

Special traffic and transport arrangements for Lunar New Year's Eve

The Transport Department (TD) today (February 8) 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 (February 9) to facilitate the holiday celebration activities.

Special traffic arrangements

Road closures and traffic diversion will be implemented in phases from February 9 in various places, including Hong Kong Island (including the vicinities of Causeway Bay, Tin Hau near Victoria Park), Kowloon (including the vicinities of Morse Park in Wong Tai Sin, Wong Tai Sin Temple, Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Rest Garden and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground) 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, and at Hang Cheung Street in Cheung Sha Wan, Fa Hui Park in Mong Kok, Hoi Bun Road in Kwun Tong and Ko Fong Street in Kwai Tsing will also be suspended.

Public transport service arrangements

Public transport services on Lunar New Year's Eve (February 9) will be adjusted as follows:

(1) In connection with the aforementioned road closure arrangements, the bus and green minibus (GMB) routes operating in the affected areas will be subjected to diversion, and the associated bus and GMB stops located within the affected areas and in the vicinities of Fa Hui Park in Mong Kok, Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Rest Garden and Hoi Bun Road in Kwun Tong will be suspended or relocated;

(2) The following MTR service enhancements will be implemented:

(a) Island Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Tseung Kwan O Line, East Rail Line, South Island Line, Tuen Ma Line and Tung Chung Line will strengthen services from 3pm to 5pm;

(b) Island Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Tseung Kwan O Line, South Island Line, Tuen Ma Line, Tung Chung Line and Light Rail route Nos. 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 706 and 751 will provide overnight services;

(c) The operating hours of MTR bus route Nos. 506, K51 and K54 will be extended;

(3) Nine special bus services (Citybus route Nos. 38S, 976S, KMB route Nos. N64P, N272, N273, N276 and Cross Harbour route Nos. N116, N601 and N603) will

be operated in the small hours on the first day of the Lunar New Year (February 10);

(4) Franchised bus companies will also extend the service hours of 26 bus routes (including one Citybus, 23 KMB and two Cross Harbour routes) and adjust the frequency/departure time or cancel some special trips of 192 routes (including 24 Citybus, 103 KMB and 65 Cross Harbour routes); the services of 10 bus routes (including one Citybus, eight KMB and one Cross Harbour routes) will be strengthened;

(5) The operating hours of 10 GMB routes in Kowloon and the New Territories will be extended; and

(6) Tram services will be extended to 1am on the following day.

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".