

Temporary traffic and transport arrangements on North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 15) reminded the public that temporary traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented on the North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road next Wednesday (June 20) and Thursday (June 21) from 11.30pm to 5.30am of the following day to facilitate road works of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link Southern Connection Viaduct Section.

The temporary traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

Lane closure

Traffic lanes on the following road sections will be intermittently closed on June 20 and 21 from 11.30pm to 5.30am of the following day:

1. The section of the North Lantau Highway (Kowloon bound and Tung Chung bound) between Caribbean Coast and Pak Mong;
2. The section of Cheung Tung Road (Kowloon bound) between Tat Tung Road and Siu Ho Wan Depot; and
3. The section of Cheung Tung Road (Tung Chung bound) between Siu Ho Wan Depot and Pak Mong.

Public transport services

A total of 41 bus routes and two Residents' Service routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted. The public transport operators concerned will display notices to advise passengers of the above temporary arrangements.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists. The TD anticipates that the traffic on the roads concerned will be affected during the period. In case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow instructions of the Police. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Information on the temporary traffic and transport arrangements is also available at the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk). Please call 1823 for enquiries.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

Tender date	: June 15, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: M1802
Issue date	: June 19, 2018
Maturity date	: July 18, 2018
Amount applied	: HK\$5,192 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$1,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.18 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.22 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 50 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.32 PCT

Ferry Services (Amendment) Bill 2018 gazetted

The Ferry Services (Amendment) Bill 2018 was gazetted today (June 15).

As currently required under section 29 of the Ferry Services Ordinance (Cap. 104), the maximum duration of a licence, whether newly granted or extended, is three years on each occasion, whilst the aggregate licence period (i.e. including any extended period(s)) shall not exceed 10 years. This requirement not only creates administrative burden on ferry operators (increasing the number of applications for licence extension under a 10-year period), but also hampers ferry operators' ability to make longer-term planning and investment for their ferry services to a certain extent.

"The Bill seeks to lengthen the period for which a licence to operate a

ferry service may be granted and extended, from three years to five years, while the existing cap of a 10-year aggregate licence period remains unchanged. We hope that the proposal could facilitate ferry operators' longer-term planning and investment, and in turn enhance the financial viability of ferry services and encourage continuous improvement of service quality," a Government spokesman said.

The Bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council on June 27.

HyD invites tenders for management, operation, installation and maintenance of public lighting system in Kowloon and New Territories East

The Highways Department (HyD) today (June 15) invited tenders for a four-year contract for the management, operation, installation and maintenance of the public lighting system in Kowloon and New Territories East (contract No. 01/HY/2018) from October 2018 to September 2022.

The contract, which will be supervised by the Lighting Division of the HyD, covers the design, installation, management, operation and maintenance of the public lighting system in Kowloon and New Territories East. The public lighting system generally consists of conventional road lighting, village lighting, gantry sign lighting, roadside directional sign lighting, traffic bollard lighting and the associated network of cables, ducts and peripheral items.

Within the designated contract area, there are about 55 400 road lighting points, 3 700 traffic bollards and 2 800 lighting installations on illuminated gantry signs and roadside directional signs.

Tender submissions should be placed in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box at G/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong. Submission of tenders will close at noon on July 27, 2018 (Friday).

For enquiries, please call 3903 6550.

Remand person in custody attacks correctional officer at Tai Lam Centre for Women

A female remand person in custody attacked a correctional officer at Tai Lam Centre for Women yesterday (June 14).

At 7.24pm, a 37-year-old remand person in custody suddenly turned emotional while being escorted to the Dormitory and attacked a correctional officer with her hand. The staff immediately stopped her and called for reinforcement.

The correctional officer felt discomfort at her neck. After examination and treatment provided by the Medical Officer at the institution hospital, the officer was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. The assailant did not sustain any injury.

The Correctional Services Department has referred the incident to the Police for investigation.

The assailant was remanded for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug.