

[FEHD urges public to keep environment clean on festive occasions](#)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) urged members of the public to keep the environment clean and not to litter when celebrating the Lunar New Year (LNY).

A spokesman for the FEHD said today (January 21), "The Government's efforts alone will not suffice to keep the environment clean and tidy. Members of the public and shop operators also have the responsibility to dispose of waste properly in public places.

"During the LNY, the FEHD will enhance street cleaning services at locations where large crowds are expected, such as increasing the frequency of street sweeping and refuse collection. In addition, more FEHD staff will be deployed to patrol and take enforcement action against persons found littering, including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices of \$1,500."

The spokesman also reminded members of the public to pay attention to food safety, not to patronise unlicensed cooked food hawkers, and to keep passageways clear. The FEHD will, depending on actual circumstances, take appropriate actions against illegal cooked food hawkers, shop front extensions and hawking activities causing street obstruction.

He appealed to members of the public to exercise civic-mindedness and self-discipline, and keep the environment clean while enjoying the festive season.

[Exchange Fund Bills tender results](#)

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:â€‹

Tender date	: January 21, 2020
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2004
Issue date	: January 22, 2020
Maturity date	: April 22, 2020
Amount applied	: HK\$149,235 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$60,317 MN

Average yield accepted	: 1.87 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.90 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 56 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.97 PCT

Tender date	: January 21, 2020
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2033
Issue date	: January 22, 2020
Maturity date	: July 22, 2020
Amount applied	: HK\$46,850 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$17,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.88 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.90 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 18 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.99 PCT

Tender date	: January 21, 2020
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Y2085
Issue date	: January 22, 2020
Maturity date	: January 20, 2021
Amount applied	: HK\$16,785 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$5,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.83 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.84 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 69 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.91 PCT

[Invest Hong Kong assists record number of overseas and Mainland companies setting up or expanding in Hong Kong](#)

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) today (January 21) announced that the department had assisted 487 overseas and Mainland companies to set up or expand in Hong Kong in 2019.

This number represents an all-time high and a year-on-year increase of 11.7 per cent, with the number of fintech companies and start-ups seeing the strongest growth. The total number of jobs thereby created (6 009) rose by

14.1 per cent over the previous year's figure.

More than 27 per cent of the assisted companies indicated that Hong Kong's status as an international hub played an important role in the sustained economic development of Mainland China, and that setting up businesses in Hong Kong would enable them to fully capitalise on the opportunities brought about by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development and the Belt and Road Initiative.

InvestHK's Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, said he was delighted to see the continued increase in the numbers in 2019.

"2019 was another record year for InvestHK in terms of the number of companies assisted and the number of jobs created by those companies. Hong Kong continues to attract overseas and Mainland investors because of its core advantages and emerging business opportunities, especially in the light of the latest developments in the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative," Mr Phillips said.

"Looking forward to 2020, notwithstanding the uncertain global and local economic environment, we will continue to strive to attract foreign companies, ranging from entrepreneur-led ventures to multinationals, to set up a presence in Hong Kong. A special focus will also be put on attracting innovation and technology companies in line with the Government's policy objectives," he added.

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The 487 companies came from 48 economies. Mainland China continued to lead with 120 companies, followed by the US (71), the UK (43), Japan (27) and France (25). There were 29 companies from Association of Southeast Asian Nations economies.

In terms of sectors, the portfolio covered a broad spectrum ranging from innovation and technology (106) followed by transport and industrial (65) to tourism and hospitality (60) and fintech (57). Start-ups in various sectors took up 14.4 per cent (70) of all companies assisted.

The 487 companies together will create 6 009 jobs in their first year of establishment or expansion, representing a 14.1 per cent increase compared with the 2018 figure.

Among the companies, 135 (27.7 per cent) said that they plan to make use of Hong Kong as the platform to take part in the Greater Bay Area development and the Belt and Road Initiative.

About InvestHK

InvestHK is the department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government responsible for attracting foreign direct investment and

supporting overseas and Mainland businesses to set up or expand in Hong Kong. It provides free advice and customised services for overseas and Mainland companies. For more information, please visit www.investhk.gov.hk.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley tomorrow

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley tomorrow (January 22). 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;
- 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 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 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.

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine \(with photo\)](#)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 20) seized about 2 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.4 million in San Po Kong.

During an anti-narcotics operation in San Po Kong yesterday afternoon, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 130 grams of suspected methamphetamine inside a plastic bag carried by him. The 21-year-old man was then arrested.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers escorted the arrested man to a factory unit nearby, where about 1.9kg of suspected methamphetamine and a batch of drug-packaging paraphernalia were further seized.

An investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

