

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, January 10, 2020 is 106.1 (up 0.2 against yesterday's index).

Special traffic and transport arrangements for Hong Kong Streetathon 2020

The Transport Department (TD) today (January 10) reminded the public that temporary road closures will be implemented in phases at various locations on Hong Kong Island and in East Kowloon this Sunday (January 12) to facilitate the holding of the Hong Kong Streetathon 2020.

The following road sections on Hong Kong Island will be closed from 1am to 8.30am:

- (i) Central-Wan Chai Bypass (eastbound);
- (ii) Island Eastern Corridor (eastbound) between Hing Fat Street and its ramp leading to Chai Wan Road (Exit 3A); and
- (iii) Eastern Harbour Crossing (northbound tube).

The following road sections in East Kowloon will be closed from 1.30am to 1.30pm:

- (i) Kai Tak Tunnel (westbound tube);
- (ii) East Kowloon Corridor (westbound) between Kai Tak Tunnel and San Shan Road;
- (iii) Kwun Tong Bypass (Lei Yue Mun bound) between its ramp leading to Prince Edward Road East and its ramp leading from Wai Fat Road;
- (iv) Kai Fuk Road;
- (v) San Shan Road;
- (vi) Cha Kwo Ling Road;
- (vii) Sheung Yee Road;
- (viii) Cheung Yip Street;
- (ix) Tsui Hing Street;
- (x) Wang Hoi Road;
- (xi) Sheung Yuet Road;
- (xii) Kai Lok Street;
- (xiii) Siu Yip Street;

- (xiv) Hoi Bun Road;
- (xv) Hung Yip Street;
- (xvi) Shun Yip Street;
- (xvii) Lai Yip Street; and
- (xviii) How Ming Street.

The TD anticipates that traffic at various locations on Hong Kong Island and in East Kowloon will become significantly more congested than on normal Sundays during the race period. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the above affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise patience, drive with care and follow the instructions of the Police on site.

Other ad-hoc traffic and public transport measures, including adjusting the extent of road closures, traffic diversions, alterations and suspensions of public transport services may be implemented by the Police on short notice depending on the actual traffic and crowd conditions.

Members of the public should plan their journeys in advance and use alternative travelling routes to avoid unexpected delays as well as take non road-based public transport services as far as possible. They are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and changes of stop locations.

For information about the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public may call 1823, browse the TD's website www.td.gov.hk or mobile application "HKEMobility".

EMSD announces test results of LPG quality in December 2019

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (January 10) announced that the department collected 12 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) samples from auto-LPG filling stations and LPG terminals on a random basis in December 2019 for laboratory tests. The results showed that the LPG quality of all these samples complied with auto-LPG specifications.

The detailed test results are available on the EMSD's website (www.emsd.gov.hk/en/rl/lpg_sample_analysis_simple). Enquiries can also be made to the EMSD's hotline on 2333 3762.

In addition, the EMSD has been vetting independent third-party test reports submitted by LPG supply companies for each shipment to ensure that the quality of imported LPG complies with the specified requirements.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (January 10) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Opening arrangements for LCSD recreation and sports facilities during Lunar New Year holidays

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (January 10) that its parks and playgrounds will remain open during the Lunar New Year holiday period. The Leisure Link Internet booking service will also operate as usual throughout the holidays.

However, sports centres, various fee-charging land-based facilities, swimming pools and water sports centres will be closed during the first three days of the Lunar New Year (January 25 to 27). Services at gazetted beaches will also be suspended. Stadia and all sports grounds will be closed unless advance bookings have been made.

Holiday camps will be closed during the first three days of the Lunar New Year and lodging will not be provided on Lunar New Year's Eve (January 24).

But for public convenience some sports centres, turf pitches, squash courts, tennis courts, the archery range at Ngau Chi Wan Park, the indoor bowling greens at Island East Sports Centre, Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre and the sports facilities and squash courts at Queen Elizabeth Stadium will reopen on the third day of the Lunar New Year (January 27).

Leisure Link booking counters at venues will not operate when the venues are closed. For venues scheduled to reopen on January 27, their Leisure Link booking counters will also resume operation on the same day.

Details of the opening arrangements for LCSD recreation and sports venues during the Lunar New Year holidays have been posted at all venues and uploaded to the department's website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/facilities/facilitieslist.html).