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

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public today (September 21) that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented during the period from September 23 to 25 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.

To facilitate 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 11.59 pm daily from September 23 to 25. Parking spaces in the area will be suspended.

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.

For public transport services, there will be an extension of operating hours, route diversions and strengthening of services.

Details are as follows:

- Except Disneyland Resort Line and East Rail Line between Sheung Shui and Lo Wu/Lok Ma Chau station, all MTR routes will operate overnight on September 24;
- Some Light Rail routes in the Yuen Long area, the Tuen Mun area and the Tin Shui Wai area will operate overnight on September 24;
- The tram service on September 24 will be extended to 3am on the following day. The service on September 23 and 25 will be strengthened subject to passenger demand;
- Extensions of operating hours, special services, route diversions and suspension/relocation of bus stops will be exercised by bus companies on some routes;
- Some green minibus services will be extended and some routes will be diverted; and
- Ferry services by New World First Ferry, and Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry will be enhanced subject to passenger demand.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport services so as to avoid traffic congestion and unnecessary delays. Motorists

should avoid driving to the affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, they should drive with patience and follow the instructions of the Police onsite.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures as necessary. Members of the public are advised to pay attention to the latest traffic news on radio and television, or get the information through the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility".

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are now available on the department's website (<a href="www.td.gov.hk">www.td.gov.hk</a>).