

Special traffic arrangements during Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in Causeway Bay and Tin Hau to facilitate the holding of the Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo in Victoria Park from December 14, 2024 to January 6, 2025.

A. Road closure

Depending on the traffic and crowd conditions, the following road closures may be implemented partially or at the same time from 4pm to 10pm daily between December 14, 2024 to January 6, 2025, except for vehicles with permit:

(I)

- Southbound Gloucester Road between Kingston Street and Causeway Road; and
- Sugar Street.

(II)

- Northbound Gloucester Road between Kingston Street and Causeway Road, except for northbound traffic from Moreton Terrace flyover; and
- Sugar Street.

(III)

- Great George Street;
- Paterson Street between Kingston Street and Great George Street; and
- Westbound Kingston Street between northbound Gloucester Road and Paterson Street.

(IV)

- Cleveland Street;
- Kingston Street; and
- Paterson Street between westbound Gloucester Road and Kingston Street.

(V)

- Hing Fat Street will be intermittently closed, except for franchised buses and green minibuses;
- Electric Road between Yacht Street and Hing Fat Street will be intermittently closed, except for taxis and vehicles accessing Park Towers;
- Lau Li Street between Hing Fat Street and Ngan Mok Street will be intermittently closed; and
- The general lay-by at northbound Hing Fat Street near Tsing Fung Street.

B. Traffic diversions

In connection with the above-mentioned road closure arrangements, the following traffic diversions may be implemented partially or at the same time:

(I)

- Traffic along Victoria Park Road flyover will be diverted via westbound Gloucester Road; and
- Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot enter Sugar Street.

(II)

- Traffic along northbound Moreton Terrace flyover cannot turn left to westbound Kingston Street; and
- Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot enter Sugar Street.

(III)

- Traffic along southbound Paterson Street will be diverted via eastbound Kingston Street; and
- Traffic along southbound Cleveland Street will be diverted via eastbound Kingston Street.

(IV)

Traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot enter Cleveland Street and Paterson Street.

(V)

Traffic along Causeway Road cannot enter Hing Fat Street.

C. Implementation of Pedestrianisation

During the holding of the above event, pedestrianisation will continue to be implemented on the following road daily from 4pm to midnight on weekdays, and from noon to midnight on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays:

- Lockhart Road east of Cannon Street;
- East Point Road; and
- Great George Street west of Paterson Street.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

The Hing Fat Street Public Car Park (except the disabled parking spaces) will be suspended during the following periods, except for vehicles with permit:

- From 8am to 8.59pm daily between December 11 and 13, 2024; – From 8am to 7.59pm daily between December 14, 2024 and January 5, 2025;
- From 8am to 11.59pm on January 6, 2025; and
- From 8am to 8.59pm on January 7, 2025.

During the road closure period, vehicles may not be allowed to access or leave car parks at Great George Street and Park Lane Hotel.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending

on traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Correctional officers stop assault on person in custody and staff member

Correctional officers stopped a person in custody from assaulting another person in custody and a staff member at Lo Wu Correctional Institution today (December 9).

At 8.40am today, a 32-year-old female person in custody attacked a 43-year-old female person in custody in a workshop. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the assailant and called for reinforcement. In the meantime, the assailant suddenly became emotional and attacked a correctional officer. Officers at the scene immediately ordered the assailant to stop and applied OC foam to subdue her after repeated warnings were ignored.

During the incident, the victim sustained an injury to her head, while the officer being attacked sustained an injury to her ear. The assailant sustained injuries to her head and hand. They did not need to be sent to a public hospital after examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The two persons in custody were sentenced to undergo drug treatment at the institution for the offence of theft and possession of a dangerous drug in June and December 2024, respectively.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, December 9, 2024 is 106.7 (up 0.1 against last Saturday's index).

â€‹The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, December 7, 2024 was 106.6 (up 0.2 against last Friday's index).

Inspection of aquatic products imported from Japan

In response to the Japanese Government's plan to discharge nuclear-contaminated water at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene issued a Food Safety Order which prohibits all aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds originating from the 10 metropolis/prefectures, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, from being imported into and supplied in Hong Kong.

For other Japanese aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds that are not prohibited from being imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct comprehensive radiological tests to verify that the radiation levels of these products do not exceed the guideline levels before they are allowed to be supplied in the market.

As the discharge of nuclear-contaminated water is unprecedented and will continue for 30 years or more, the Government will closely monitor and step up the testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening the scope of the import ban.

From noon on December 6 to noon today (December 9), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 299 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category, in the past three days (including last Saturday and Sunday). No sample was found to have exceeded the safety limit. Details can be found on the CFS's thematic website titled "Control Measures on Foods Imported from Japan" (www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_rafs/programme_rafs_fc_01_30_Nuclear_Event_and_Food_Safety.html).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 150 samples of local catch for radiological levels. All the samples passed the tests. Details can be found on the AFCD's website (www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological_testing/Radiological_Test.html).

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) has also enhanced the environmental monitoring of the local waters. No anomaly has been detected so far. For details, please refer to the HKO's website (www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html).

From August 24, 2023, to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 104 232 samples of food imported from

Japan (including 67 316 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 23 566 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

LD to launch exhibition on Employment Ordinance and Minimum Wage Ordinance

Members of the public are invited to visit an exhibition on the Employment Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance organised by the Labour Department in Tung Chung on December 10 and 11 (Tuesday and Wednesday).

The exhibition will feature the main provisions of the Employment Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance, good human resource management measures, as well as employment rights and benefits for foreign domestic helpers. Related publications and souvenirs will be distributed, and promotional videos will be shown.

The exhibition will be held at Sales Venue A & B, 1/F, Fu Tung Plaza, 6 Fu Tung Street, Tung Chung, New Territories, from 11am to 6pm. Admission is free.