

Special announcement by Education Bureau

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

Here is a special announcement from the Education Bureau concerning schools:

In view of the traffic and emergency conditions and that some major traffic lines have been seriously affected today (November 13), the Education Bureau (EDB) announced that parents may decide whether their children should go to school. They should notify the school as soon as possible.

The bureau stressed that schools should keep their premises open, arrange sufficient manpower as far as possible to take proper care of students who have arrived at school, maintain communication with parents, and allow students to return home only under safe conditions.

The EDB reminded again that students must put safety first at all times. They must not wander on the streets or go to potentially dangerous places, and should never participate in unlawful activities.

The EDB will maintain close liaison with schools and provide appropriate support as necessary.

Public Hospital Service Arrangements

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson said today (November 13) that due to traffic disruptions in various districts, some hospital and clinic services, including elective surgeries may be affected as staff cannot report duties on time. Services at the Accident and Emergency Departments and inpatient services at public hospitals are largely normal at the moment.

Patients who are not able to attend their scheduled consultation can call the clinics to reschedule the appointments later. There is no need to worry and rush for the consultation appointments.

At the same time, HA staff who could not report duty as scheduled should inform the supervisors concerned immediately for flexible staff deployment and contingency duty rearrangement. HA would like to express appreciation to

staff who may need to work additional hours beyond their normal duty.

HA Major Incident Control Centre would monitor the service situation of public hospital, while announcement on service arrangement will be made when necessary.

Labour Department urges employers to show understanding and flexibility in work arrangements of employees due to traffic conditions

The Labour Department (LD) today (November 13) urged employers to make flexible work arrangements for staff having regard to traffic and road conditions occurring during the day. This will help maintain good labour-management relations and ensure the safety of employees and the smooth operations of establishments.

"For staff who cannot report to work on time on account of conditions in road traffic or public transport services, employers should give due consideration to the circumstances of individual employees and handle each case flexibly," an LD spokesman said.

"The Government will similarly handle government employees in such situations with understanding. For staff who are unable to report to work on time because of traffic problems, they should inform their immediate supervisors as soon as possible and their departments will handle the cases flexibly," a Government spokesman also added.

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

The Transport Department (TD) today (November 13) 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

Except the East Rail Line, 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 is suspended. Mong Kok, Tuen Mun and Tseung Kwan O stations are closed and trains will not stop at these stations. Entrances/Exits at some stations are 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 Routes 705, 706 and 751P are suspended. Light Rail Routes 610, 614, 615, 751, and 614P are diverted. Light Rail Vehicles will not stop at Chestwood and Yau Oi stops.

(II) Franchised bus

All franchised bus services will provide service this morning. As Tolo Highway is 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 the section of Nathan Road between Prince Edward Road West and Waterloo Road and the section of Argyle Street near Nathan Road.

(III) Tramway

Due to road condition, tram service will only be provided between Kennedy Town and Happy Valley.

A total of 220 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. The TD appeals to members of the public again to be considerate to motorists and pedestrians, and stop damaging traffic light 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".

[“The Tragedy of Macbeth” staged in Wuhan today](#)

Tang Shu-wing Theatre Studio performed today (November 12) Shakespeare's

classic "The Tragedy of Macbeth" at the Red Chair Theatre of the 403 International Art Centre in Wuhan. The play is one of the cultural performances presented in Wuhan this year by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan (Wuhan ETO).

Founded by Tang Shu-wing in 2011, the Tang Shu-wing Theatre Studio is a centre for theatrical research, creation and education. The studio emphasises the mutual support of the team and cultivates new actors in order to achieve commonly recognised values. The studio also established a "Professional Physical Theatre Youth Training Programme" in 2014, which aims to provide methods for new generations to express themselves through understanding their bodies.

"The Tragedy of Macbeth" has been performed in various venues and art festivals in Europe, Mainland China and Hong Kong, including the Globe, the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, Shakespeare-Festival Neuss, the Guangzhou Arts Festival and the Hong Kong Arts Festival.

The Director of the Wuhan ETO, Mr Vincent Fung, hopes that the performance can achieve "people-to-people bond" by demonstrating the pluralistic aspects of Hong Kong's culture, while cultivating exchanges in arts and culture between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

To offer more places to local students studying art-related subjects and to Hong Kong students studying in Wuhan, "The Tragedy of Macbeth" will be staged again at the same theatre in Wuhan on November 13. There will also be a talk after the show.