Postal Services will be affected

As road transport has not resumed normal yet, the opening hours of Post Offices, collection and delivery services, outbound services today (September 17) will be affected. Sales arrangement of new stamp issue of "The HK Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link" is extended to tomorrow. Details will be announced later. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

<u>Traffic situation after Typhoon</u> <u>Mangkhut</u>

Although Typhoon Mangkhut already landed in the Guangdong Province and wind is easing off in Hong Kong, the massive typhoon has brought severe damage to various parts of the public transport network and facilities (particularly roads and piers). The relevant government departments and public transport operators are working in full steam, including repairing road surface and traffic lights, clearing blocked roads, etc., so as to restore the public transport services as quick as possible.

A government spokesman today (September 17) reminded members of the public to pay attention to the road conditions and the latest arrangements for public transport services and allow more time for travel. Motorists especially private car drivers and commercial vehicle drivers are advised to exercise tolerance and patience, and drive carefully to ensure safety. On public transport services, franchised bus companies have already accorded priority to provide feeder bus services to MTR stations.

As at 7.30am today, the updated transport service arrangements are as follows:

I) Limited services being provided by MTR:

Tsuen Wan Line 8-minute intervals
Kwun Tong Line 8-minute intervals
Island Line Normal frequency
South Island Line Normal frequency
Tseung Kwan 0 Line
North Point Station — Po Lam Station Normal frequency
Tiu Keng Leng Station — LOHAS Park Station Normal frequency
Tung Chung Line
Hong Kong Station — Tung Chung Station Normal frequency
Disneyland Resort Line Normal frequency
Airport Express Normal frequency

East Rail Line
Hung Hom Station — Sha Tin Station 10-minute intervals
Sha Tin Station — Tai Po Market Station 15-minute intervals
Sheung Shui Station — Lok Ma Chau Station 15-minute intervals
Sheung Shui Station — Lo Wu Station 10-minute intervals
West Rail Line Normal frequency
Ma On Shan Line Normal frequency
Light Rail Limited Service
MTR Bus Limited service

II) Franchised Bus Services:

- 1. NWFB/CTB: Due to obstacles on roads, the service of NWFB & CTB daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes:
 - i) NWFB: 82M;
 - ii) CTB: 48,70,72,72A,75,78,90,592,S1,S56
- 2. KMB: the service of daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes: 6,59M,60M,68M,71A,238M,904,K12,K14,K17,K18
- 3. LWB: the service of daytime routes are suspended, except the following routes: S1,S64
 - 4. NLB:
 - (a) Routes 37,37H,37M, 38 have gradually resumed normal,
 - (b) Routes 1,2,3,4,11,21,23,34,36,A35,B2,B2P are still suspended;

III) Ferry Services

The following ferry services will resume shortly:

- i) Inner Harbour Routes
- 1. Coral Sea (Kwun Tong- Sai Wan Ho): gradually resume service at 6:48am
- 2. Coral Sea (Sai Wan Ho Sam Ka Tsuen): gradually resume service at 7:00am
- 3. Star Ferry (Central —Tsim Sha Tsui): gradually resume service at 6:30am
- 4. Star Ferry (Wan Chai— Tsim Sha Tsui): gradually resume service at 7:20am
 - ii) Outlying Islands Routes
- 1. New World First Ferry (Cheung Chau Central): gradually resume service at 7:00am
- 2. Tsui Wah (Aberdeen Yung Shue Wan): gradually resume service at 7:20am
- 3. Discovery Bay Ferry (Discovery Bay Central): gradually resume service at 7:15am
- 4. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Sok Kwu Wan Central): gradually resume service at $8:00\,\mathrm{am}$
- 5. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Yung Shue Wan Central): gradually resume service at 7:20am
 - 6. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Peng Chau Central): gradually resume

service at 7:25am

- 7. Park Island Ferry (Ma Wan Central): gradually resume service at $7:00\,\mathrm{am}$
- 8. Park Island Ferry (Ma Wan Tsuen Wan): gradually resume service at 10:15am

The following ferry services will resume later today:

- i) Outlying Islands Routes
- 1. Tsui Wah (Aberdeen Cheung Chau)
- 2. Chuen Kee Ferry (Aberdeen Sok Kwu Wan)
- 3. Peng Chau Kaito (Discovery Bay Mui Wo)

Due to damage of some ferry piers, the following seven ferry services will be suspended for a longer period after typhoon signal has been lowered to No. 3:

- i) Inner Harbour Routes
- New World First Ferry (North Point Hung Hom)
- 2. New World First Ferry (North Point Kowloon City)
- 3. Fortune Ferry (North Point Kwun Tong)
- ii) Outlying Islands Routes
- New World First Ferry (Central Mui Wo)
- 2. New World First Ferry (Peng Chau Mui Wo Chi Ma Wan Cheung Chau)
- 3. Fortune Ferry (Tuen Mun Tung Chung Sha Lo Wan Tai 0)
- 4. Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry (Special Departures of Peng Chau Hei Ling Chau)

"We hope the community understands and be patient. It inevitably takes some time for public transport service to resume normal. The government departments will continue its efforts and will keep the public and the media informed of the latest situation," the Government spokesman said. "Also, members of the public will no doubt be affected during the start of the working day. The Government urges employers to be considerate and exercise flexibility in light of the difficulty faced by employees to go to work under such circumstances."

Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the Strong Wind Signal No. 3, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (September 17) will be cancelled.

Reopening of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department announces that the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal in Tuen Mun has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Reopening of Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department announces that the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.