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

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 30) reminded the public to take note of the special traffic and transport arrangements to be implemented for New Year's Eve (December 31) to facilitate holiday celebrations as follows:

Road closures will be implemented from 2pm tomorrow to 5am the following day in the vicinity of Lan Kwai Fong in Central.

As for public transport arrangements, the following service adjustments will be implemented tomorrow:

(i) Eight MTR railway lines (other than Disneyland Resort Line and Airport Express) will enhance their service frequency tomorrow afternoon and extend their operating hours for an hour. All Light Rail routes will also extend their operating hours for an hour tomorrow;

(ii) Some bus and green minibus routes will be adjusted, enhanced or will extend their operating hours. Special bus services will be provided tomorrow and on January 1, 2022;

(iii) The operating hours of tram services will be extended to 2.30am the following day;

(iv) The operating hours of Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System will be extended to 3am the following day; and

(v) Ferry service between Central and Tsim Sha Tsui will be extended to lam the following day. For the ferry service between Central and Peng Chau, one additional sailing to Central and one additional sailing to Peng Chau will be operated at lam and 1.45am on January 1, 2022 respectively.

Members of the public are advised to pay attention to the passenger notices issued by the public transport service operators concerned.

The TD advised the public to make use of public transport and avoid driving to busy areas. If driving is necessary, motorists are advised to drive with care and patience and should be aware that on-street parking spaces will be suspended due to road closure arrangements. Pedestrians are advised to walk on the pavement, pay attention to road safety, be considerate and patient, observe traffic lights and follow advice or instructions given by the Police on-site.

It is expected that a large number of passengers will take public transport services during the holiday period and the waiting time may be longer than usual. The TD reminded passengers to plan their journeys in advance, observe order and heed advice on-site from the Police and staff of the public transport service operators concerned when waiting for the services.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and

implement appropriate measures whenever necessary. Motorists and the public are advised to pay attention to the latest traffic news as announced on radio, television, the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) or the mobile application "HKeMobility".

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are available on the TD's website and mobile application "HKeMobility".