#### Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (October 13) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

# TD urges public and motorists returning to Hong Kong to travel outside peak periods as far as possible

The Transport Department (TD) today (October 12) urged members of the public who drive their private cars to and from the Mainland/Macao to note that it is anticipated more inbound cross boundary vehicles will travel via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) tomorrow (October 13). Members of the public are advised to plan their journeys ahead and travel outside peak periods as far as possible in response to the inbound travel peak after Chung Yeung Festival.

The public can make use of the TD's HKeMobility mobile application to access the snapshots of traffic conditions at the inbound and outbound vehicle plaza of HZMB Hong Kong Port. They can also check the real time situations of the vehicle clearance plaza of HZMB Zhuhai Port through the WeChat official accounts (or visit <a href="traffic-info.gzazhka.com:5015/#/">traffic-info.gzazhka.com:5015/#/</a>).

The TD has worked with relevant Mainland authorities and operators to formulate plans to strengthen services at various ports, including increasing the frequency of the HZMB shuttle bus (Gold Bus) and the Lok Ma Chau-Huanggang cross-boundary shuttle bus (Yellow Bus), as well as arranging dedicated public transport lanes at the HZMB Port, Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang Port and Shenzhen Bay Port as necessary, with a view to ensuring smooth public transport operations. Subject to actual traffic conditions, special traffic arrangements may be implemented at Lok Ma Chau Control Point and Shenzhen Bay Port to facilitate public transport vehicles to enter the above control points smoothly. Motorists are advised to pay special attention to variable message signs and traffic signs along the road.

In addition, the TD has approached various public transport operators

proactively to enhance the capacity, and reserve vehicles and manpower to meet the travel needs of visitors. Among them, the MTR will enhance train service of railway lines (including East Rail Line) until October 13, with a total of about 950 extra trips, so as to facilitate the travelling of local residents and visitors.

The TD's Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre operates 24 hours to closely monitor the traffic and transport situation of various districts, boundary control points and major stations, and implement response measures where appropriate. Members of the public are advised to keep in view the latest traffic news through radio, television broadcasts and the TD's HKeMobility mobile application.

## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine at airport (with photo)

â€<Hong Kong Customs today (October 12) detected a drug trafficking case involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 4 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$2 million.

A 29-year-old female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Phuket, Thailand, around the midnight of yesterday (October 11). During customs clearance, Customs officers found the batch of suspected methamphetamine concealed inside the false compartment of her check-in suitcase. The woman was subsequently arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Following the increasing number of visitors to Hong Kong, Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).



### Flags at half staff

â€<On the notification of the Central People's Government, the National Flag and the Regional Flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) displayed at the Central Government Offices, Tamar, Government House, all boundary control and check points of the HKSAR and Hong Kong International Airport will be flown at half staff on next Monday (October 14) as a token of mourning by the HKSAR Government for the late Mr Wu Bangguo, the former Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 10th and 11th National People's Congress.

### <u>Latest situation of Clear Water Bay</u> Second 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 (October 12) that the Environmental Protection Department has classified the water quality at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District as Grade 4, which means the beach is not suitable for swimming. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.

The red flag was hoisted earlier at the beach due to big waves.