

Special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement special traffic arrangements this Sunday (October 14) to facilitate a public procession to be held on Hong Kong Island.

A. Road closure

If necessary, the following roads will be closed from about 2.45pm, until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. The leftmost lane of westbound Yee Wo Street;
2. The leftmost lane of westbound Hennessy Road;
3. Jardine's Bazaar;
4. Tang Lung Street;
5. Canal Road East between Russell Street and Hennessy Road;
6. Lee Garden Road between Kai Chiu Road and Hennessy Road;
7. Kai Chiu Road;
8. Pak Sha Road;
9. Yun Ping Road between Lan Fong Road and Kai Chiu Road;
10. Canal Road West between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road;
11. Wan Chai Road between Canal Road West and Morrison Hill Road; and
12. Bowrington Road between Sharp Street West and Hennessy Road.

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 3.15pm, until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

1. Westbound Yee Wo Street;
2. Westbound Jardine's Bazaar;
3. Westbound Hennessy Road;
4. Queensway;
5. Rodney Street;
6. Harcourt Road; and
7. Northbound Tim Mei Avenue.

If necessary, the following roads will be closed from about 3.45pm, until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

Wan Chai

1. Luard Road between Johnston Road and Hennessy Road;
2. Westbound Johnston Road between Ship Street and Landale Street;
3. Eastbound Johnston Road between Fenwick Street and Hennessy Road, except for franchised buses and green minibuses (GMBs); and
4. Fenwick Street between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road, except for franchised buses and GMBs.

Central

1. Westbound Harcourt Road service road between Rodney Street and Cotton Tree Drive;
2. Southbound Tim Wa Avenue between Lung Wo Road and Harcourt Road;
3. All lay-bys along Tim Mei Avenue and Lung Wui Road; and
4. The unnamed road outside ex-Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters.

B. Traffic diversions

If necessary, the following traffic diversions will be implemented from 3.45pm, until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

Wan Chai

1. Traffic along westbound Irving Street cannot enter Jardine's Bazaar;
2. Traffic along northbound Pennington Street cannot turn left to Jardine's Bazaar;
3. Traffic along northbound Pennington Street cannot turn left to Yee Wo Street;
4. Traffic along northbound Yun Ping Road must turn left to Lan Fong Road;
5. Traffic along westbound Hennessy Road cannot turn left to Canal Road East;
6. Traffic along westbound Russell Street cannot turn right to Canal Road East;
7. Traffic along Tai Wong Street East cannot enter Luard Road;
8. Traffic along eastbound Johnston Road cannot turn left to northbound Luard Road;
9. Traffic along westbound Johnston Road cannot turn right to northbound Luard Road;
10. Traffic along westbound Johnston Road must turn left to Ship Street; and
11. Traffic along westbound Johnston Road from Landale Street must turn left to Anton Street.

Central

1. Traffic along eastbound Queensway cannot turn left to northbound Rodney Street;
2. Traffic from United Centre Bus Terminus must turn left to westbound Drake Street;
3. Traffic along westbound Harcourt Road near the exit of Harcourt Garden car park will be diverted to westbound Harcourt Road flyover;
4. Traffic along Lung Wo Road cannot enter Tim Wa Avenue, except for vehicles accessing Chief Executive's Office and Central Government Complex car park;
5. Traffic along Lung Wo Road cannot turn to southbound Edinburgh Place; and
4. If necessary, traffic along eastbound Harcourt Road near City Hall will be diverted to eastbound Harcourt Road flyover, except for franchised buses and GMBs.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Lung Wui Road will be suspended from 2pm to 10pm.

Vehicles may not be permitted to access or leave the car parks along the route during the road closure period.

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

Update on number of dengue fever cases

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (October 12) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

From October 5 to 11, the CHP recorded 10 imported DF cases. The patients had been to Mainland China (nine) and the Philippines (one) during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (October 11), 120 cases had been confirmed this year, of which 29 were local cases and 91 were imported cases. The imported cases were mainly imported from Thailand (30), the Philippines (16) and Mainland China (14).

DF remains endemic in some areas in Asia and beyond. The latest figures for 2018 revealed that 64 649 cases had been recorded in Thailand, 2 184 in Singapore (since December 31, 2017) and 139 in Japan. In Taiwan, 147 local cases have been recorded to date in 2018.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from general measures, travellers returning from affected areas should apply insect repellent for 14 days (DF) or at least 21 days (Zika virus infection) upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public may refer to the CHP's tips for using insect repellents for details.

Correctional officers intercept smuggling of suspected dangerous drugs into Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre

Correctional officers at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (October 12) intercepted a remand person in custody smuggling suspected dangerous drugs into the centre by concealing them inside his body.

The 61-year-old remand person in custody was remanded in the institution for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug on October 11. After undergoing X-ray body scanning, he was suspected to have swallowed suspected dangerous drugs before admission and was therefore separated and put under close monitoring.

At 10.25am today, he discharged 16 packs of suspected dangerous drugs wrapped in plastic sheet. The case has been reported to the Police for follow-up.

A spokesperson for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department takes every measure to stop the introduction of dangerous drugs or

unauthorised articles into correctional institutions in order to maintain good order and discipline and a drug-free environment for all persons in its custody."

One more nomination for Legislative Council Kowloon West geographical constituency by-election received

One more nomination for the Legislative Council Kowloon West geographical constituency by-election was received by the Returning Officer today (October 12).

This brings the total number of nomination forms received to four since the start of the nomination period on October 2. The nomination period will continue until October 15.

Particulars of the nominees are available on the election website (www.elections.gov.hk/legco2018kwby/eng/nominat.html).

If the number of validly nominated candidates is more than one at the by-election, a poll will be held on November 25, 2018 (Sunday).

Analytical Accounts of Exchange Fund

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) released today (October 12) the key analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund at the end of September 2018.

Foreign assets, representing the external assets of the Exchange Fund, increased during the month by HK\$4.7 billion to HK\$3,491.8 billion.

The Monetary Base, comprising Certificates of Indebtedness, Government-issued currency notes and coins in circulation, the balance of the banking system and Exchange Fund Bills and Notes issued, amounted to HK\$1,619.6 billion.

Claims on the private sector in Hong Kong amounted to HK\$237.4 billion.

The analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund are released in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and are referred to as the Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank under SDDS (Annex).

Release calendar

The release calendar of the Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund for 2019 is announced below:

Reference Month	Release Date
January 2019	February 14, 2019
February 2019	March 14, 2019
March 2019	April 12, 2019
April 2019	May 14, 2019
May 2019	June 14, 2019
June 2019	July 12, 2019
July 2019	August 14, 2019
August 2019	September 13, 2019
September 2019	October 14, 2019
October 2019	November 14, 2019
November 2019	December 13, 2019
December 2019	January 14, 2020

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of October 2018, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

October 5 (Issued)	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
October 12	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)

October 31	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
October 31	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account