

TD reminds public of special traffic and transport arrangements in Tseung Kwan O on August 4

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 2) reminds the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Tseung Kwan O on Sunday (August 4) to facilitate a public order event.

The special traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

(I) Road closures

From 12 noon on August 4, the Police may temporarily close the roads in the vicinity of MTR Po Lam Station, Hang Hau Station and Tseung Kwan O Station subject to the actual conditions. Drivers should follow the instructions on traffic diversion as given by the Police.

(II) Public transport arrangements

To cope with the traffic diversion arrangements, three bus routes and two green minibus (GMB) routes will be temporarily suspended. The routings of 19 bus routes and 19 GMB routes will be temporarily diverted within Tseung Kwan O district. Some of the en-route bus stops and GMB stands will be suspended from 1.30pm, while the actual implementation time will depend on the development of the public event. The franchised bus companies and GMB operators will display notices to advise passengers of the temporary arrangements.

(III) Cycling tracks closure

From noon on August 4, the cycling tracks at the following locations will be temporarily closed until the crowd is dispersed:

1. northern kerbside of Po Fung Road;
2. the subway near Ming Tat House, Ying Ming Court;
3. the western kerbside of the section of Po Lam Road North east of Po Fung Road;
4. the subway near Yan Kuk House, Yan Ming Court;
5. the subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
6. the eastern and western kerbsides of the section of Po Shun Road north of the subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
7. the northern kerbside of Po Ning Road;
8. the subway near Tak Hong House, Hau Tak Estate;
9. near the Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School;
10. the subway near the Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School; and
11. the northern kerbside of the section of Wan Po Road outside the Hong Kong Velodrome Park

Actual implementation of and adjustments to traffic control and traffic diversions will be made by the Police at the time depending on conditions in the areas. The Police will provide instruction to road users at concerned locations. The stability of public transport services may be affected during the public procession. Public transport passengers are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension or relocation of stops. Early planning of journeys and use of alternative travelling routes are advised to avoid unexpected delays. Be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

For enquiries on the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823 or browse the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) for more details.

FEHD clarification

Referring to rumours about the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) issuing internal instructions asking the staff not to take any action against "lennon walls" as they involved politics, the Department today (August 2) clarified that such claims are unfounded.

The Department has been monitoring the display of bills in various districts. Should there be serious environmental hygiene problem, the Department will handle the situation. No political consideration is involved whatsoever.

Hong Kong Customs combats sale of karaoke players with infringing songs (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 1) conducted an operation to combat the sale of infringing karaoke players and seized 20 sets of karaoke players loaded with suspected infringing songs with an estimated market value of about \$130,000.

Customs earlier received information from copyright owners alleging that there were shops in Sham Shui Po selling karaoke players at a high price which were suspected to be loaded with suspected infringing songs without the

authorisation of copyright owners. They also highlighted high resolution, quality sound and huge memory size when promoting the players.

After an in-depth investigation with the assistance of copyright owners, Customs officers took enforcement action yesterday and raided three retail shops and one storage facility in Sham Shui Po. A total of 20 sets of karaoke players loaded with 10 000 to 50 000 suspected infringing songs were seized. The selling prices of these karaoke players ranged from \$3,800 to \$19,000.

During the operation, one male shop owner and two male salespersons aged between 39 and 57 were arrested. Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Copyright Ordinance, the maximum penalty for any person who sells or possesses an infringing copy of a copyright work with a view to selling it is a fine of \$50,000 per infringing copy and imprisonment for four years upon conviction.

Members of the public may report any suspected infringing activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



Police condemn violent acts

Police last night (August 1) found some suspicious persons while handling a burglary case in an industrial building in Au Pui Wan Street, Sha Tin. Upon investigation, Police arrested eight persons, aged between 24 and 31, in the car park and inside a unit of the building for possession of offensive weapon, possession of instrument fit for unlawful purpose, possession of explosives without a licence, and breaching the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance.

A large amount of offensive weapons was seized, including some baseball batons, iron marbles, hiking poles, bows and arrows, petrol bombs and a rattan cane. Police also seized a lot of protective gear including helmets, gas masks, masks, knee pads, arm braces, some essential oil with suspected cannabidiol, some black T-shirts and over 50 white T-shirts.

After that a group of protestors gathered and besieged Sha Tin Police Station and Ma On Shan Police Station successively, requesting to release the arrested persons.

At around 10pm, a group of protestors besieged Sha Tin Police Station and used mills barriers, water barriers and miscellaneous objects to block the gate. Some protestors damaged the closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras and walkie-talkies of the police station, threw eggs at the station and drew graffiti with content of insulting Police officers on the outer walls.

Later at around 1.30am today (August 2), the group of protestors turned up to besiege Ma On Shan Police Station and used mills barriers as well as miscellaneous objects to block the entrance of report room. Some protestors pried open the roller shutter of the report room and charged the glass doors. Some protestors also vandalised the CCTV cameras and outer walls, and hurled stones at the Police station. Some drew graffiti on the glass doors of the report room with content of insulting Police officers and threatening their safety.

The two cases of besieging Police stations are classified as criminal damage. Those protestors participated were also involved in illegal assembly. Active investigation by the District Crime Squad of Sha Tin is underway.

Furthermore, officers of the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau yesterday arrested one man and two women for possession of explosives without a licence in Tin Shui Estate, Tin Shui Wai. Some 30 pieces of smoke grenades, some partially-completed smoke grenades, some raw materials and about half a million cash were seized.

Police notice that there are some discussions advocating escalating violence on the internet, in which some promote the use of violent and lethal ways to assault Police officers. Police reiterate that there is zero tolerance to anyone who resorts to violence for any purposes.

Police condemn these violent acts and will spare no effort in investigation in order to bring offenders to justice. Police are capable and determined to maintain law and order and will not tolerate any violence.

Special traffic arrangements in Tseung Kwan O

Police will implement special traffic arrangements on August 4 (Sunday) to facilitate a public order event to be held in Tseung Kwan O.

A public meeting will be held at Po Tsui Park hard surfaced soccer pitch

at 12 noon while a public procession heading towards the Hong Kong Velodrome Park will start at 2.30pm, followed by another public meeting on its central lawn.

Police anticipate that the traffic in the vicinity of the procession route may be congested during the event. Members of the public are advised to avoid driving to the above area and make use of public transport services as far as possible.

Police respect the public's freedoms of expression, speech and assembly. It is the policy of Police to facilitate all peaceful public events while at the same time ensuring public safety and public order. Members of the public should express their views in a peaceful and rational manner. They should also follow the instructions of Police officers at scene or the event marshals provided by the organiser.

Police appeal to members of the public to comply with the laws of Hong Kong and maintain social order when expressing their views. Should there be any confrontation, they should protect their own safety, maintain a safe distance from violent protestors or leave the scene immediately, allowing the Police to deal with the situation.

In order to facilitate the holding of the public order event, the following special traffic arrangements will be implemented:

A. Road closure

If necessary, the following roads will be closed at any time until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Roads in the vicinity of MTR Po Lam Station;
- Roads in the vicinity of MTR Hang Hau Station; and
- Roads in the vicinity of MTR Tseung Kwan O Station.

B. Closure of cycling track

The cycling tracks at the following locations will be closed from 12 noon until the crowd has dispersed:

- Northern kerbside of Po Fung Road;
- The subway near Ming Tat House, Ying Ming Court;
- Western kerbside of Po Lam Road North east of Po Fung Road;
- The subway near Yan Kuk House, Yan Ming Court;
- The subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
- Eastern and western kerbsides of Po Shun Road north of the subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
- Northern kerbside of Po Ning Road;
- The subway near Tak Hong House, Hau Tak Estate;
- Adjacent to Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School;
- The subway near Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School; and
- Northern kerbside of Wan Po Road outside Hong Kong Velodrome Park.

Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and

traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.