

Special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement special traffic arrangements this Sunday (September 9) to facilitate two public events to be held on Hong Kong Island.

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The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 5am to 12 noon:

Road closure

- The slow lane of southbound Man Yiu Street near Yiu Sing Street;
- Yiu Sing Street;
- Lung Wo Road (except the slow lane of westbound Lung Wo Road between Tim Wa Avenue and Edinburgh Place, and southbound Lung Wo Road near P2 Road);
- The western general pick-up/drop-off and loading/unloading area on Lung Wo Road north of Star Ferry Multi-Storey Car Park;
- Road A2; and
- Eastbound Road P2.

Traffic diversions

- Traffic along southbound Man Yiu Street cannot turn left to Lung Wo Road;
- Traffic along southbound Man Yiu Street cannot turn left to Yiu Sing Street;
- Traffic along eastbound Man Cheung Street cannot enter Lung Wo Road and will be diverted via Man Yiu Street;
- Traffic along eastbound Man Po Street cannot enter Yiu Sing Street and will be diverted via Man Yiu Street;
- Traffic along Edinburgh Place east of City Hall cannot enter Lung Wo Road;
- Traffic along northbound Legislative Council Road cannot turn left to westbound Lung Wo Road. Affected vehicles will be diverted via southbound Legislative Council Road;
- Traffic along eastbound Lung Wui Road cannot enter westbound Lung Wo Road;
- Traffic along westbound Fenwick Pier Street cannot enter westbound Lung Wo Road; and
- Vehicles on eastbound Lung Wo Road heading for Lung Wui Road will be diverted via southbound Man Yiu Street, eastbound Connaught Place, southbound Connaught Place, eastbound Connaught Road Central, eastbound Harcourt Road and northbound Tim Mei Avenue.

Suspension of parking spaces

All motorcycle parking spaces at the general pick-up/drop-off and

loading/unloading area on Lung Wo Road north of Star Ferry Multi-Storey Car Park will be suspended.

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The following roads will be intermittently closed from about 3.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Des Voeux Road Central;
- Eastbound Queensway between Des Voeux Road Central and Rodney Street;
- Rodney Street; and
- If necessary, the fast lane of Garden Road flyover.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the special traffic arrangements will be towed away without prior notice.

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.

Postal services to Japan subject to delay

Hongkong Post announced today (September 7) that, as advised by the postal administration of Japan, due to the impact of an earthquake, mail delivery services (including Speedpost, parcels and letter post items) to the Hokkaido region with postcodes from 04xxxxx to 09xxxxx are subject to delay.

Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Policing Cooperation Forum

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Policing Cooperation Forum was held in Foshan city yesterday (September 6). Led by the Commissioner of Police, Mr Lo Wai-chung, representatives of the Hong Kong Police Force met with the Guangdong and Macao delegations respectively headed by the Director of Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department (GD PSD), Mr Li Chun-sheng, and the Secretary for Security of Macao, Mr Wong Sio-

chak. After the Forum, Mr Lo officiated at the prize presentation cum closing ceremony of the 18th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Police and Security Forces Sports Exchange.

At the Forum, representatives from the three places discuss the establishment of a Greater Bay Area police cooperation mechanism, as well as issues on combating cross-boundary crime, mounting joint operations and organising police training programmes.

The Hong Kong delegation included Director of Personnel and Training, Mr Li Kin-fai, Director of Management Services, Mr Kwok Yam-shu and Director of Crime and Security, Mr Li Chi-hang. The Mainland delegates came from GD PSD and Public Security Bureaux of nine cities included in the Greater Bay Area project. The Macao delegates were from the Office of the Secretary for Security, Unitary Police Service, Customs Service, Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau, Public Security Police, Judiciary Police and Fire Services Bureau.

Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao police have been in close cooperation for years. In the course of developing the Greater Bay Area, the Hong Kong Police Force will continue to closely liaise with Guangdong and Macao counterparts and join hands in combating cross-boundary criminal activities.

The delegation returned to Hong Kong this afternoon (September 7).

Red tide sighted

A red tide has been sighted over the past week, an inter-departmental red tide working group reported today (September 7).

The red tide was spotted by staff of the Environmental Protection Department on September 4 in the Shing Mun River channel near Sha Tin Park.

The red tide has dissipated. No associated death of fish has been reported.

A spokesman for the working group said, "The red tide was formed by *Cyclotella choctawhatcheana*, which is commonly found in Hong Kong waters and is non-toxic."

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) urged mariculturists at Yim Tin Tsai, Yim Tin Tsai (East), Yung Shue Au and Lo Fu Wat fish culture zones to monitor the situation closely and increase aeration where necessary.

Red tide is a natural phenomenon. The AFCD's proactive phytoplankton monitoring programme will continue to monitor red tide occurrences to minimise the impact on the mariculture industry and the public.

SFH concludes visit to Shanghai and Seoul (with photos)

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, together with the delegation led by her, conducted the last day of their visit in Seoul, Korea, today (September 7).

Professor Chan met with the Vice Minister of Health and Welfare of Korea, Mr Kwon Deok-cheol, to exchange views on medical and healthcare issues of the two places. She also briefed Mr Kwon about the planning and construction of the first Chinese medicine hospital in Hong Kong.

Professor Sophia Chan said, "Korea has rich experience in the development of traditional oriental medicine. I believe that it is worthy for Hong Kong to make reference to the collaboration between traditional and Western medicine and the relevant legal framework.

"Hong Kong is pushing forward with the development of the first Chinese medicine hospital. I hope, taking the opportunity of this visit, we can learn valuable experience from Korea on different aspects, including the planning of facilities of traditional oriental medicine hospitals, the application of technology, service development, training and scientific research, in a bid to ensure that the services of our Chinese medicine hospital will meet the needs of Hong Kong people."

During its two-day visit to Seoul, the delegation visited the Association of Korean Medicine, the National Medical Center of Korea, Kyung Hee University Hospital at Gangdong and the National Rehabilitation Center.

Professor Chan also met with Hong Kong people living there to update them on the direction of medical policy in Hong Kong, as well as the planning and construction of the first Chinese medicine hospital.

The delegation will return to Hong Kong tonight.

