## <u>Mid-Autumn Festival special traffic</u> <u>and transport arrangements</u>

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public today (September 12) that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented during the period from September 12 to 14 on Hong Kong Island and in the New Territories to facilitate the holding of Mid-Autumn Festival activities and the Fire Dragon Dance in Tai Hang.

For public transport modes, there will be service adjustments as follows:

- All MTR lines will maintain normal service hours. Train frequencies on various MTR lines will be stepped up from 3pm onwards on September 13 to cope with the anticipated increase in passenger flow;
- Hong Kong Tramways Limited will extend the tram service on September 13 to 3am on the following day. The service on September 12 and 14 will be strengthened subject to passenger demand;
- Bus companies will extend the operating hours of some of their bus routes and operate special services, while for other bus routes, there will be route diversions or suspensions/relocations of bus stops;
- Some green minibus services will be extended and some routes will be diverted; and
- The Star Ferry, New World First Ferry, and Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry will enhance their respective ferry services subject to passenger demand.

Road closure arrangements will also be implemented in various parts of Hong Kong Island (including the Peak, Repulse Bay, Shek O, Stanley, Pok Fu Lam and Aberdeen) and the New Territories. Part-time pedestrian schemes and learner driver prohibited zones will be set up. Car parks, parking spaces, taxi stands and public light bus stands will be suspended. The Police may adjust the implementation of road closures and traffic diversions, subject to the prevailing traffic and crowd conditions in the areas.

In addition, to enable the holding of the Fire Dragon Dance in Tai Hang on Hong Kong Island, there will be road closures and traffic diversions in Tai Hang from 6pm to 11.59pm daily from September 12 to 14. Parking spaces in the area will be suspended.

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are available on the department's website (<a href="www.td.gov.hk">www.td.gov.hk</a>). Public transport operators will also announce details of their services. The TD has liaised with public transport operators and will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures as necessary, including arrangements for strengthening services to meet passenger demand.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport services to avoid traffic congestion and unnecessary delays. They should pay attention to the latest traffic news as announced on radio and television or publicised through the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility".