## <u>Special traffic and transport</u> <u>arrangements for flag raising ceremony</u> <u>at Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai</u>

The Transport Department (TD) today (September 28) reminded the public that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented during the specified periods of time to facilitate the holding of the flag raising ceremony at Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai on October 1 (Friday).

(a) From 0.01am on September 30 to noon on October 1

The following sections of roads will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic:

- Expo Drive;
- Expo Drive Central;
- Expo Drive East;
- The slip road leading from Central Wan Chai Bypass to Expo Drive;

 The section of Fleming Road between Expo Drive Central and Convention Avenue; and

 The section of Lung Wo Road eastbound between the Wan Chai entrance of Central – Wan Chai Bypass eastbound and Fleming Road.

In connection with the temporary road closures, the following special public transport services will also be implemented:

— The terminal points for Citybus route No. 40M at Tim Mei Avenue and cross-harbour route No. 961 at Expo Drive East will be relocated to Wan Chai North Temporary Public Transport Interchange, and the en-route bus stop for New World First Bus route No. H1 at Expo Drive East near Convention Avenue will be relocated to outside Wan Chai Ferry Pier. These three bus routes together with cross-harbour route No. 900 terminating at Fleming Road will be diverted during the period of road closure; and

- The taxi stand at Expo Drive will be suspended.

(b) From 5.30am to noon on October 1

 The section of Lung Wo Road westbound between the Wan Chai exit of the Central – Wan Chai Bypass westbound and Fleming Road will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic; and

 Parts of the taxi stand at Harbour Road westbound opposite Harbour Centre will be suspended.

The TD anticipates that there will be more traffic in the vicinity of Wan Chai North. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, they should exercise tolerance and patience, follow the Police's instructions and be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

The public transport operators will display notices to inform passengers of the temporary arrangements. Public transport users are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of bus route diversions and relocation of bus stops. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

For details on the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823, browse the TD's website (<u>www.td.gov.hk</u>) or mobile application "HKeMobility".