

Special traffic arrangements for International Chinese New Year Night Parade

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in Tsim Sha Tsui on February 5 (Tuesday) to facilitate members of the public to watch the International Chinese New Year Night Parade.

Phase One (from 4.30pm onwards)

A. Road closure

1. Southbound Canton Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Salisbury Road;
2. Southbound Kowloon Park Drive between Peking Road and Salisbury Road;
3. Ashley Road between Haiphong Road and Peking Road;
4. Hankow Road;
5. Lock Road;
6. Northbound Nathan Road between Bowring Street and Salisbury Road;
7. Southbound Nathan Road between Granville Road and Salisbury Road;
8. Westbound Kimberley Road between Carnarvon Road and Nathan Road;
9. Cameron Lane;
10. Eastbound Cameron Road between Nathan Road and Carnarvon Road;
11. Haiphong Road;
12. Humphreys Avenue;
13. Ichang Street;
14. Mody Road between Nathan Road and Bristol Avenue;
15. Peking Road between Ashley Road and Nathan Road;
16. Peking Road between Canton Road and Kowloon Park Drive;
17. Middle Road between Ashley Road and Salisbury Road;
18. Eastbound Salisbury Road between Canton Road and Chatham Road South;
19. Star Ferry Pier Bus Terminus;
20. The first lane of westbound Salisbury Road between Nathan Road and Kowloon Park Drive, including Hong Kong Culture Centre pick-up/drop-off lay-by area;
21. Westbound Salisbury Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Canton Road; and
22. Salisbury Road Underpass.

B. Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along southbound Canton Road will be diverted to northbound Canton Road outside China Hong Kong City;
2. Traffic along southbound Kowloon Park Drive will be diverted to eastbound Peking Road;
3. Traffic along eastbound Peking Road will be diverted to southbound Ashley Road;
4. Traffic along southbound Ashley Road will be diverted to westbound Middle Road;

5. Traffic along westbound Middle Road will be diverted to northbound Kowloon Park Drive;
6. Traffic along northbound Kowloon Park Drive cannot turn to southbound Canton Road;
7. Traffic along southbound Nathan Road must turn to eastbound Granville Road where the road will be re-routed to one-way eastbound;
8. Traffic along westbound Salisbury Road cannot turn right to northbound Nathan Road;
9. Traffic along westbound Salisbury Road must turn right to northbound Kowloon Park Drive; and
10. Traffic along northbound Carnarvon Road must turn right to eastbound Kimberley Road.

Phase Two (from 7pm onwards)

A. Road closure

1. Northbound Kowloon Park Drive between Middle Road and Salisbury Road; and
2. Westbound Salisbury Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Chatham Road South.

B. Traffic diversions

1. Traffic along westbound Salisbury Road must turn right to northbound Chatham Road South; and
2. Traffic along southbound Chatham Road South must turn left to eastbound Salisbury Road.

Hotel access

Vehicular access to and from hotels within the affected area will not be permitted during the road closure period. Vehicles bearing a hotel logo will only be allowed to drop off passengers at the following locations before the road closure implementation:

1. The junction of Peking Road and Kowloon Park Drive; and
2. The junction of Mody Road and Chatham Road South.

Suspension of car parks

Car parks in the affected area will be suspended during the road closure period.

Suspension of on-street parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces in the southern area of Tsim Sha Tsui (i.e. south of Austin Road and Cheong Wan Road) will be suspended from 2pm to midnight.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precinct of the above area will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.

Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements in Wong Tai Sin

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements from February 4 to February 17 to facilitate worshippers visiting the Wong Tai Sin Temple during the Lunar New Year period.

Crowd safety management measures will be put into force from 9pm on February 4 to 7pm the following day, and daily between 7am and 7pm from February 6 to 10 as well as February 16 to 17. Police will set up queuing areas at Wong Tai Sin Temple Court, Wong Tai Sin Square, and northern pavement of Lung Cheung Road.

Should the temple be overcrowded, a “tidal flow system” will be carried out and Police officers will direct worshippers to enter the temple in groups. Worshippers are urged to follow the advice given by Police officers and take extra care of their personal belongings as well as their young children and elderly companions, and handle joss stick with care.

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 9pm on February 4 to 7pm the following day, and daily between 7am and 7pm from February 6 to 10 as well as February 16 to 17:

- Shatin Pass Road between Lung Cheung Road and Fung Tak Road will be closed, except for green minibuses and vehicles with permit;
- The unnamed road connecting Wong Tai Sin Road and Wong Tai Sin Temple will be closed, except for coaches, goods vehicles with valid monthly parking ticket, vehicles of Sik Sik Yuen and designated vehicles entering and leaving the construction site of MTR Shatin to Central Link; and
- Vehicles cannot park or wait at Wong Tai Sin Road between Shatin Pass Road and Nga Chuk Street, except for taxi passengers alighting at the temporary taxi drop-off point at westbound Wong Tai Sin Road.

Police will continue traffic enforcement action during the Lunar New Year period, including issuing fixed penalty tickets and towing away illegally parked vehicles without prior warning.

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

Film Archive's "Cityscape in Sight and Sound" exhibition revisits Hong Kong's past (with photos)

The exhibition "Cityscape in Sight and Sound", organised by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is being held from today (February 1) to May 5 at the Exhibition Hall of the HKFA. The exhibition offers visitors a glimpse of Hong Kong's past cityscape and landmarks through several hundred pieces of footage selected from the HKFA's archival film collection, including documentaries and dramas from the late 19th century to the 1960s, as well as film posters and digital album of production stills.

The exhibition begins with the oldest documentary in the HKFA's collection, "The Edison Shorts", made by the Edison Company in 1898, which captured images of Hong Kong street scenes in late 19th century seen through the eyes of foreigners. Documentaries shot and donated by the former District Commissioner in the New Territories and Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Denis Bray, record landscapes of the New Territories in the 1950s, which are being shown to the public for the first time. Films which were shot on location from the 1940s to 1960s record numerous landmarks that have disappeared or changed, such as Kai Tak Airport, the former Kowloon-Canton Railway terminus, the café Yucca de Lac, Lai Chi Kok Amusement Park and Queen's Theatre. While made for narrative purposes at the time, the scenes revealed in the films have become today's precious memories, as well as having historical significance.

In addition, the exhibition displays two old cameras commonly used in the 1950s and 1960s allowing visitors to better understand the difficulties faced by cinematographers in bygone days, who had to carry bulky equipment for location filming.

To complement the exhibition, two seminars in Cantonese will be held by the HKFA at its Cinema. The first, entitled "Changing Times: Cityscape in Flux", will be held at 2.30pm on February 17, with film researcher, Gary Wong as speaker. Another seminar, entitled "Cityscape: Stories of Built Heritage", will be held at 2.30pm on March 17 and will be hosted by the former Chief

Curator of the Hong Kong Museum of History, Dr Joseph Ting.

Admission to the exhibition and the seminars is free. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/HKFA/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/highlights/highlights53.html.



Special traffic and transport arrangements in So Kon Po and Causeway Bay next Tuesday and Thursday

The Transport Department (TD) today (February 1) reminded the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in So Kon Po and Causeway Bay next Tuesday (February 5) and Thursday (February 7) to facilitate the holding of the Lunar New Year Cup at Hong Kong Stadium.

The special traffic and transport arrangements mainly include:

- * From about 4pm, the section of Caroline Hill Road between Leighton Road and Cotton Path, and the section of Hysan Avenue westbound between Sunning Road and Hoi Ping Road, will be closed;
- * From about 7.15pm, Caroline Hill Road, Cotton Path and the section of Eastern Hospital Road between Caroline Hill Road and Cotton Path will be closed to facilitate the dispersal of spectators, until the crowd disperses and road closures are lifted;
- * During the road closure period, Citybus route 5B, New World First Bus route 8H, cross harbour route 936, green minibus routes 14M, 26 and 30 will be temporarily diverted;
- * Cross harbour route 117R will operate from Hong Kong Stadium to Mong Kok after the event; and
- * On-street car parking spaces and car parks within the affected areas will be suspended.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of So Kon Po and Causeway Bay will be congested. Motorists are advised to avoid driving to the affected areas. In case of traffic congestion, motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of the Police. Members of the public planning to go to the affected areas are advised to use public transport as far as possible.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary.

Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Details of the special traffic and transport arrangements are now available on the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk).

Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements for Che Kung Festival

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements to facilitate worshippers visiting Che Kung Temple in Sha Tin during the Che Kung Festival period.

Crowd safety management measures

A large crowd is anticipated to visit Che Kung Temple and Che Kung Festival Fair during the Lunar New Year period. Depending on the crowd condition, one-way pedestrian flow may be implemented at MTR Tai Wai Station and in the vicinity of Che Kung Temple, including Che Kung Miu Road and Chui Tin Street, between 10pm on February 4 and 6pm on February 8 to ensure public order and safety. Members of the public are urged to observe order and be patient while waiting in a queue.

Special traffic arrangements

A. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 8pm on February 6 to 6pm the following day:

1. The slow lane of westbound Che Kung Miu Road between Sha Tin Tau Road and Chui Tin Street; and
2. The slow lane of southbound Chui Tin Street between Che Kung Miu Road and the entrance of Sun Chui Estate near Sun Fong House.

B. Cycle tracks closure

The following cycling tracks will be closed from 8pm on February 4 to 6pm on February 8:

1. The cycle track along the western riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Tsuen Nam Road and Che Kung Miu Road;
2. The cycle track along both sides of Che Kung Miu Road between Chui Tin Street and Sha Tin Tau Road;
3. The cycle track inside the subway system at the junction between Che Kung Miu Road and Chui Tin Street; and
4. The cycle track inside the subway system at the junction between Che Kung Miu Road and Sha Tin Tau Road.

During the cycle track closure period, cyclists may use the cycle track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Lion Rock Tunnel Road and Shing Wan Road commuting to and from Sha Tin.

C. Suspension of car parks

The public car park adjacent to Che Kung Temple will be suspended from 7am on February 4 to 8pm on February 8, and daily from 7am to 6pm on February 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 24.

The public car park adjacent to Greenview Garden will be suspended between 7am on February 6 and 8pm the following day.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport to go to Che Kung Temple and Che Kung Festival Fair.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning.

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