

Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements this Sunday (December 8) to facilitate two public order events to be held on Hong Kong Island.

(1) Sports event in Wan Chai North

Phase I (from about 2am to 10.45am)

Road closure

1. Convention Avenue between Fleming Road and Tonnochy Road;
2. Hung Hing Road between Marsh Road and Tonnochy Road;
3. Eastbound Harbour Road between Harbour Drive and Tonnochy Road;
4. Tonnochy Road between Hung Hing Road and Harbour Road;
5. Tonnochy Road flyover between Harbour Road and Gloucester Road; and
6. Southbound Tonnochy Road between Harbour Road and Gloucester Road.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along northbound Fleming Road cannot turn right to eastbound Convention Avenue, and will be diverted via westbound Lung Wo Road or northbound Expo Drive East;
2. Traffic along southbound Fleming Road cannot turn left to eastbound Harbour Road;
3. Traffic along eastbound Harbour Road must turn left to northbound Fleming Road;
4. Traffic leaving from car parks along eastbound Harbour Road must turn right to westbound Harbour Road;
5. Traffic along northbound Harbour Drive must turn left to westbound Harbour Road; and
6. Traffic along northbound Marsh Road will be diverted via Gloucester Road service road or must turn to southbound Marsh Road for access to Jaffe Road.

Phase II (from about 3.45am to 9.30am)

Road closure

1. Eastbound Island Eastern Corridor between Victoria Park Road and the slip road connecting with Man Hong Street;
2. The slip road leading from Hing Fat Street to eastbound Island Eastern Corridor;
3. The slip roads of Tong Shui Road and Java Road connecting with eastbound

Island Eastern Corridor; and

4. Eastbound Central-Wan Chai Bypass between Central and Island Eastern Corridor.

Traffic diversions

Traffic along eastbound Victoria Park Road and Hing Fat Street heading for eastbound Island Eastern Corridor and Eastern Harbour Crossing will be diverted via Gordon Road, Electric Road and Java Road.

Phase III (from about 3.45am to 10am)

Road closure

1. Westbound Victoria Park Road between the down ramp of westbound Island Eastern Corridor and westbound Gloucester Road, except the slow lane;
2. The fast lane of westbound Victoria Park Road between Hing Fat Street and the down ramp of westbound Island Eastern Corridor;
3. Westbound Island Eastern Corridor between the exit of Eastern Harbour Crossing and westbound Victoria Park Road, except the down ramp slip road leading to Man Hong Street;
4. The slip road leading from westbound Island Eastern Corridor to Hing Fat Street;
5. The slip roads of westbound King's Road junction with Healthy Street Central, Tong Shui Road and Wharf Road leading to westbound Island Eastern Corridor;
6. Westbound Central-Wan Chai Bypass between Central and Island Eastern Corridor;
7. The slip road leading from Tsing Fung Street flyover and Hing Fat Street to westbound Central-Wan Chai Bypass; and
8. The slip road leading from the exit of Eastern Harbour Crossing to westbound Island Eastern Corridor.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic from the exit of Eastern Harbour Crossing heading for westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted via Man Hong Street and King's Road;
2. Traffic along the slip road of westbound King's Road junction with Healthy Street Central heading for westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted via westbound King's Road;
3. Traffic along the slip road of westbound King's Road junction with Tong Shui Road heading for westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted via westbound King's Road;
4. Traffic along Tong Shui Road heading for westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted via Wharf Road, North Point Road, Java Road, Kam Hong Street and King's Road;
5. Traffic along Wharf Road slip road heading for westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted via Wharf Road, North Point Road, Java Road, Tong Shui Road and King's Road; and

6. Traffic along Tsing Fung Street flyover and northbound Hing Fat Street heading for the slip road of westbound Central-Wan Chai Bypass will be diverted via the remaining lanes on Vitoria Park Road.

Phase IV (from about 4.45am to 9am)

Road closure

1. The slip road leading from the exit of Cross Harbour Tunnel to eastbound Gloucester Road;
2. The Victoria Park Road flyover leading from Victoria Park Road to Gloucester Road service road; and
3. Eastbound Victoria Park Road between Paterson Street and the up ramp of eastbound Island Eastern Corridor, except the slow lane leading to Hing Fat Street.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic from the exit of Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Causeway Bay will be diverted via Canal Road flyover, Canal Road East, Leighton Road, Pennington Street and westbound Yee Wo Street;
2. Traffic from the exit of Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for North Point will be diverted via eastbound Victoria Park Road, Gordon Road, Electric Road and Java Road;
3. Traffic along eastbound Victoria Park Road will be diverted via Gordon Road, Electric Road and Java Road; and
4. Traffic along southbound Victoria Park Road flyover will be diverted via Gloucester Road service road.

Phase V (from about 4.45am to 9.30am)

Road closure

1. Southbound Gloucester Road between Gloucester Road service road and Causeway Road;
2. Northbound Gloucester Road between the U-turn slip road beneath the Tai Hang Road flyover and Sugar Street;
3. The 2nd to 5th lanes of westbound Gloucester Road between the Victoria Park Road flyover connecting with northbound Gloucester Road and westbound Gloucester Road service road;
4. Victoria Park Road flyover leading from northbound Gloucester Road to westbound Gloucester Road service road; and
5. Victoria Park Road flyover leading from Victoria Park Road to southbound Gloucester Road.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along northbound Tai Hang Road flyover will be diverted via northbound Gloucester Road and Gloucester Road service road; and

2. Traffic along Great George Street heading for southbound Gloucester Road will be diverted via southbound Tai Hang Road flyover.

Phase VI (from about 4.45am to 10am)

Road closure

1. Eastbound Lockhart Road between Marsh Road and Percival Street;
2. Southbound Canal Road East between Lockhart Road and Jaffe Road;
3. Northbound Canal Road West between Lockhart Road and Jaffe Road;
4. Southbound Marsh Road between Lockhart Road and Jaffe Road;
5. Northbound Marsh Road between Hennessy Road and Lockhart Road;
6. The fast lane of northbound Morrison Hill Road between Wan Chai Road and Hennessy Road;
7. Marsh Road flyover between Hung Hing Road and Lockhart Road; and
8. Northbound Marsh Road between Hung Hing Road and Gloucester Road.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along southbound Marsh Road will be diverted via eastbound Jaffe Road;
2. Traffic along Canal Road East will be diverted via eastbound Jaffe Road;
3. Traffic along eastbound Lockhart Road will be diverted via northbound Marsh Road;
4. Wan Ying Street will be re-routed from one-way westbound traffic to one-way eastbound traffic;
5. Wan Shing Street between Hung Hing Road and Wan Ying Street will be re-routed from one-way southbound traffic to one-way northbound traffic; and
6. Traffic along northbound Wan Shing Street must turn right to eastbound Hung Hing Road.

Phase VII (from about 5.45am to 10am)

Road closure

1. Southbound Percival Street between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;
2. Eastbound Hennessy Road between Percival Street and Yee Wo Street;
3. Eastbound Yee Wo Street between Hennessy Road and Sugar Street;
4. Sugar Street; and
5. Northbound Gloucester Road between Great George Street and Sugar Street.

Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along southbound Percival Street will be diverted via eastbound Lockhart Road;
2. Traffic along eastbound Hennessy Road cannot turn left to Marsh Road;
3. Traffic along Tin Lok Lane cannot go straight to northbound Marsh Road, and must turn to Hennessy Road; and
4. Traffic along eastbound Hennessy Road heading for Causeway Road will be

diverted via southbound Percival Street, Leighton Road, Pennington Street and eastbound Yee Wo Street.

Suspension of parking spaces

The parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 12.01am to 11am:

1. The on-street parking spaces on eastbound Lockhart Road between Marsh Road and Percival Street;
2. The on-street parking spaces on Jaffe Road between Percival Street and Cannon Street;
3. The coach parking spaces on Expo Drive East;
4. The motorcycle parking spaces on Marsh Road between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road; and;
5. The disabled parking spaces on northbound Gloucester Road near Sugar Street.

(2) Public meeting and public procession starting from Victoria Park

Crowd safety management measures

The public event consists of two parts, namely a public meeting at Central Lawn of the Victoria Park followed by a public procession heading to Chater Road Pedestrian Precinct, Central.

The public meeting at Central Lawn of the Victoria Park will commence at 12 noon and the subsequent public procession will start at 3pm. The public procession will set off to Chater Road Pedestrian Precinct, Central, via Gate 15 of the park, Causeway Road, Leighton Road, Irving Street, Pennington Street, Yee Wo Street, Hennessy Road, Queensway, Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central.

A. Arrangements for public meeting at Victoria Park

To ensure that the participants of the public meeting enter the Central Lawn and set off the subsequent procession sequentially, the organiser will divide the Central Lawn into four sections and their event marshals will implement crowd management measure thereat.

Members of the public participating in the public meeting are encouraged to use public transport to go to the park and enter the Central Lawn from the west via Gate 6 and 7 (near Sugar Street and Great George Street); or from the east via Gate 14 (Hing Fat Street near Lau Sin Street).

The procession will set off at 3pm or when the participants have occupied about 85 per cent of the Central Lawn, whichever is earlier. The procession will depart from the Central Lawn via Exits 1 and 2, and move along the South Boulevard and Gate 15 of the Park to start.

B. Arrangements for public procession

The procession will proceed along the westbound carriageway of the procession route and the eastbound and westbound tram lanes along Yee Wo Street, Hennessy Road, Queensway and Des Voeux Road Central. The eastbound carriageway will be reserved as emergency vehicles access and used by other road users. Police will make decision on the opening of traffic lanes according to the prevailing crowd condition.

Participants arriving in Central should pay attention to the announcements made by the organiser and follow the instructions given by the Police or event marshals for a safe departure.

To maintain public safety and public order, Police imposed several conditions to the organiser. The conditions include requesting the organiser to appeal to the participants taking part in fund-raising, hawking or any other propaganda activities to ensure that their stalls or temporarily-erected structures would not cause obstructions to the public procession or endanger the safety of the public procession participants or other road users.

Members of the public going to Central, Admiralty, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Tin Hau are encouraged to use public transport. They should follow the instructions given by Police officers or event marshals, and pay attention to the temporary signage displayed on site.

It is the policy of the Police to facilitate all lawful public order events and it will take measures to ensure public safety and public order. Police wish to co-operate closely with the organiser to facilitate a safe and orderly public event.

Police appeal to the event participants to remain calm, be considerate and co-operative, as well as to express their views in a rational and peaceful manner.

Special traffic arrangements

A. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 1.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Gloucester Road U-turn slip road between southbound and northbound Gloucester Road underneath Tai Hang Road flyover;
2. Sugar Street;
3. Southbound Gloucester Road between Victoria Park Road flyover and Causeway Road;
4. If necessary, Great George Street;
5. If necessary, Paterson Street between Gloucester Road and Great George Street;
6. If necessary, Kingston Street;
7. If necessary, Cleveland Street;
8. If necessary, Cannon Street;

9. If necessary, Lockhart Road east of Percival Street; and
10. If necessary, Jaffe Road east of Percival Street.

The following roads will be closed from 1.45pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Jardine's Bazaar;
2. Tang Lung Street;
3. Canal Road East between Russell Street and Hennessy Road;
4. Canal Road West between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road;
5. Wan Chai Road between Canal Road West and Morrison Hill Road; and
6. Bowrington Road between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road.

The following roads will be closed from 2pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Westbound Causeway Road;
2. Moreton Terrace;
3. Shelter Street;
4. The slip road leading from eastbound Yee Wo Street to westbound Causeway Road;
5. Irving Street;
6. Pennington Street between Keswick Street and Yee Wo Street;
7. Westbound Yee Wo Street;
8. Westbound Hennessy Road;
9. Lee Garden Road between Kai Chiu Road and Hennessy Road;
10. Kai Chiu Road;
11. Yun Ping Road between Lan Fong Road and Kai Chiu Road;
12. Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Russell Street;
13. Tin Lok Lane between Hennessy Road and Wan Chai Road;
14. The slip road leading from eastbound Johnston Road to westbound Hennessy Road;
15. Northbound Fleming Road between Johnston Road and Hennessy Road;
16. Thomson Road between Johnston Road and Luard Road;
17. Luard Road between Johnston Road and Hennessy Road;
18. Fenwick Street between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road;
19. Westbound Johnston Road between Ship Street and Landale Street;
20. Eastbound Johnston Road between Fenwick Street and Hennessy Road;
21. If necessary, eastbound Causeway Road;
22. If necessary, the slip road leading from westbound Leighton Road to Pennington Street;
23. If necessary, eastbound Yee Wo Street;
24. If necessary, eastbound Hennessy Road;
25. If necessary, Lockhart Road between Percival Street and Arsenal Street;
26. If necessary, Jaffe Road between Percival Street and Arsenal Street;
27. If necessary, Gloucester Road service road between Percival Street and Arsenal Street;
28. If necessary, Canal Road West between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
29. If necessary, Canal Road East between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
30. If necessary, Percival Street between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;
31. If necessary, southbound Canal Road East between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;

32. If necessary, Marsh Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
33. If necessary, Marsh Road flyover;
34. If necessary, Tonnochy Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
35. If necessary, southbound Stewart Road between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;
36. If necessary, southbound Stewart Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
37. If necessary, southbound Fleming Road between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;
38. If necessary, Fleming Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
39. If necessary, Fleming Road flyover;
40. If necessary, Thomson Road between O'Brien Road and Fleming Road;
41. If necessary, O'Brien Road between Lockhart Road and Gloucester Road;
42. If necessary, Luard Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
43. If necessary, Fenwick Street between Lockhart Road and Hennessy Road;
44. If necessary, Fenwick Street between Gloucester Road and Johnston Road;
45. If necessary, Arsenal Street between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
- and
46. If necessary, Arsenal Street flyover.

The following roads will be closed from 3.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Westbound Queensway;
2. Des Voeux Road Central between Pedder Street and Queensway;
3. Northbound Ice House Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central;
4. Chater Road between Jackson Road and Murray road;
5. If necessary, eastbound Queensway;
6. If necessary, westbound Harcourt Road between Harcourt Garden car park exit and Cotton Tree Drive;
7. If necessary, Rodney Street;
8. If necessary, Drake Street;
9. If necessary, Tamar Street;
10. If necessary, the slip road leading from southbound Cotton Tree Drive to eastbound Queensway;
11. If necessary, southbound Cotton Tree Drive between westbound Harcourt Road and Queensway;
12. If necessary, the slip road leading from northbound Garden Road to northbound Cotton Tree Drive;
13. If necessary, Murray Road between Harcourt Road and Queensway;
14. If necessary, westbound Harcourt Road service road U-turn slip road;
15. If necessary, Lambeth Walk;
16. If necessary, Club Street; and
17. If necessary, Jackson Road.

The following roads will be closed when necessary until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Yacht Street;
2. Ngan Mok Street;
3. Lau Li Street between King's Road and Hing Fat Street;

4. Electric Road between Lau Li Street and Wing Hing Street;
5. Wing Hing Street west of King's Road;
6. Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Sin Street;
7. Northbound Tai Hang Road flyover; and
8. Southbound Percival Street between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road.

B. Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 1.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Traffic along southbound Gloucester Road cannot turn right to northbound Gloucester Road underneath Tai Hang Road flyover;
2. Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot turn left to Sugar Street;
3. Traffic along southbound Victoria Park Road flyover must turn right to westbound Gloucester Road service road;
4. If necessary, traffic along northbound Tai Hang Road flyover cannot turn left to westbound Kingston Street;
5. If necessary, traffic along southbound Paterson Street must turn left to eastbound Kingston Street;
6. If necessary, traffic along southbound Cleveland Street cannot turn right to westbound Kingston Street;
7. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road service road cannot turn left to southbound Cleveland Street and southbound Paterson Street;
8. If necessary, traffic along the slip road leading from westbound Victoria Park Road cannot enter Cleveland Street;
9. If necessary, traffic along eastbound Lockhart Road must turn left to Canal Road West;
10. If necessary, traffic along northbound Cannon Street cannot turn left to westbound Jaffe Road; and
11. If necessary, traffic along southbound Canal Road East must turn left to Jaffe Road.

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 1.45pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Traffic along Pennington Street cannot turn left to Jardine's Bazaar;
2. Traffic along westbound Hennessy Road cannot turn left to southbound Canal Road East;
3. Traffic along westbound Russell Street must turn left to southbound Canal Road East;
4. Traffic along northbound Canal Road West near Sharp Street West will be diverted to the up-ramp leading to northbound Canal Road flyover;
5. Traffic along eastbound Sharp Street West will be diverted to the up-ramp leading to northbound Canal Road flyover;
6. Traffic along eastbound Sharp Street West cannot turn left to northbound Bowrington Road;
7. Traffic along northbound Bowrington Road must turn right to eastbound Sharp Street West; and
8. Traffic along eastbound Wan Chai Road must turn right to southbound Morrison Hill Road.

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 2pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Traffic from westbound King's Road must turn left to southbound Tung Lo Wan Road or turn right to northbound Hing Fat Street;
2. Traffic along westbound Tung Lo Wan Road cannot enter Moreton Terrace;
3. Eastbound Tung Lo Wan Road between St. Paul's Hospital and Moreton Terrace will be re-routed westbound traffic;
4. Traffic along southbound Tung Lo Wan Road cannot turn left to the re-routed westbound Tung Lo Wan Road between St Paul's Hospital and Moreton Terrace;
5. Traffic along eastbound Yee Wo Street cannot turn right to southbound Tung Lo Wan Road or westbound Leighton Road;
6. Traffic along northbound Tung Lo Wan Road cannot enter Irving Street and must turn left to westbound Leighton Road;
7. Traffic along Pennington Street must turn right to Keswick Street;
8. Traffic along northbound Yun Ping Road must turn left to westbound Lan Fong Road;
9. Traffic along westbound Leighton Road must turn left to Wong Nai Chung Road, except for franchised buses;
10. Traffic along southbound Percival Street will be diverted to Lockhart Road or eastbound Hennessy Road;
11. Traffic along northbound Tin Lok Lane must turn left to westbound Wan Chai Road;
12. Traffic along northbound Tin Lok Lane cannot turn left to westbound Hennessy Road;
13. Traffic along Stewart Road cannot turn right to westbound Hennessy Road;
14. Traffic along eastbound Johnston Road cannot turn left to westbound Hennessy Road;
15. Traffic along northbound Fleming Road cannot turn left to westbound Hennessy Road;
16. Traffic along eastbound Hennessy Road cannot turn right to southbound Fenwick Street;
17. Traffic along Tai Wong Street East must turn right to eastbound Johnston Road;
18. Traffic along Johnston Road cannot enter Thomson Road;
19. Traffic along Johnston Road cannot enter northbound Luard Road;
20. Traffic along westbound Johnston Road must turn left to Ship Street;
21. Traffic along Lun Fat Street must turn right to eastbound Johnston Road;
22. Traffic along westbound Johnston Road from Landale Street must turn left to Anton Street;
23. Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn left to Landale Street;
24. If necessary, traffic along westbound Leighton Road cannot turn right to northbound Pennington Street;
25. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Canal Road East;
26. If necessary, traffic along westbound Lockhart Road cannot turn right to Percival Street;
27. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Marsh Road;
28. If necessary, traffic along Steward Road will be diverted to Lockhart

Road;

29. If necessary, traffic along southbound Fleming Road will be diverted to Lockhart Road;
30. If necessary, traffic along westbound Harbour Road cannot turn left to southbound Fleming Road flyover;
31. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Fleming Road;
32. If necessary, traffic along Wan Chai Road cannot turn right to northbound Fleming Road;
33. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound O'Brien Road;
34. If necessary, traffic along eastbound Johnston Road cannot turn left to Thomson Road;
35. If necessary, traffic along eastbound Johnston Road cannot turn left to Fleming road;
36. If necessary, traffic along eastbound Johnston Road must turn right to Burrows Street;
37. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Luard Road;
38. If necessary, traffic along southbound Fenwick Street will be diverted to Lockhart Road;
39. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Fenwick Street; and
40. If necessary, traffic along westbound Gloucester Road cannot turn left to southbound Arsenal Street.

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 3.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Traffic along eastbound Queen's Road East must turn left to Justice Drive;
2. Traffic along northbound Justice Drive cannot turn left to westbound Queensway;
3. Traffic along northbound Garden Road must turn left to westbound Queen's road Central;
4. Traffic along westbound Queen's Road Central cannot turn right to northbound Ice House Street;
5. Traffic along northbound Ice House Street must turn to westbound Queen's Road Central;
6. Traffic along eastbound Des Voeux road Central must turn left to northbound Pedder Street;
7. If necessary, traffic along southbound Murray Road cannot turn left to eastbound Queensway;
8. If necessary, traffic along southbound Cotton Tree Drive cannot turn left to eastbound Queensway;
9. If necessary, traffic along Garden Road flyover cannot enter eastbound Queensway;
10. If necessary, traffic along westbound Harcourt Road cannot turn left to southbound Murray Road;
11. If necessary, traffic along westbound Harcourt Road near Harcourt Garden car park exit will be diverted to westbound Harcourt Road flyover;
12. If necessary, traffic along northbound Garden Road cannot turn left to

westbound Lambeth Walk; and

13. If necessary, traffic along westbound Connaught Road Central cannot turn left to southbound Club Street.

The following traffic diversions will be implemented when necessary until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Traffic along northbound Tai Hang Road flyover must go straight to northbound Victoria Park Road flyover leading to westbound Gloucester Road;
2. Traffic along westbound Gloucester Road service road cannot turn left to southbound Percival Street;
3. Traffic along eastbound Causeway Road cannot turn left to northbound Hing Fat Street;
4. Traffic along westbound King's Road will be diverted to Tsing Fung Street flyover;
5. Traffic along southbound Wing Hing Street must turn left to eastbound King's Road; and
6. Traffic along westbound King's Road cannot turn right to northbound Hing Fat Street.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

All parking spaces at Hing Fat Street public car park will be suspended from about 10.30am to 8pm.

Disabled parking spaces on northbound Gloucester Road near Sugar Street, and all on-street parking spaces on Tung Lo Wan Road will be suspended from 10.30am to 8pm.

During the road closure period, vehicles will not be allowed to enter or leave car parks on the closed roads.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the special traffic arrangements will be towed away without prior notice, and subject to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

HA to maintain car park charges at existing levels for one year

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

The Commercial Properties Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) yesterday (December 5) approved to maintain the existing car park charges for one year from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

"Based on available market data, our research indicated that there was a general increase of about 8 per cent on average in the car park charges for comparable car parks, which took part in the first half of the year up to June 2019. Such available market data, however, have not taken into account the effect of the latest difficult economic environment since June 2019," a spokesman for the HA said.

The spokesman stressed that in this connection, it was prudent for the Committee to defer the review of car park charges for 2020 and maintain the existing charges for one year.

The HA reviews its car park charges annually by making reference to the car park charges of other public bodies and comparable private sectors with a view to bringing the charges within the market range. The HA had some 31 600 parking spaces in 169 car parks as at the end of September 2019.

The HA's monthly charges for private car parking spaces are subject to a three-tier charging system with different discounts based on occupancy rates (namely Tiers 1, 2 and 3 for occupancy rates at 90 per cent or above, 50 per cent to below 90 per cent, and below 50 per cent respectively).

"The tier adopted for the charges in 2020 will be based on the occupancy rates from August to October 2019. The discounts for monthly charges for private car parking spaces at some car parks may be adjusted accordingly. If, subsequently, the occupancy rate falls to a lower tier for three consecutive months, the discount for the charges will be increased," the spokesman said.

"The process for allocation of parking spaces for 2020 has commenced, and individual car park users will be notified for completion of the signing formalities for the one year licence and the approved charges," the spokesman added.

[Special traffic and transport arrangements on Hong Kong Island this Sunday](#)

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 6) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in phases on Hong Kong Island to facilitate the holding of a public procession on Sunday (December 8).

The special traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

Road closures

1. From about 1.30pm, the roads in the vicinity of the Causeway Bay shopping area (such as Sugar Street and Great George Street) will be closed;
2. From about 2pm, the roads in the vicinity of Victoria Park (such as Causeway Road westbound, Yee Wo Street westbound and Hennessy Road westbound) will be closed; and
3. From about 3.30pm, the roads in the vicinity from Admiralty to Central (such as Queensway westbound and the section of Des Voeux Road Central between Pedder Street and Queensway) will be closed.

Public transport services

A total of 92 bus routes and 14 green minibus routes operating in the affected areas will be temporarily diverted, one bus and one green minibus route will be temporarily suspended. In addition, the tram services between Tong Shui Road and Pedder Street will be suspended.

Due to extensive road closure in the affected areas, the TD anticipates that the traffic along Hong Kong Island North (including Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty, Central and the vicinity of the Island Eastern Corridor) as well as the Aberdeen Tunnel and the Cross-Harbour Tunnel will become significantly congested. Motorists are advised to be patient in case of traffic congestion when driving in the vicinity, follow the Police's instructions and be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

Members of the public are advised to use public transport services, in particular railway and ferry services, and avoid driving to the affected or congested areas, especially in the vicinity of Tin Hau, Causeway Bay, Wan Chai, Admiralty and Central, unless necessary. Early planning of journeys and use of alternative travelling routes are advised to avoid unexpected delay. The public transport operators will display notices to inform passengers of the temporary arrangements. Public transport commuters are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension and relocation of stops. The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

For details on the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823 or browse the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility" or website (www.td.gov.hk).

Woman fined for operating unlicensed guesthouse

A woman was fined \$10,000 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (December 6) for contravening the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance.

The courts heard that in September this year, officers of the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), Home Affairs Department, inspected a suspected unlicensed guesthouse on Bedford Road in Tai Kok Tsui. During the inspection, the OLA officers posed as lodgers and successfully rented a room in the guesthouse on a daily basis.

According to the OLA's records, the guesthouse did not possess a licence under the Ordinance on the day of inspection. The woman responsible for operating the premises was charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A department spokesman stressed that operating or managing an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence and can lead to a criminal record. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and two years' imprisonment.

The spokesman appealed to anyone with information about suspected unlicensed guesthouses to report it to the OLA through the hotline (Tel: 2881 7498), by email (hadlaenq@had.gov.hk), by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from the OLA website (www.hadla.gov.hk), or through the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses".

Prepackaged bamboo fungi sample detected with excessive preservative and in breach of food labelling regulation

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (December 6) that a sample of prepackaged bamboo fungi was found to contain sulphur dioxide, a preservative, at a level exceeding the legal limit, and the functional class and name of the additive were not declared on the food label. Members of the public should not consume the affected batch of the product. The trade should also stop using or

selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: Dictyophora indusiata/Dried bamboo fungi

Brand: (Not available in English)

Place of origin: China

Packer: (Not available in English)

Net weight: 100 grams per pack

Use-by date: September 23, 2021

"The CFS collected the above-mentioned sample of bamboo fungi from a shop in Hung Hom for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained sulphur dioxide at a level of 6,730 parts per million (ppm), exceeding the legal limit of 500 ppm. The functional class and name of the additive were also not declared on the food label," a CFS spokesman said.

"The CFS has informed the vendor concerned of the irregularities and instructed it to stop sale and remove from shelves the affected batch of the product. The importer and supplier concerned has initiated a recall according to the CFS' instructions. Members of the public may call its hotline at 9655 5833 during office hours for enquiries about the recall. The CFS is also tracing the source of the affected product," the spokesman added.

Sulphur dioxide is a commonly used preservative in a variety of foods including dried vegetables, dried fruits, pickled vegetables and salted fish products. This preservative is of low toxicity. As it is water soluble, most of it can be removed through washing and cooking. However, susceptible individuals who are allergic to this preservative may experience breathing difficulties, headache and nausea after consumption.

The spokesman reminded the food trade that the use of preservatives in food must comply with the Preservatives in Food Regulation (Cap 132BD). Furthermore, the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap 132W) require that for all prepackaged food for sale in Hong Kong containing sulphite in a concentration of 10 parts per million or more, the functional class of the sulphite and its name shall be specified in the list of ingredients. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and six months' imprisonment upon conviction.

The CFS will alert the trade, continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action. Investigation is ongoing.