<u>Special traffic and transport</u> <u>arrangements for Lunar New Year's Eve</u>

â€<The Transport Department (TD) today (January 24) reminded members of the public that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in various districts on Lunar New Year's Eve (January 28) to facilitate the holiday celebration activities.

Special traffic arrangements

Road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented in phases from January 28 in various places, including Hong Kong Island (including the vicinities of Causeway Bay, Tin Hau near Victoria Park), Kowloon (including the vicinities of Wong Tai Sin Temple, Kwun Tong Recreation Ground and Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Rest Garden) and the New Territories (including the vicinities of Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Shek Wu Hui in Sheung Shui, Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun and Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin). Some parking spaces, taxi stands and public light bus stops located in the above areas will be suspended.

Public transport service arrangements

- 1. In connection with road closures, bus and green minibus (GMB) routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted or suspended, and the associated bus and GMB stops located within the affected areas will be suspended or relocated;
- 2. The following MTR service enhancements will be implemented:
 - The train frequencies of MTR lines (except the Airport Express)
 will be enhanced from 3pm on January 28, and the services in other
 periods will be strengthened subject to passenger demand;
 - ∘ Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tseung Kwan O Line, South Island Line, Tung Chung Line, East Rail Line (plying between Admiralty and Sheung Shui), Tuen Ma Line, and Light Rail route Nos. 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 706 and 751 will provide overnight services; and
 - \circ The operating hours of MTR Bus route Nos. 506, K51 and K54A will be extended.
- 3. Seven special bus services (Citybus route No. 38S, KMB route Nos. N43, N64P, N242, N272 and Cross Harbour route Nos. N116 and N601) will be operated in the small hours on the first day of the Lunar New Year (January 29);
- 4. Franchised bus companies will adjust the frequency/departure time or cancel some special trips of 230 routes (including 36 Citybus, 121 KMB and 73 Cross Harbour routes). KMB will extend the service hours of 14

bus routes and strengthen the services of seven bus routes;

- 5. The operating hours of 14 GMB routes in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories will be extended; and
- 6. Tram services will be extended to 1.30am on the following day and will be strengthened subject to passenger demand.

Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System services

The operating hours of the Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System will be extended to 3am on the following day.

For details of the special traffic and public transport arrangements, members of the public may visit the TD website (www.td.gov.hk) or mobile application "HKeMobility". Passengers may also refer to the passenger notices displayed by the relevant public transport operators.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport services as far as possible to avoid traffic congestion and unnecessary delays. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures when necessary. The Police may adjust the traffic arrangements subject to the prevailing crowd and traffic conditions in the areas. The public should pay attention to the latest traffic news through radio, television or "HKeMobility".