<u>Crowd safety management measures and</u> <u>special traffic arrangements on Hong</u> <u>Kong Island for Christmas</u>

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements from December 24 (Tuesday) to December 25 (Wednesday) on Hong Kong Island to facilitate the public to celebrate the festive season.

(I) Lan Kwai Fong

A. Crowd safety management measures

As a large number of people is expected, crowd management measures will be implemented in Lan Kwai Fong area. It could take a long time to enter Lan Kwai Fong. Please follow the Police's instruction and queue patiently.

Furthermore, the Police may in response to any unforeseen events and the risk it posed to public safety and public order consider cordoning off Lan Kwai Fong and its adjacent area. Please stay tuned to the latest announcement.

Members of the public are urged not to bring or discharge aerosol spray in the vicinity as it may be hazardous to people nearby. Parents are advised not to bring children into the area.

B. Road closure and traffic diversions

Subject to crowd and traffic conditions, the following roads will be closed in phases between December 24 and 25:

Phase I (From 2pm on December 24 to 6am the following day)

- D'Aguilar Street between Wyndham Street and Stanley Street;
- Lan Kwai Fong;
- Wing Wah Lane;
- Wo On Lane;
- Wellington Street between Wyndham Street and Cochrane Street; and
- On Lan Street.

Phase II (From anytime after 6pm on December 24)

- D'Aguilar Street between Queen's Road Central and Stanley Street;
- Wyndham Street between Glenealy and Queen's Road Central;
- Stanley Street between D'Aguilar Street and Cochrane Street;
- Lower Albert Road between Garden Road and Ice House Street;
- Upper Albert Road between Upper Albert Road and Lower Albert Road; and
- Queen's Road Central between Pedder Street and Pottinger Street.

Upon completion of traffic diversions, the crowd will be directed to

queue up along Wellington Street, Pottinger Street, Stanley Street, D'Aguilar Street and Queen's Road Central. The whole section of D'Aguilar Street will be closed to vehicular traffic.

C. Suspension of on-street parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces on the following streets will be suspended from 2pm on December 24 to 6am the following day:

– Stanley Street near D'Aguilar Street;

Wyndham Street between Arbuthnot Road and D'Aguilar Street; and

– On Lan Street.

(II) Statue Square

The following roads will be closed and pedestrianised from 8pm on December 24 to 11.59pm on December 26:

- Chater Road between Pedder Street and Jackson Road; and
- Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road Central and Connaught Road Central.

(III) Garden Road

To facilitate the dispersal of people after a religious gathering in St. Joseph's Church on Garden Road, the rightmost lane of Garden Road between Kennedy Road and Lady May Path will be coned off for pedestrians between 12.01am and 1am on December 25.

(IV) Victoria Park

A. Pedestrianisation

The following roads will be pedestrianised from 4pm to 11.59pm on December 24, and from 12 noon to 11.59pm on December 25:

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

B. Road closure and traffic diversions

Depending on crowd conditions, the following traffic arrangements may be implemented in Causeway Bay:

 Northbound Gloucester Road service road between Kingston Street and the Uturn slip road of southbound Gloucester Road service road will be closed;
Southbound Gloucester Road between the ramp leading from Victoria Park Road flyover and Causeway Road will be closed;

Sugar Street will be closed;

 Traffic along Victoria Park Road flyover will be diverted to westbound Gloucester Road;

- Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot enter Sugar Street;

- Northbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Kingston Street will

be closed, except for northbound traffic from Tai Hang Road flyover; - Great George Street will be closed;

 Paterson Street between Kingston Street and Great George Street will be closed;

 Westbound Kingston Street between northbound Gloucester Road and Paterson Street will be closed;

 Traffic along southbound Paterson Street will be diverted to eastbound Kingston Street;

 Traffic along southbound Cleveland Street will be diverted to eastbound Kingston Street; and

 If necessary, Paterson Street, Kingston Street and Cleveland Street will be closed in short notice.

C. Suspension of car parks

The Hing Fat Street public car park will be suspended from 9am to 8.59pm daily until December 30, 2019, and from 9am on December 31 to 8.59am the following day, for the Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo, except for the disabled parking spaces.

Any vehicle found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.