

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

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 29) reminded the public that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented on New Year's Eve (December 31) to facilitate the fireworks display at Victoria Harbour and related holiday celebration activities.

## Road closures

Road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented in phases from noon on that day in the road sections in the vicinity of Wan Chai, Central District and the Peak on Hong Kong Island. The section of Island Eastern Corridor westbound between Victoria Park Road and Man Hong Street will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for franchised buses) from 11.55pm until the reopening of roads.

Road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented in phases in the vicinity of Tsim Sha Tsui and West Kowloon Cultural District in Kowloon from about 6pm until the crowds disperse and the roads reopen. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the above affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise patience and drive with care, and follow the instructions of the Police on site.

## Public transport services arrangements

(i) In connection with the road closure arrangements, the bus and green minibus (GMB) routes operating in the affected areas will be subject to diversion or suspension, and the associated bus and GMB stops located within the affected areas will be suspended or relocated accordingly.

(ii) The following MTR service enhancements will be implemented on New Year's Eve:

- Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tseung Kwan O Line (sections between North Point – Po Lam and between Tiu Keng Leng – LOHAS Park), South Island Line, Tung Chung Line, East Rail Line (section between Admiralty – Sheung Shui), Tuen Ma Line, and Light Rail Routes 505, 507, 610, 614P, 615P, 706 and 751 will provide overnight services;
- The service levels of Island Line, South Island Line, Tsuen Wan Line, Kwun Tong Line, East Rail Line and Tung Chung Line will be strengthened gradually from 7am on that day;
- The operating hours of Disneyland Resort Line and MTR Bus Route Nos. 506, K51 and K54 will be extended;

(iii) Special bus services of KMB Route No. N64P, Citybus Route Nos. 4S, 18R

and 38S and Cross Harbour Route No. 967N will be operated in the small hours on January 1. The service level and operating hours of various bus routes (including 19 KMB routes and three Citybus routes) will be strengthened or extended respectively;

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

(v) Tram services will be extended to 1am the following day and will also be strengthened subject to passenger demand;

(vi) Star Ferry, Sun Ferry, Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry, Discovery Bay Transportation Services and Park Island Transport will gradually adjust and suspend part of their services from 10.30pm on that night to facilitate the holding of the fireworks display; and

(vii) In connection with the road closure arrangements in the vicinity of Wan Chai North, the terminus of the cross-boundary coach service plying between Wan Chai and Huanggang Port at the Exhibition Centre Station Public Transport Interchange will be suspended from 8.30pm on that night until the roads reopen. During that period, passengers can use the pick-up point at Hennessy Road westbound near Southorn Centre.

#### Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System Services

(i) The operating hours of the Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System on New Year's Eve will be extended to 3am the following day.

For details of the special traffic and public transport arrangements, members of the public may visit the TD's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://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".