

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley today (December 11). 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;
- Traffic along 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 about 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 diversions will be implemented from about 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;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along 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.

Red fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

The fire danger situation today (December 11) is red and fire risk is extreme. The countryside is extremely vulnerable to fire. If you are planning to spend the day in the countryside, please take pre-cooked food for a picnic and take all measures to prevent hill fires. The penalty for lighting fires illegally in the countryside is \$25,000 and a year's imprisonment.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

Missing man in Ma On Shan located

A man who went missing in Ma On Shan was located.

Yan Chi-ho, aged 54, went missing after he left his residence in Chung On Estate on December 9 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

Police located the man on Shan Si Street in Hung Hom yesterday night (December 10). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Tenders awarded for five petrol filling station sites

The Lands Department announced today (December 10) that tenders for five petrol filling stations have been awarded on 21-year land grants at a total premium of \$2,887,730,000.

PetroChina International (Hong Kong) Corporation Limited was awarded the following five lots as the highest tenderer in respect of each lot: Sha Tin Town Lot No. 628 at Chik Chuen Street, Tai Wai, Sha Tin, New Territories, was awarded at \$643,840,000; New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6622 at No. 592 Prince Edward Road East, Kowloon, was awarded at \$620,380,000; New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6623 at No. 373 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, was awarded at \$590,010,000; Fanling Sheung Shui Town Lot No. 273 at Jockey Club Road, Fanling, New Territories, was awarded at \$585,650,000; Tai Po Town Lot No. 250 at 1P Kwong Fuk Road, Tai Po, New Territories, was awarded at \$447,850,000.

The successful tenders were submitted on an individual basis for the purchase of the above sites. These five sites are existing, re-tendered sites for the development of petrol filling stations. Five tenderers took part in the exercise, which produced a total of 22 tenders.

The tenderers other than the successful tenderers that tendered in respect of each lot individually or as a package and in alphabetical order, with the name of the parent company where provided by the tenderer in brackets, were:

(a) Sha Tin Town Lot No. 628

(1) ExxonMobil Hong Kong Limited

(2) Shell Hong Kong Limited

(3) Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited (Sinopec Marketing Company Limited)

(b) New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6622

(1) Chevron Hong Kong Limited

(2) ExxonMobil Hong Kong Limited

(3) Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited (Sinopec Marketing Company Limited)

(c) New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6623

(1) Chevron Hong Kong Limited

(2) ExxonMobil Hong Kong Limited

(3) Shell Hong Kong Limited

(4) Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited (Sinopec Marketing Company Limited)

(d) Fanling Sheung Shui Town Lot No. 273

(1) ExxonMobil Hong Kong Limited

(2) Shell Hong Kong Limited

(3) Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited (Sinopec Marketing Company Limited)

(e) Tai Po Town Lot No. 250

(1) Chevron Hong Kong Limited

(2) Shell Hong Kong Limited

(3) Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited (Sinopec Marketing Company Limited)