

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley on October 29 (Sunday). 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 the 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;
- Traffic along 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 for 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 before the conclusion of race meeting

1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from about 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 diversions will be implemented from about 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;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along 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.

FEHD orders two restaurants in Yau Tong and Tsuen Wan to suspend business for 14 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a restaurant in Yau Tong and another in Tsuen Wan to suspend business for 14 days, as the operators repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by illegally extending their food business areas.

The two restaurants, which are located at Shop B166-B170 on the lower ground floor of Ka Wah Arcade in Yau Tong Centre and on the ground floor of 30 Sam Pei Square in Tsuen Wan, were ordered to suspend business from today (October 27) to November 9.

"Two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant in Yau Tong this July. A total fine of \$6,400 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. While in July and August this year, two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant in Tsuen Wan. A total fine of \$5,000 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in the 14-day business suspension for these two restaurants," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee of the restaurant in Yau Tong had a record of two convictions for the same offence in July 2021 and June last year. A total fine of \$5,200 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. While in this January and April, the licensee of the restaurant in Tsuen Wan had a record of two convictions for the same offence. A total fine of \$4,500 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. The breaches led to business suspensions of both restaurants for seven days in last August and this June respectively.

The spokesman reminded licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR, or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD's website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html).

[LCSD to hold Performing Arts Carnival 2023 at Tsuen Wan Town Hall and Yuen Long Theatre \(with photos\)](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is presenting the Performing Arts Carnival 2023 from October to December at five of its performance venues in the New Territories. The carnivals at Tsuen Wan Town Hall (TWTH) and Yuen Long Theatre (YLT) will take place in the afternoon on November 5 and 12 (both Sundays) respectively, with the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA), venue partners, local arts groups and district organisations showcasing an array of free performing arts programmes. Members of the public are welcome to join.

The fascinating programmes of the Performing Arts Carnival 2023 will cover dance, drama, music and Chinese opera. HKAPA students will offer different dance performances and an excerpt of the original musical "Home Sweet Home", as well as excerpts from operatic classics "Die Zauberflöte" and "Le Nozze di Figaro" by Mozart and "Carmen" by Bizet at the two performance venues. Also, the young talent will perform Cantonese operatic songs "Nocturnal Tears over an Epistle" and "The Reunion of Swords and Hairpins" from "The Purple Hairpin" as well as Chinese music works "Rain Lashing on the Plantain" and "Thunder in a Drought" at TWTH, and present Cantonese opera excerpts "Mu Guiying Gets a Husband" and "Lodging at the inn" from "The Sword of the Valiant" at YLT.

Various fringe activities will also be held at the carnivals. TWTH will stage a concert by Count-In Music, introducing jazz music to the audience, a children theatre by Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education, a Cantonese opera performance by One Table Two Chairs Charitable Foundation, and a Cantonese music theatre by artists Fung Kai-sze, Yeung Kin-ping and Wong Yee-lai in collaboration with TroVessional. At YLT, there will be Cantonese opera make-up and costumes demonstration workshops by the Hong Kong Performing Stage of Cantonese Opera, leaf whistling workshops by the Hong Kong Art of Leaf-whistling, handbell performances and interactive workshops by the Christian Alliance S Y Yeh Memorial Primary School as well as dance performances and interactive workshops by the Yuen Long Dance Troupe.

Admission to all programmes is free with limited places available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets for the fringe activities at TWTH and YLT will be available at the enquiry counter of the respective venues on the event day from noon while stocks last. For details, please visit the websites of TWTH (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/twth/performingartscarnival2023.html) and YLT (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ylt/performingartscarnival2023.html).



FSTB launches GBA Fintech Two-way Internship Scheme for Post-secondary

Students

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau today (October 27) launched the GBA Fintech Two-way Internship Scheme for Post-secondary Students to help students acquire practical work experience in fintech companies in Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, said, "The Government has been attaching great importance to nurturing fintech talent. The Scheme will enable students to gain first-hand understanding of the operation of fintech companies and fintech ecosystems of Hong Kong and the Mainland, and equip them early with knowledge in pursuing a career in fintech, thereby enlarging the local fintech talent pool."

In his 2023-24 Budget, the Financial Secretary announced the introduction of a fintech internship scheme for post-secondary students. The Scheme will provide more than 150 internship positions in Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA (Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai), covering fintech companies of different segments in Hong Kong and the Mainland, including virtual banks, virtual insurers, regtech, wealthtech, credittech and payment tech. More than 30 fintech companies will participate in the Scheme.

The Scheme is targeted at full-time students studying fintech-related subjects in post-secondary institutions in Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA, including higher diploma and associate degree students, undergraduates, master's degree students or postgraduates. Internship positions in Hong Kong accept applications from Mainland students studying in Hong Kong, as well as Mainland students studying in Mainland cities of the GBA who hold valid permits to enter Hong Kong. Internship positions in Mainland cities of the GBA accept applications from Hong Kong students studying in Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA. The Scheme will provide students with a two-month internship opportunity (with extension up to six months) and a monthly subsidy of HK\$12,000 (or RMB10,500).

The winter internship scheme is open for application from today until November 30. The first batch of students is expected to commence internships by the end of this year at the earliest. Details of the summer internship scheme will be announced in the first half of next year.

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau has appointed Cyberport to administer the Scheme. For details of the application procedures and internship positions, please visit the dedicated website of Cyberport (gbafinternship.cyberport.hk/).

Pilot Scheme for Electric Public Light Buses accepts applications

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 27) announced that the Pilot Scheme for Electric Public Light Buses is open now for applications until November 17.

To promote the local application of electric public light buses (e-PLBs), the Government has earmarked \$80 million for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme to test the operation and performance of different models of e-PLB and the associated quick charging facilities, as well as conducting operational trials on various minibus service routes.

"The operational trials will be conducted in phases starting with Kowloon Tong (Suffolk Road) and Yue Man Square Public Transport Interchanges as trial points. It is expected that approval will be granted to all successful applications by December 2023 with a view to commencing the trial in the first quarter of 2024. Operators of relevant green minibuses interested in taking part in the Pilot Scheme should submit their applications to the EPD before the deadline," an EPD spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that to encourage operators to participate in the Pilot Scheme, the Government will subsidise successful operators with 80 per cent of the vehicle price for each e-PLB joining the Pilot Scheme. Details about the Pilot Scheme and its application can be found on the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/air/guide_ref/pseplb.html).

The Government launched the Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles in March 2021, setting out the long-term policy objectives and plans to promote the adoption of electric vehicles and their associated supporting facilities in Hong Kong with a view to achieving the target of zero vehicular emissions before 2050. These include partnering with different sectors to actively test the applications of various electric and other new energy public transport, including e-PLBs, to accumulate experiences for establishing specific roadmap and timetable for the promotion of electric commercial vehicles.