

TD reminds public of special traffic and transport arrangements on Hong Kong Island tomorrow

The Transport Department (TD) today (July 20) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases on Hong Kong Island to facilitate the public processions tomorrow (July 21).

The special traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

Road closures

1. From about 10.30am, Hennessy Road westbound, Queensway and Rodney Street will be intermittently closed;
2. From about 11.30am, King's Road westbound, Yee Wo Street westbound, Hennessy Road westbound, Queensway westbound, Queen's Road Central and Queen's Road West will be intermittently closed;
3. From about 2pm, the roads in the vicinity of Victoria Park and the Causeway Bay shopping area (such as Sugar Street and Jardine's Bazaar) will be closed in phases; and
4. From about 2.30pm, the westbound carriageways of Causeway Road, Yee Wo Street and Hennessy Road will be closed.

Public transport services

A total of 92 bus routes and 14 green minibus routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted, one bus and one green minibus route will be temporarily suspended. In addition, the tram services between Tong Shui Road and Tamar Street will be suspended.

Due to extensive road closure in the affected areas, the TD anticipates that the traffic along Hong Kong Island North (including Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty and the vicinity of the Island Eastern Corridor) as well as the Aberdeen Tunnel and the Cross-Harbour Tunnel will become significantly congested. Motorists are advised to be patient in case of traffic congestion when driving in the vicinity, follow the Police's instructions and be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

Members of the public are advised to use public transport services, in particular railway services, and avoid driving to the affected or congested areas, especially in the vicinity of Tin Hau, Causeway Bay, Wan Chai and Admiralty, unless necessary. Early planning of journeys and use of alternative travelling routes are advised to avoid unexpected delay. The

public transport operators will display notices to inform passengers of the temporary arrangements. Public transport commuters are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension and relocation of stops. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

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.

Public urged to report flooding

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Members of the public are advised to report any street flooding that comes to their notice to the Drainage Services Department by calling the 24-hour drainage hotline on 2300 1110.

Employers, contractors and employees should be aware of electrical safety at work during rainstorm

As the rainstorm warning has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and contractors that they should adopt necessary work arrangements and take suitable safety measures to protect the safety of their employees when they are carrying out electrical work or handling electrical plant.

A spokesman for the LD said today (July 20) that employers and contractors should avoid assigning employees to carry out electrical work (like electric arc welding work) or handle electrical plant at places affected by rainstorms, and should refer to the "Code of Practice in times of Typhoons and Rainstorms" and the "Guide on Safety at Work in times of Inclement Weather" issued by the LD.

Even if electrical work is carried out or electrical plant is handled at places not affected by the rainstorm, suitable safety measures must still be

adopted to prevent electric shock as the air would be more humid. Such measures include:

- (i) Ensure that all live parts of an electrical installation are isolated from the power supply source and rendered dead, and the isolation from the power supply source must be maintained as long as electrical work is being carried out;
- (ii) Before carrying out any electrical work or handling any electrical plant, cut off and lock out the power supply source, then test the circuit concerned to confirm it is dead and display suitable warning notices, and issue a work permit thereafter;
- (iii) Ensure that protective devices (such as suitable and adequate fuses and circuit breakers) for the electrical installations or electrical plant have been installed and maintained in good working order, and portable electric tools must be double-insulated or properly earthed;
- (iv) Provide suitable personal protective equipment such as insulating gloves and insulating mats for employees; and
- (v) If live electrical work is unavoidable, a comprehensive risk assessment should be conducted by a competent person and the appropriate safety precautions should be taken to remove or properly control the electrical hazards involved before such work can proceed.

In addition, employees should co-operate with the employer or contractor to follow the safety instructions and use the safety equipment provided.

The LD has published guidebooks and leaflets on electrical work safety. These safety publications are available free from divisional offices of the department or can be downloaded from its website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_8.htm).

Should there be any questions about occupational safety and health matters, please contact the Occupational Safety Officer of the LD at 2559 2297.

Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 20) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in

Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Over 2 900 vacancies on offer at Sha Tin Job Fair

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a large-scale job fair at Sha Tin Town Hall on July 23 and 24. Vacancies in catering, retail, property management and other industries will be offered.

About 52 organisations, offering over 2 900 vacancies, will participate in the two-day fair. Around 26 organisations will set up booths and conduct on-the-spot recruitment each day. The vacancies offered cover a wide variety of positions including part-time production operator, part-time customer service ambassador, quality control officer, administration assistant, technician, room attendant, gardener, clerk, salesperson, security guard, driver, storekeeper, waiter/waitress, chef and cashier. Job seekers can find more information on the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk).

Around 72 per cent of the vacancies are full-time jobs and most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$18,000. About 95 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Six education level or below. Around 61 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant work experience, and many vacancies are suitable for secondary school graduates or young people.

Job seekers can submit applications on the spot and may be selected for on-site interviews. They can also make enquiries on the employment services provided by the LD at its counter at the venue.

The job fair will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at the Exhibition Gallery, 1/F, Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin. Admission is free.