## <u>Special traffic and transport</u> <u>arrangements for public procession on</u> <u>Hong Kong Island this Saturday</u>

The Transport Department (TD) today (November 15) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented this Saturday (November 17) to facilitate the holding of a public procession on Hong Kong Island.

The special traffic and transport arrangements mainly include:

\* From about 2pm, traffic lanes of certain major roads in Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty and Central including Yee Wo Street, Hennessy Road, Queensway and Harcourt Road will be intermittently closed to all vehicular traffic, until the crowd is dispersed and the traffic returns to normal; and

\* From about 2pm, 58 bus routes and nine green minibus routes on Hong Kong Island will be temporarily diverted in phases, until the crowd is dispersed and the traffic returns to normal.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty and Central will be significantly congested. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, they should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of the Police. Members of the public who plan to go to the affected areas are advised to plan their routes early, allow more travelling time to cater for unexpected delay, and use public transport services as far as possible. Public transport commuters are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversion and changes of stop locations.

Depending on the actual traffic conditions in the areas, other temporary traffic and transport measures, including road closures and traffic diversion as well as alteration and suspension of public transport services, may be implemented by the Police. Members of the public are advised to be alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are now available on the TD's website (<u>www.td.gov.hk</u>). For enquiries, please call 1823.