

Tseung Kwan O Area 137 Fill Bank reopened

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Civil Engineering and Development Department today (September 18) announced that the Tseung Kwan O Area 137 Fill Bank will be reopened at 8am.

Updated traffic and public transport situation after Typhoon Mangkhut

The Transport Department (TD) today (September 18) said that the relevant departments including the Highways Department, the Fire Services Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have been working at full strength to clear road surfaces affected by Typhoon Mangkhut so as to resume the public transport services as soon as possible.

Up to now, the clearance works at most of the major roads have been completed. However, more time is needed to clear the fallen trees on major roads in Sai Kung and the North District such as San Tin Highway, Castle Peak Road – San Tin, San Sham Road, Sha Tau Kok Road, Clear Water Bay Road (some sections), Sai Sha Road and on Prince Edward Road West, Argyle Street, Boundary Street eastbound, Ching Cheung Road (Roundabout to Tai Po Road) and Canton Road South (near CLP station) due to extensive area of tree falling. It is anticipated that the clearance works will be completed by tomorrow.

A spokesman for the TD reminded members of the public that they should pay attention to the traffic situation and the latest public transport service arrangement this morning before starting their journey. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and drive carefully.

As at 4.30 am today, the latest public transport situation is as follows:

(I) MTR Services

Rail services – all rail lines, service normal
Light Rail services – except route no. 751 and 761P, service normal
MTR Bus services – limited services

(II) Franchised Bus Services

Affected by fallen trees and other obstacles, there are 253 bus routes (a total of about 600 routes) maintaining normal services.

District	Number of bus routes maintaining normal service
Hong Kong Island	34
Airport and Lantau	54
Kowloon	35
New Territories East	26
New Territories West	72
Cross Harbour Routes	32
Total	253

As for the remaining bus routes that have not yet resumed services, the service resumption of relevant routes will be announced as soon as possible after the road surfaces have been cleared. The districts without bus services include Sai Sha Road, the Peak, Braemar Hill, Stanley, Tai Tam, Shek O, Wah Kwai Estate, Hing Wah Estate and Fung Wah Estate.

(III) Ferry Services

Except the ferry service between North Point and Hung Hom, all inner harbour and outlying island ferry services resumed normal

The spokesman reminded members of the public to stay alert to the latest traffic news and allow more time for travel. For details of the above public transport arrangements, members of the public can visit the TD's website or get the information through the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility".

Services of TD's Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre to resume

The Transport Department announced that the services of Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre (KBVEC), which were previously suspended due to Typhoon Mangkhut, will resume today (September 18). Members of the public who have been affected can reschedule their appointments for free at the counter of the KBVEC or through the GovHK portal within five working days (starting from September 18).

For enquiries, please contact the KBVEC at 2759 7568.

SWD urges public not to take children or family members to care centres today

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals:

The Social Welfare Department has announced that as public transport services affected by the typhoon have yet to return to normal, members of the public are advised not to take their children or family members to child care centres, centres providing after-school care programmes, elderly services centres or day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres and day activity centres today (September 18). Members of the public who have a genuine need to receive the services mentioned are advised to contact the service units concerned and confirm their operating conditions in advance.

Updated public transport situation after Typhoon Mangkhut

The Transport Department today (September 18) said that all relevant government departments are working at full steam to clear the road surfaces and repair the damaged road facilities due to the Typhoon Mangkhut so as to resume the public transport services as soon as possible.

A spokesman for the TD reminded members of the public that they should pay attention to the traffic situation and the latest public transport services arrangements this morning before starting their journey. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and drive carefully.

As at 10.30pm yesterday, the latest public transport situation is as follows:

(I) MTR Services

Rail services – all rail lines, service normal
Light Rail services – except route no. 751 and 761P, service normal
MTR Bus services – limited services

(II) Franchised Bus Services

Affected by fallen trees and other obstacles, there are 229 bus routes (a total of about 600 routes) maintaining normal services.

District	Number of bus routes maintaining normal service
Hong Kong Island	33
Airport and Lantau	53
Kowloon	31
New Territories East	20
New Territories West	60
Cross Harbour Routes	32
Total	229

As for other bus routes yet to be resumed, their service operation will be announced once relevant road sections are cleared.

(III) Ferry Services

Except the ferry service between North Point and Kowloon City, all inner harbor and outlying island ferry services resumed normal.

The spokesman reminded members of the public to stay alert to the latest traffic news and allow more time for travel. For details of the above public transport arrangements, members of the public can visit the TD's website or obtain the information through the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility".

Please pay attention to TD's further update at 5am today.