Follow-up service of e-Report Centre suspended

As the Police Headquarters (PHQ) is surrounded by protestors with roads obstructed in the vicinity, staff members are not able to enter PHQ, the follow-up service of e-Report Centre will be suspended from 11pm today (June 21) until further notice. For emergencies, please call 999.

<u>Customs Headquarters Building Open Day</u> <u>postponed</u>

Since possible traffic disruption is expected on the Hong Kong Island, the Customs and Excise Department announces that the Customs Headquarters Building Open Day scheduled from 9am to 7.25pm tomorrow and the day after tomorrow (June 22 and 23) will be postponed. Ticket holders please keep their tickets and visit the department's website (www.customs.gov.hk) for the rescheduling arrangements.

Government appeals to protesters to express views peacefully and rationally

In response to the protests today (June 21), a Government spokesman said:

The Government respects the public's rights to procession and assembly.

The protests today caused much inconvenience to the community by disrupting traffic and many public services. Since the Police Headquarters and Wan Chai Police Station at Arsenal Street have been surrounded by protesters who also blocked nearby roads, dozens of 999 emergency calls could not be dealt with immediately. More than 100 bus and minibus routes were diverted or suspended.

The Central Government Offices were closed, and public services provided by Government departments at Wanchai Tower, Revenue Tower and Immigration

Tower — including services by the Labour Department, Inland Revenue Department, Environmental Protection Department and Water Supplies Department — were disrupted to varying degrees.

The spokesman appeals to protesters to act peacefully and rationally, and to take into account the needs of other members of the public when expressing their opinions.

Regarding remarks in the media today by Legislative Council members about the legislative amendments, the spokesman said the Government had put a stop to the legislative exercise relating to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance. The current term of the Legislative Council will end in July next year, after which the Bill will lapse. The Government accepts this reality.

<u>Temporary closure of Aberdeen Sports</u> Ground

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 21) that Aberdeen Sports Ground in Southern District, Hong Kong Island, has been temporarily closed until March 31, 2020 for reinstallation works of spectator stand covers.

For the most up-to-date closure schedule of the above leisure and sports facilities, the public may refer to the notices at the venue or contact venue staff directly.

999 hotline service affected (3)

As the Police Headquarters was surrounded by protestors with roads obstructed in the vicinity, a total of 46 calls of 999 hotline in Wan Chai Division could not be immediately handled as at 7pm today (June 21). Extra resources were deployed and Police service of Wan Chai Division was delayed as a result. Police hereby appeal to all to leave the scene as soon as possible so that the normal operation of 999 service can be resumed.