Lantau Link, Tsim Sha Tsui bound on Ferry Street, Canton Road in the sections south of Jordan Road and in the vicinity of Harbour City as well as roads to High Speed Rail Hong Kong West Kowloon Station will be very congested. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to affected or congested areas unless absolutely necessary and should exercise restraint and patience in case of traffic congestion and follow police instructions.

Members of the public going to the affected areas are advised to plan their journey ahead, allow more travelling time, use rail services as far as possible and stay alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 is 104.9 (down 0.1 against yesterday's index).

SFH speaks on rodent control

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session after attending a symposium today (October 3):

Reporter: Do you agree that the Government's index does not reflect the reality? Would there be any new measures against rat infestation?

Secretary for Food and Health: As far as the work of rodent control is concerned, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is actually having a number of measures. First of all, in terms of surveillance, they are putting a lot of different measures in the districts in order to check the indexes of rodent (Rodent Infestation Rates). As I have just emphasised, this type of surveillance is only one of the measures in providing information. People in the districts, including our staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, District Council members and also residents, know very well where the black spots are and places where there are lots of rats. This information will be provided to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Other than the overall work of rodent control, they are also doing focused work. That means they target a number of streets where there are black spots, and they would put more efforts in those streets, including education, cleaning and enforcement. I think these are some of the focused measures. As far as new technology is concerned, we have already asked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to explore further new methods in terms of surveillance and killing rats in the community. Once they come up with some new measures and new technologies that should be evidence-based and fit in the context of the community, I will be most happy to provide more resources for them to go forward with the work of strengthening rodent control.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

“The Academic & Art Publications of Professor Jao Tsung-i” exhibition pays tribute to master of Chinese studies (with photos)

To commemorate the life and achievements of Professor Jao Tsung-i, the master of Chinese studies, an exhibition entitled "The Academic & Art Publications of Professor Jao Tsung-i" is being held from today (October 3) until February 26 next year at the Hong Kong Central Library. The exhibition demonstrates Professor Jao's endeavours to pass on Chinese traditional culture, as well as his research achievements in the academic and art fields.

Professor Jao was very learned in matters of the ancient and modern worlds and strong in both the academic field and fine arts. His significant achievements contributed tremendously to the promotion of Chinese traditional culture. Professor Jao's research, spanning decades, covered areas including history, literature, language and religious studies as well as philosophy, arts and Chinese and Western cultures. He was world-renowned for his outstanding achievements.

Co-organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole of the University of Hong Kong, with the support of the Jao Link, the exhibition comprehensively displays Professor Jao's publications on various subjects in academic and art research, as well as calligraphy, manuscripts, offprints and more, along with works on studies of Professor Jao by scholars from Mainland China and Hong Kong.

To complement the exhibition, three talks, to be conducted in Cantonese, about Professor Jao's new approaches to painting and calligraphy, life wisdom and theory development will be held at the Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Central Library during October and December. Moreover, four bookmarks featuring Professor Jao's work "Four Screen Lotus" will be distributed for free to members of the public in phases while stocks last during the exhibition and the talks.

Admission to the exhibition and the talks is free. For details, please call 2921 0285 or visit www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/extension-activities/tag/140510/the-academic-art-publications-of-professor-jao-tsung-i.



“Heritage Vogue · Hollywood Road” street carnival to return on November 4

The "Heritage Vogue · Hollywood Road" street carnival will again be held on November 4 (Sunday), with activities including exhibitions, guided tours, workshops and performances providing a unique opportunity for the public to experience the rich history, culture and arts ambience of Hollywood Road.

The event is spearheaded by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of the Development Bureau in collaboration with the Antiquities and Monuments Office, Tai Kwun, PMQ, Hong Kong Antique and Art Galleries Association (HKAAGA), and Arts in Heritage Research.

A spokesman for the CHO said today (October 3), "Last year's 'Heritage Vogue · Hollywood Road' carnival was well received, with enthusiastic public participation. This year, we decided to rerun the street carnival, with a view to enhancing the public's understanding of the long history of Hollywood Road as well as promoting built heritage conservation in Hong Kong."

The event will be held at the section of Hollywood Road from Wyndham Street through to the junction with Aberdeen Street, Tai Kwun and PMQ with dance and music performances, guided tours, workshops, exhibitions and more. The non-profit-making organisations that run the Batch I to III projects of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme) will also host activities at their own marquees along the road, enabling the public to learn more about the current uses and services of the revitalised historic buildings. The HKAAGA and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) will contribute to a signature night parade, including large-scale Man Cheong and Mo Tai puppets and dragon and lion dance teams of TWGHs, as the highlight of the carnival.

Route maps of the event will be distributed at various locations in the territory from October 15 onwards. During the event period, Hollywood Road pamphlets, route maps and four magnetic badges of Tai Kwun, PMQ, Man Mo Temple in Sheung Wan and "Heritage Vogue · Hollywood Road" will be distributed at the visitor information counters on Hollywood Road, and the four magnetic badges will also be distributed at the respective historic buildings and exhibition marquees of the CHO on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors can also collect all 15 stamps of the Batch I to III Revitalisation Scheme projects, Tai Kwun, PMQ and Man Mo Temple in Sheung Wan as well as the 10th anniversary logo of the CHO of the Development Bureau at designated marquees and spots on Hollywood Road, and get a limited edition of Health and Happiness Chess on a first-come, first-served basis upon completion of a questionnaire at the visitor information counters.

The Batch I to III projects of the Revitalisation Scheme are Savannah

College of Art and Design (Hong Kong), Tai O Heritage Hotel, Hong Kong Baptist University School of Chinese Medicine – Lui Seng Chun, Jao Tsung-I Academy, YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel, Green Hub, Stone Houses Family Garden, Viva Blue House, Hong Kong News-Expo, The HKFYG Leadership Institute and Haw Par Music Farm. Students of the Savannah College of Art and Design (Hong Kong) also took part in creating the design concept for the whole event this year.

Other participating groups include the Cha Duk Chang Children's Cantonese Opera Association, Music Children Foundation, Miriam and Chris, Chan Pik Sum & Phoebus Chan, Rock Fang @ Studiodanz, YRock, VIRT, Only One Jazz Orchestra, LingMonKaiPe, Opus a la Carte Collective, The Moving Drums, Fuzi Chamber, VSing, Wan Pin Chu & Friends, Acoufunktur, BellSingers, Saxo Electro, Zenwester, Tsun Lok Dizi Ensemble Group, Clara & Ivan Lo, Patrick Lui & Friends, Humming Breeze, The Gundum Style, Nero Lee & Friends, CUHK Chinese Music Ensemble and Scarlet Bros.

Participants are encouraged to go to the event by public transport. For more information on the traffic and bus route diversion (12, 12M, 13, 26, 40M and H1), please refer to the notice to be released later by the Transport Department (www.td.gov.hk/en/traffic_notices/index.html).

Given that the section of Hollywood Road from Wyndham Street through to the junction with Aberdeen Street will be closed to vehicular traffic for the event, the organiser will provide a free shuttle bus service that will be in operation from 6am to 10pm on event day for local residents at the frequency of every 10 to 15 minutes with the following stops:

- Lyndhurst Terrace (Lyndhurst Tower)
- Caine Road (Near Ladder Street)
- Caine Road (Near Aberdeen Street)
- Caine Road (Caritas House)
- Arbuthnot Road (Opposite to The Centrum)

For details about the event, please visit the heritage conservation website of the Development Bureau (www.heritage.gov.hk/en/whatsnew/events.htm) or call 2848 6230 (Business Hours from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday; and November 4 from 9am to 8.30pm).