

Transcript of remarks by CE at media session before ExCo meeting (with video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at a media session before the Executive Council meeting this morning (July 10):

Reporter: Is it true that ExCo will approve the inquiry commission's scope of investigation and also will Peter Hansford be the second person in the commission and you will make an announcement today? And with so many incidents surrounding the To Kwa Wan and Exhibition Centre stations, does that mean that lawmakers should use the P&P to look into this incident?

Chief Executive: Sorry, I have to stop you – already three questions, although these questions are interrelated. First of all, I cannot disclose or confirm the agenda of the Executive Council. I hope you will appreciate but I know that society is waiting for the announcement of the appointment of this statutory commission of inquiry (COI). I can tell you here that we will announce it shortly and of course when we announce the appointment of the commission of inquiry, we will announce also the terms of reference of the COI and the appointment of the commissioners. I have said and announced earlier on that we are very privileged to be able to invite Justice Hartmann to be the Chairman of this COI and we have succeeded in identifying a second commissioner, who is an expert in engineering aspects. So, all the full details will be announced once we are in a position to do so. As far as the scope of the COI, I notice that some of the members of the Legislative Council have asked for a widening of the scope in order to include other stations that have been reported to have some irregularities in their works. But the Government takes a view that the other two stations, that is the Exhibition Centre Station and the To Kwa Wan Station's situations, are not the same as the Hung Hom Station. In order to conduct in depth a COI, the terms of reference have to be very exact and very precise, so we have decided that these terms of reference of the COI to be established will be sort of confined to the Hung Hom Station of the Shatin to Central Link. But I want to stress that we will also invite the commission of inquiry to come up with recommendations after reviewing and investigating into what I call the systemic issues concerning the MTR Corporation, as well as the relevant parts of the Government.

Reporter: Last week the Court of Final Appeal recognised LGBT marriage equality, but only for foreign workers. When it comes to issues like adoption, will departments other than Immigration now recognise ... unions, or will the Government use taxpayer dollars to continue fighting this in court?

Chief Executive: Well, first of all, I need to correct your question, because as far as I understand – I read the judgment in full – the appeal case before

the Court of Final Appeal was not about the LGBT rights per se, as you have suggested. The appeal is about the important issue concerning whether the Director of Immigration has exercised fairly, without discrimination, the administration of his policy concerning the issue of dependent visa. So it's a question of immigration policy. So the Hong Kong SAR Government of course fully respects the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal, so we are now studying the judgment and that's why I personally also read the judgment fully once, and we will decide on the next step in compliance with that judgment.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley tomorrow

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley tomorrow (July 11). The arrangements will come into effect one and a half hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

A. Traffic arrangements before the commencement of the first race

1. Road closure

Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp outside Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) will be closed except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

2. Traffic diversions

- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the up-ramp outside HKJC will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Vehicles from eastbound Queen's Road East heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left to Morrison Hill Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn right to Wong Nai Chung Road except for vehicles heading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Morrison Hill Road to turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, southbound Morrison Hill Road, Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road.

B. Traffic arrangements during the race meeting

1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- The up-ramp on Wong Nai Chung Road outside HKJC leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the Public Stands of HKJC;
- Westbound Leighton Road between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
- Southbound Morrison Hill Road between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

In addition, southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed from about 10 minutes before the start of the last race.

2. Traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- Eastbound Queen's Road East at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic on southbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted to turn left to eastbound Leighton Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

C. Learner drivers prohibition

Learner drivers will be prohibited to turn left from Caroline Hill Road to Leighton Road between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race. In addition, learner drivers will be prohibited from accessing the following roads within the above period of time:

- Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
- Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;
- Canal Road East; and
- The service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces on southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended from 11am to 7pm during day racing, from 4.30pm to 11.59pm during evening racing, and from 5pm to 11.59pm during night racing.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the above affected areas will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of road closure and traffic diversion will be made by the Police at the time depending on traffic conditions in the areas. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

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

Tender date	: July 10, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1828
Issue date	: July 11, 2018
Maturity date	: October 10, 2018
Amount applied	: HK\$130,010 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$56,478 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.50 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.55 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 49 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.59 PCT

Tender date	: July 10, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H1857
Issue date	: July 11, 2018
Maturity date	: January 9, 2019
Amount applied	: HK\$56,700 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$18,000 MN

Average yield accepted : 1.68 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 1.72 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 83 PCT
Average tender yield : 1.81 PCT

Tender date : July 10, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Y1891
Issue date : July 11, 2018
Maturity date : July 10, 2019
Amount applied : HK\$19,430 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$5,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 1.75 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 1.78 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 20 PCT
Average tender yield : 1.89 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Tenders to be held in the week beginning July 16, 2018:

Tender date : July 17, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q1829
Issue date : July 18, 2018
Maturity date : October 18, 2018
Tenor : 92 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$58,373 MN

Tender date : July 17, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H1858
Issue date : July 18, 2018
Maturity date : January 16, 2019
Tenor : 182 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$18,000 MN

Tenants begin moving into four newly

completed blocks of On Tai Estate (with photos)

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

Tenants of Phase III, the last phase, of On Tai Estate at On Sau Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, began moving into the four newly completed domestic blocks today (July 10). Completion of the estate reflects the continuous efforts of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) to provide affordable rental housing to eligible low-income families with housing needs.

"The four non-standard domestic blocks, namely Hang Tai House, Tak Tai House, Fung Tai House and Shing Tai House, which are 30 storeys or 33 storeys in height, provide about 3 000 public rental housing (PRH) units for about 9 350 residents," a spokesman for the HA said.

The intakes for the seven domestic blocks at Phases I and II of On Tai Estate were conducted last year and early this year. Upon completion of intake for the entire estate, the 11 blocks at On Tai Estate will provide around 8 500 PRH units for about 25 000 residents.

On Tai Estate offers a number of recreational facilities including outdoor children's playgrounds, basketball courts, badminton courts and table-tennis tables. In addition, there will be two community farms for residents' use.

The car park at On Tai Estate has already come into operation. The wet market and shops inside the shopping centre, as well as two kindergartens and an ancillary facilities block, are all completed and will provide services accordingly at later stage.





Fraudulent websites and phishing email related to Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited on fraudulent websites and phishing email, which has been reported to the HKMA. Hyperlink to the press release is available on [the HKMA website](#) for ease of reference by members of the public.

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the websites concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the websites should contact the bank concerned using the contact information provided in the press release, and report to the Police or contact the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.