

Special traffic arrangements and crowd safety management measures for Christmas

Police will implement the following special traffic arrangements and crowd safety management measures from December 24 (Monday) to December 25 (Tuesday) to facilitate the public to celebrate the festive season.

Hong Kong Island

(I) Lan Kwai Fong

A. Crowd safety management measures

As a large number of people are expected, a queuing system will be implemented in Lan Kwai Fong. Once the queuing system is implemented, people wishing to enter the area will be required to join the queue and may have to wait an undetermined time to gain access. They are advised to allow adequate time to arrive at their venues.

Members of the public are urged not to bring or discharge aerosol spray in the vicinity as it may be hazardous to people nearby. Parents are advised not to bring children into the area.

B. Road closure and traffic diversions

Subject to crowd and traffic conditions, the following roads will be closed in phases between December 24 and 25:

Phase I (From 6pm on December 24 to 6am the following day)

- D'Aguilar Street between Wyndham Street and Wellington Street;
- Lan Kwai Fong;
- Wing Wah Lane;
- Wo On Lane;
- Wellington Street between Wyndham Street and D'Aguilar Street; and
- On Lan Street.

Phase II (From anytime after 7pm on December 24)

- D'Aguilar Street between Queen's Road Central and Wellington Street;
- Wyndham Street between Glenealy and Queen's Road Central;
- Wellington Street between D'Aguilar Street and Cochrane Street;
- Stanley Street between D'Aguilar Street and Cochrane Street; and
- Queen's Road Central between Pedder Street and Pottinger Street.

Upon completion of traffic diversions, the crowd will be directed to queue up along Wellington Street, Pottinger Street, Stanley Street, D'Aguilar

Street and Queen's Road Central. The whole section of D'Aguilar Street will be closed to vehicular traffic.

C. Suspension of on-street parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces on the following streets will be suspended from 4pm on December 24 to 6am the following day:

- Stanley Street near D'Aguilar Street;
- Wyndham Street between Arbuthnot Road and D'Aguilar Street; and
- On Lan Street.

(II) Statue Square

The following roads will be closed and pedestrianised from 8pm on December 24 to 11.59pm on December 25:

- Chater Road between Pedder Street and Jackson Road; and
- Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road Central and Connaught Road Central.

(III) Garden Road

To facilitate the dispersal of people after a religious gathering in St. Joseph's Church on Garden Road, the rightmost lane of Garden Road between Kennedy Road and Lady May Path will be coned off for pedestrians between 12.01am and 1am on December 25.

(IV) Victoria Park

A. Pedestrianisation

The following roads will be pedestrianised from 4pm to 11.59pm on December 24, and from 12 noon to 11.59pm on December 25:

- Lockhart Road east of Cannon Street;
- East Point Road; and
- Great George Street west of Paterson Street.

B. Road closure and traffic diversions

Depending on crowd conditions, the following traffic arrangements may be implemented in Causeway Bay:

- Northbound Gloucester Road service road between Kingston Street and the U-turn slip road of southbound Gloucester Road service road will be closed;
- Southbound Gloucester Road between the ramp leading from Victoria Park Road flyover and Causeway Road will be closed;
- Sugar Street will be closed;
- Traffic along Victoria Park Road flyover will be diverted to westbound Gloucester Road;
- Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot enter Sugar Street;
- Northbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Kingston Street will be closed, except for northbound traffic from Tai Hang Road flyover;

- Great George Street will be closed;
- Paterson Street between Kingston Street and Great George Street will be closed;
- Westbound Kingston Street between northbound Gloucester Road and Paterson Street will be closed;
- Traffic along southbound Paterson Street will be diverted to eastbound Kingston Street;
- Traffic along southbound Cleveland Street will be diverted to eastbound Kingston Street; and
- If necessary, Paterson Street, Kingston Street and Cleveland Street will be closed in short notice.

C. Suspension of car parks

The Hing Fat Street public car park will be suspended from 10am to 8.59pm daily until January 6, 2019, and on January 8, 2019; and from 10am to 11.59pm on January 7, 2019, for the Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo, except for the disabled parking spaces.

Kowloon

I. Crowd safety management measures

Christmas Eve celebration is expected to attract a large number of people to the Tsim Sha Tsui area. Depending on the prevailing situation, Police will implement crowd safety management measures, including pedestrianising roads in Tsim Sha Tsui in phases.

Depending on the crowd situation, Police will adopt safety measures within the pedestrianised area, including closing pedestrian subways and putting up barriers. One-way flow will also be applied in the vicinity of the waterfront promenade and the crowded footbridges. If necessary, restrictions on access to MTR stations will be put into force by the MTR Corporation.

At present, there are some construction works at Exit D, Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Station at Nathan Road near Carnarvon Road, West Kowloon Cultural District, and maintenance works in Avenue of Stars in the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade. The contractors have erected hoardings and barriers to seal off the areas concerned with relevant notices displayed.

Members of the public are urged to follow the instructions given by Police officers and take heed of Police signage and broadcast at scene. They are also urged not to conduct street performance, or to use snow or aerosol spray to avoid causing obstruction or potential danger to others in the crowded area.

II. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Tsim Sha Tsui on December 24 in phases:

Phase I (From 7pm until the crowd has dispersed)

A. Road closure

- Hung Hom Bypass between Salisbury Road and Hung Hom Road;
- Princess Margaret Road Link between Metropolis Drive and Hung Hom Bypass;
- Westbound Salisbury Road between Cheong Wan Road and Kowloon Park Drive, including Salisbury Road elevated road;
- Eastbound Salisbury Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Science Museum Road;
- The U-turn slip road near No.72 Mody Road leading from eastbound Salisbury Road to westbound Salisbury Road;
- Mody Lane;
- Hong Wan Path;
- Canton Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Salisbury Road;
- Kowloon Park Drive, except for franchised buses and green minibuses (GMBs);
- Salisbury Road between Star Ferry Pier and Kowloon Park Drive, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- Ashley Road;
- Hankow Road;
- Lock Road;
- Northbound Nathan Road between Bowring Street and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Nathan Road between Granville Road and Salisbury Road;
- Carnarvon Road between Bristol Avenue and Granville Road;
- Bristol Avenue;
- Hanoi Road;
- Hart Avenue;
- Minden Row;
- Blenheim Avenue;
- Middle Road;
- Hau Fook Street;
- Cameron Lane;
- Cameron Road;
- Prat Avenue;
- Humphreys Avenue;
- Peking Road;
- Haiphong Road;
- Mody Road between Chatham Road South and Nathan Road;
- Westbound Mody Road between Chatham Road South and Science Museum Road;
- Minden Avenue;
- Northbound Chatham Road South between Granville Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Chatham Road South between Mody Road and Salisbury Road;
- Granville Road between Chatham Road South and Science Museum Road. It will also be re-routed to one way eastbound and restricted for the use of franchised buses and GMBs only;
- Granville Square; and
- Ichang Street.

B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along southbound Hung Hom Road will be diverted to Cheong Tung Road South roundabout via Hung Hom Bypass;
- Traffic along eastbound Metropolis Drive cannot turn right to southbound

Princess Margaret Road Link;

- Traffic along southbound Princess Margaret Road Link must turn right to westbound Metropolis Drive;
- Traffic along eastbound Mody Road cannot enter Mody Lane;
- Franchised buses along southbound Nathan Road must turn right to either westbound Public Square Street or westbound Jordan Road;
- Franchised buses along southbound Chatham Road South must turn left to eastbound Granville Road;
- Traffic along southbound Canton Road will be diverted to make a u-turn to northbound Canton Road outside China Hong Kong City;
- Traffic along northbound Kowloon Park Drive cannot turn left to southbound Canton Road;
- Granville Road between Nathan Road and Carnarvon Road will be re-routed to one-way eastbound, and traffic along southbound Nathan Road must turn left to eastbound Granville Road;
- Traffic along southbound Chatham Road South cannot turn right to westbound Cameron Road;
- Traffic along southbound Chatham Road South must turn left to eastbound Mody Road;
- Traffic along Science Museum Road cannot turn to westbound Mody Road;
- Traffic along Science Museum Road cannot turn to Granville Road;
- Traffic along westbound Salisbury Road near Cheong Wan Raod will be diverted to Tsim Sha Tsui East direction;
- Traffic along southbound Chatham Road South cannot turn left to eastbound Granville Road, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- Traffic along eastbound Granville Road must turn left to northbound Chatham Road South;
- Traffic along eastbound Salisbury Road must turn left to northbound Kowloon Park Drive; and
- Traffic along northbound Kowloon Park Drive cannot turn right to Peking Road.

Phase II (From 7.30pm until the crowd has dispersed)

A. Road closure

- Kowloon Park Drive;
- Salisbury Road between Canton Road and Kowloon Park Drive; and
- Star Ferry Bus Terminus.

B. Traffic diversions

All franchised buses and GMBs cannot enter southbound Kowloon Park Drive.

Phase III

The following road closure and traffic diversions will be implemented when necessary until the crowd has dispersed:

A. Road closure

- Northbound Nathan Road between Jordan Road and Bowring Street;
- Southbound Nathan Road between Jordan Road and Granville Road;
- Pine Tree Hill Road;
- Carnarvon Road between Kimberley Road and Granville Road;
- Shun Yee Street;
- Granville Circuit;
- Northbound Chatham Road South between Granville Road and Observatory Road;
- Bowring Street between Pilkem Street and Nathan Road;
- Tak Shing Street between Nathan Road and Tak Hing Street;
- Hillwood Road;
- Kimberley Road between Nathan Road and Observatory Road;
- Kimberley Street;
- Granville Road between Nathan Road and Chatham Road South;
- Southbound Chatham Road South between Cheong Wan Road and Mody Road, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- Eastbound Mody Road between Chatham Road South and Science Museum Road; and
- Mody Square.

B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along southbound Nathan Road must turn right to westbound Jordan Road;
- Traffic along westbound Jordan Road cannot turn left to southbound Nathan Road;
- Traffic along westbound Austin Road and southbound Cox's Road cannot turn to Pine Tree Hill Road;
- Traffic along Observatory Road cannot turn to westbound Kimberley Street;
- Traffic along westbound Cheong Wan Road cannot turn left to southbound Chatham Road South;
- Traffic along southbound Chatham Road South will be diverted to westbound Austin Road or eastbound Cheong Wan Road;
- Traffic along northbound Pilkem Street cannot turn right to eastbound Bowring Street; and
- Traffic along eastbound Bowring Street will be diverted to northbound Pilkem Street.

III. Hotel access

Vehicular access to and from hotels within the affected area will not be permitted during the road closure period. Vehicles bearing a hotel logo will only be allowed to drop off passengers at the following locations before the road closure implementation:

- The junction of Kowloon Park Drive and Peking Road; and
- The junction of Chatham Road South and Mody Road.

IV. Suspension of car parks

Vehicles will not be permitted to leave car parks at the affected area during the road closure period.

V. Suspension of on-street parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces in the southern area of Tsim Sha Tsui (i.e. the south of Austin Road and Cheong Wan Road) will be suspended from 3pm on December 24 to 3am the following day.

Any vehicle found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.