

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, October 12, 2018 is 105.2 (down 0.3 against yesterday's index).

Nine beaches to reopen

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (October 12) that nine beaches will reopen on the following dates:

To reopen on October 13 (Saturday)

Tuen Mun District:

Butterfly Beach
Castle Peak Beach
Kadoorie Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach
Cafeteria New Beach
Golden Beach

Tsuen Wan District:

Hoi Mei Wan Beach
Approach Beach

To reopen on October 16 (Tuesday)

Southern District:

Repulse Bay Beach

These beaches were temporarily closed earlier for clearance of debris and fallen trees as well as repairs of shark prevention nets and beach facilities after the typhoon.

Meanwhile, other gazetted beaches in Southern, Tsuen Wan, Islands and Sai Kung Districts, including Deep Water Bay Beach which is normally open all year round, will remain closed until further notice as much longer time is needed for repairing beach facilities and damaged shark prevention nets or clearing debris due to the severe damage brought about by the typhoon earlier. Red flags have been hoisted at these beaches.

The LCSD reminds members of the public not to go to the beaches that are temporarily closed, and not to swim or participate in other activities at those beaches for the sake of safety.

Tender period extended for Inter-reservoirs Transfer Scheme – Water Tunnel between Kowloon Byewash Reservoir and Lower Shing Mun Reservoir

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) today (October 12) announced that in response to requests from interested tenderers, the tender period for the contract for Inter-reservoirs Transfer Scheme – Water Tunnel between Kowloon Byewash Reservoir and Lower Shing Mun Reservoir has been extended to noon on November 9.

The DSD invited tenders for the contract on August 17. The original tender period was scheduled to expire at noon on October 26.

The extension of the tender period was gazetted today. Details of the tender notice are available at the DSD's website (www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Tender_Notices/Current_Tenders/index.html).

Auction of traditional vehicle registration marks to be held on November 3

The Transport Department today (October 12) announced that the auction of traditional vehicle registration marks will be held on November 3 (Saturday), in Meeting Room S421, L4, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 300 vehicle registration marks will be put up for public auction. The list of marks has been posted on the department's website, www.td.gov.hk," a department spokesman said.

Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$1,000 to reserve a mark for auction should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price of \$1,000). Otherwise, the mark may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

(a) Successful bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after the successful bidding:

- (1) the identity document of the successful bidder;
- (2) the identity document of the purchaser if it is different from the successful bidder;
- (3) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation if the purchaser is a body corporate; and
- (4) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". (For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed.) Successful bidders can also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS). Payment by post-dated cheques, cash or other methods will not be accepted.

(b) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of Registration Mark immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted.

(c) A vehicle registration mark can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(d) Special registration marks are non-transferable. Where the ownership of a motor vehicle with a special registration mark is transferred, the allocation of the special registration mark shall be cancelled.

(e) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the registration mark to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the registration mark within 12 months, allocation of the mark will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of Vehicle Registration Marks, which can be downloaded from the department's website, www.td.gov.hk.

Special traffic arrangements during Chung Yeung Festival

Police will implement the following special traffic arrangements in various districts to facilitate grave-sweepers, and to ensure smooth vehicular traffic movements and pedestrian safety during Chung Yeung Festival.

Chai Wan

Roads in the vicinity of the cemeteries in Chai Wan will be closed in phases on October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 and November 3, 4, 11 and 17.

Phase I

Vehicles will be allowed to use Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road (vehicles can turn left from Lin Shing Road to Cape Collinson Road leading to the vicinity of Chinese Permanent Cemetery) between 7am and 6pm daily on October 13, 20 and 27 and November 3, 4, and 11. Depending on the traffic conditions, Phase 2 road closure may be implemented during the period.

Phase II

The following roads will be closed between 7am and 6.30pm daily on October 14, 21 and 28:

1. The slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to the Garden of Remembrance and Crematorium, except for hearses and funeral vehicles;
2. The slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery;
3. Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road, except for green minibus(GMB) route 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles, and vehicles with permit;
4. Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
5. Southbound Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M, 16X and 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles, vehicles with permit and vehicles to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate; and
6. Northbound Lin Shing Road, except for GMB route 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit.

Depending on traffic conditions, taxis and public light buses (PLBs) may be allowed to enter Lin Shing Road and turn right to Cape Collinson Road. Traffic along Lin Shing Road cannot turn left to Cape Collinson Road.

Phase III

The following roads will be closed between 7am and 7pm on October 17:

1. The slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to the Garden of Remembrance and Crematorium, except for hearses and funeral vehicles;
2. The slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery;
3. Wan Tsui Lane;
4. Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road, except for hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
5. Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit; and
6. Southbound Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles, vehicles with permit and vehicles to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate.

In connection with the above road closure, the following roads will be re-routed one way westbound:

1. Cape Collinson Road between the slip road to Crematorium and Shek O Road; and
2. The eastern section of Wan Tsui Road between Chai Wan Road and Fei Tsui Road.

No parking will be permitted along Cape Collinson Road, Lin Shing Road, Shek O Road between Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution and Tai Tam Road, and Wan Tsui Road.

In connection with the road closures as mentioned above, all taxis, public light buses and private cars heading for Cape Collinson Road cannot enter Lin Shing Road, except making access to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate. Affected vehicles will be allowed to set down passengers at the public light bus stand at Fei Tsui Road near its junction with Wan Tsui Road.

Public light buses cannot pick up/set down passengers along Wan Tsui Road between Chai Wan Road and Fei Tsui Road.

Depending on traffic conditions, public light buses may also be prohibited from entering Tai Tam Road from Chai Wan Road.

Pok Fu Lam

Consort Rise between Victoria Road and Bisney Road will be re-routed one-way southbound from 7am to 5pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21.

Aberdeen

The following roads will be closed from 7.30am to 5.30pm daily on October 13, 14, 20 and 21; and from 7.30am to 6.30pm on October 17:

1. Peel Rise in the vicinity of the Aberdeen Chinese Permanent Cemetery; and
2. The slip road from Shek Pai Wan Road leading to the Aberdeen Chinese

Permanent Cemetery.

Central

Tramway Lane between Garden Road and the office of World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong will be closed from 8am to 8pm on October 17, except for taxis and franchised buses. Coaches must use the unnamed road between Garden Road and Cotton Tree Drive.

All parking spaces on Tramway Lane, including motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking spaces will be suspended between 6am and 8pm on October 17.

The Peak

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented between 8am and 8pm on October 17:

1. All uphill traffic along Peak Road towards Harlech Road, Lugard Road and Mount Austin Road will be diverted downhill via the slip road beside the car park entrance of the Peak Galleria, except for residents' vehicles or vehicles with permit,;
2. Lugard Road, Harlech Road and Mount Austin Road will be closed, except for residents' vehicles and vehicles with permit;
3. Traffic control will be implemented at the entrance of Peak Galleria car park. The vehicular access to Mount Austin Road is restricted for local residents only;
4. All metered parking spaces and motorcycle parking spaces on Mount Austin Road near Victoria Peak Garden will be suspended; and
5. Westbound Mount Austin Road between its junction with Peak Road and the entrance of Mount Austin Playground may be closed if necessary. As such, eastbound Mount Austin Road will be re-routed as one-lane two-way.

Diamond Hill

Road closure

The following roads will be closed between 7am and 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28, except for hearses and funeral vehicles:

1. The access road leading to the Diamond Hill Crematorium;
2. The access road between the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour and the China Light and Power (CLP) Sub-station; and
3. The access road adjacent to the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour leading to Sze Chen Hall.

The following roads will be closed between 7am and 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28, except for private cars and taxis:

1. Yuk Hok Lane; and

2. Yuk Wah Street east of Tsz Wan Shan Road.

Motorcycles will be allowed to use Yuk Hok Lane and Yuk Wah Street east of Tsz Wan Shan Road on October 27 and 28.

Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented between 7am and 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28:

1. Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill can only enter or leave Fung Shing Street or Fu Shan Estate car park;
2. Traffic along northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill can only enter or leave Grand View Garden car park;
3. Vehicles can turn left from eastbound Po Kong Village Road to westbound Yuk Wah Street via easternmost traffic lane of Tsz Wan Shan South Bus Terminus;
4. Traffic along westbound Fung Shing Street cannot turn right to northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill;
5. Traffic along northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill cannot turn right to eastbound Fung Shing Street;
6. Traffic along Grand View Garden car park cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill;
7. Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to Grand View Garden car park;
8. Traffic along Fu Shan Estate car park cannot turn right to northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill;
9. Traffic along northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill cannot turn right to Fu Shan Estate car park;
10. Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to Po Kong Village Road School Village car park;
11. Traffic leaving Po Kong Village Road School Village car park cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill;
12. Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to the unnamed road opposite to Po Leung Lane;
13. Traffic along the unnamed road opposite to Po Leung Lane cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill;
14. Vehicles leaving Tsz Wan Shan South Bus Terminus cannot turn right to eastbound Yuk Wah Street, except for franchised buses; and
15. Traffic along Yuk Wah Crescent cannot turn right to eastbound Yuk Wah Street.

Suspension of parking spaces

The following parking spaces will be suspended between 7am and 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28:

1. Metered parking spaces on the unnamed road between the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour and CLP Sub-station; and
2. Five metered parking spaces in Yuk Wah Street car park.

Between 7am and 6pm on October 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21, motorcycle parking

spaces in Yuk Wah Street near Yuk Hok Lane will be suspended.

Between 7am and 6pm on October 14, 17 and 21, Po Kong Village Road School Village car park will be closed, except for private cars and taxis.

Tseung Kwan O

The access road leading to Tseung Kwan O Chinese Permanent Cemetery will be closed from 5.30am to 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 20, 21 and 28, and November 4, except for special bus service by Kowloon Motor Bus (KMB) route 14S, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit.

The above road will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 5.30am to 8pm on October 17.

Grave-sweepers can reach the cemetery on foot via the access road on Ko Chiu Road or the footpath with staircases opposite to MTR Tiu Keng Leng Station. Wheelchair users are advised to enter the cemetery via the access road on Ko Chiu Road.

Sai Kung

A section of Mang Kung Wo Road leading to Kei Pik Shan Cemetery in Sai Kung will be closed from 8am to 5pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21, except for vehicles with permit.

Wo Hop Shek

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28:

Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 6am to 5pm daily:

1. Kiu Tau Road, except for hearses;
2. Ming Yin Road, except for franchised buses;
3. Wo Ka Lau Road; and
4. All access roads within Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

Traffic diversions

Traffic along northbound Pak Wo Road outside Fung Ying Seen Koon cannot turn right to southbound Pak Wo Road, and traffic along southbound Pak Wo Road outside MTR Fanling Station cannot turn right to the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon.

Suspension of parking spaces

The following car parks will be closed and parking spaces will be

suspended between 7am and 5pm daily:

1. The car park on Wo Hing Road near Ming Yin Road roundabout, except for taxis;
2. The car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon, except for disabled parking spaces, and public buses of the residents' service route no. NR112; and
3. All parking spaces on Wah Ming Lane.

Depending on the situation, the Police may exercise discretion to allow vehicles carrying the elderly and disabled passengers to make use of the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon for interchange with the buses heading for Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

Sandy Ridge

The Frontier Closed Area from Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road will be open to grave-sweepers between 6am and 6pm daily from October 6 to 28.

The following roads will be closed from 6am to 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28:

1. Lo Wu Station Road from its junction with Man Kam To Road to a point of about 280 metres west near the cemetery management office, except for vehicles of Lo Wu Village residents and vehicles allowed to park at the car park of MTR Lo Wu Station; and
2. Sha Ling Road, except for vehicles of Sha Ling residents.

Sha Tin

The following roads will be closed from 8am to 6pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21:

1. Lower Shing Mun Road between Yau On Street and Fu Shan Crematorium, Yau On Street and Yau Ting Street, except for hearses, funeral vehicles, GMB route no. 64K and residents' vehicles of Pak Tin Areas 2 to 5 and Lakeview Garden; and
2. Pai Tau Street west of its junction with Sheung Wo Che Road.

To Fung Shan

To Fung Shan Road north of its junction with Pak Lok Path will be closed from 9am to 5pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21, except for vehicles serving residents and persons working in To Fung Shan, and shuttle bus service plying between To Fung Shan and Tai Wai Station.

Tuen Mun

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 7am

to 7pm daily on October 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27 and 28:

Road closure

Tsing San Path and the access roads leading to Ching Chung Koon and Ching Chung Sin Yuen will be closed.

Traffic diversions

1. Tsing Chung Koon Road between Tsing Lun Road and San Fuk Road will be re-routed one-way northbound; and
2. San Fuk Road between Leung Shun Street and Tsing Chung Koon Road will be re-routed one-way westbound.

No parking will be permitted along San Fuk Road, Tsing Chung Koon Road between Tsing Chung Path and San Fuk Road, Tsing Lun Road between Tsun Wen Road and the northern vehicle entrance of Tuen Mun Hospital, and southbound Tsun Wen Road between Tsing Lun Road and San Fuk Road.

Tin Shui Wai

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 8.45am to 4pm on October 14 and 17:

1. Deep Bay Road will be re-routed one-way northbound and Mong Tseng San Road will be re-routed one-way southbound, except for GMB route no. 35 and vehicles leaving residential and business premises on the stretch of Deep Bay Road between Lau Fau Shan Roundabout and Mong Tseng San Road;
2. Traffic along southbound Deep Bay Road will be re-directed to Mong Tseng San Road at the junction of Deep Bay Road and Mong Tseng San Road; and
3. The slip road from Tin Ying Road to Tin Yuet Road will be closed.

Tsuen Wan

Lo Wai Road between Lo Wai Pai Lau and Yuen Yuen Institute will be closed from 8am to 5pm daily on October 14, 17 and 21, except for franchised buses, taxis, GMBs and vehicles with permit.

Kwai Tsing

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 7am to 5pm daily on October 14, 17, 21 and 28, and when necessary on any other dates:

1. Southbound Wing Tak Street from the entrance of City Point to its junction with Wing Shun Street will be closed, except for hearses, franchised buses, taxis and GMBs;
2. Wing Yin Street will be closed, except for hearses, franchised buses, taxis and GMBs;
3. Wing Shun Street between Wing Tak Street and Kwai Hei Street will be closed, except for hearses, franchised buses, taxis and GMBs;

4. Wing Kei Road between Kwai Hei Street and Wing Kin Road will be re-routed one-way southbound. Vehicles must enter Wing Kei Road from Wing Kin Road; and
5. Wing Chong Street, Wing Hau Street and Wing Lap Street will be closed.

In addition, Wing Yin Street and Wing Hau Street will be closed, from 7am to 5pm daily on October 13, 20 and 27, and November 3 and 4, except for hearses and franchised buses.

All vehicles parked illegally will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Grave-sweepers should use public transport as far as possible. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.