

Red flags hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay 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 (November 16) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

TD reminds members of public to pay attention to latest traffic situation

The Transport Department (TD) today (November 16) reminded members of the public to pay attention to the traffic situation and the latest public transport service arrangement this morning before starting their journey.

As at 6am today, the latest public transport situation is as follows:

(I) MTR

All MTR lines maintain services. Except the Airport Express Line, the train service will end at 10pm.

From start of service, East Rail Line service will be maintained between Hung Hom and Fo Tan stations, and between Tai Po Market and Lo Wu/ Lok Ma Chau stations (not stopping at Sheung Shui). Tung Chung, University and Sheung Shui stations will be closed. Entrances/Exits at some stations will also be closed. Other train stations may be closed within a short period of time due to incidents. Members of the public are advised to continue to stay tuned to the latest traffic news.

Light Rail Route 705 is substituted by Route 751. Route 706 is substituted by Route 761P. Routes 614, 614P, 761P and 751 will be diverted. Light Rail Vehicles will not stop at Chestwood and Yau Oi stops.

(II) Franchised bus

Road-based transport services have been seriously affected this morning due to continued road blockages and damage to road facilities. In view of

safety concerns and uncertain road conditions, buses can only provide limited services. The New Territories East and Kowloon have been affected more seriously.

As Tolo Highway and Cross Harbour Tunnel (both bounds) are yet to be re-opened, services of relevant bus routes will not be provided.

Some bus routes may be temporarily diverted subject to the road conditions. The major affected road sections include Pok Fu Lam Road between Pokfield Road and Bonham Road, Chatham Road South near the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (both bounds), Argyle Street near Sai Yee Street, Nathan Road between Dundas Street and Mong Kok Road (both bounds) and Cornwall Street between Waterloo Road and Tat Chee Avenue.

(III) Tramway

Due to road condition, tram service will only be provided between Kennedy Town and Sai Wan Ho.

About 160 sets of damaged traffic lights are under urgent repair in various districts. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to be patient and pay attention to road safety when passing through the affected junctions. For the safety of road users, the TD again appeals to members of the public to stop damaging traffic lights and other road facilities.

As traffic conditions and railway services may change within a short period of time, the TD urges commuters using public transport services to allow more travelling time and plan their journey in advance. Details of the latest traffic news are available at TD's website (www.td.gov.hk/en/home/index.html) or mobile application "HKeMobility".

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SWD urges public not to take children/family members to care centres today

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

"The Social Welfare Department announces that due to the anticipated unstable traffic and unforeseeable conditions, members of the public are advised not to take their children or family members to child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres or day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres and day activity centres, today (November 16). Members of the public who have a need for the services mentioned may contact the service units concerned and confirm their operation hours in advance."

Territory-wide flag-selling activity cancelled

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been informed by the Community Chest of Hong Kong that the territory-wide flag-selling activity in public places scheduled to be held today (November 16) has been cancelled, a spokesman for the SWD said.

For enquiries, please contact the Chest at 2599 6107 or 2599 6129.