<u>Public transport service arrangements</u> <u>for departures of Hong Kong Sevens</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

All matches of the Hong Kong Sevens held at the Kai Tak Sports Park are scheduled to conclude after 7pm today (March 30). As more spectators are expected to disperse at the same time, the Transport Department (TD) urges those leaving the venue to take the MTR as far as possible. The TD has been steering public transport service arrangements and the overall traffic conditions have mostly been smooth so far:

MTR: The service headway of the Tuen Ma Line will be further enhanced to about 3.5 minutes and spare trains will be deployed as needed to expedite the dispersal. The service level of the East Rail Line and the Kwun Tong Line will also be enhanced accordingly. Passengers can travel directly from Kai Tak Station or Sung Wong Toi Station to East Tsim Sha Tsui Station within 15 minutes, and it only takes some 24 minutes to Central Station via interchanging at Hung Hom Station and Admiralty Station;

Taxis: In view of an outflux of spectators, the waiting time is anticipated to be longer and your patience is appreciated. The TD has made all-out efforts with the taxi trade to mobilise more taxis for picking up passengers, including disseminating real-time information on passengers queuing to the trade directly. The Kai Tak Sports Park Limited has also mobilised taxis via instant messaging platform; and

Special bus routes: The route departing for Central (Causeway Bay and Wan Chai) will be advanced to commence service from 6pm while the remaining special bus routes will operate after the tournaments conclude, subject to the passenger demand and traffic conditions on-site.

Spectators are advised to take heed of the real-time information via onsite broadcast and the "Easy Leave" (QR code displayed on-site) as well as the latest traffic news through the "HKeMobility" mobile application, radio and television broadcasts.