Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements at Fanling Golf Course

Police will implement crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements in the North District from March 7 (Friday) to March 9 (Sunday) to facilitate the holding of a golf tournament at Fanling Golf Course.

A. Crowd safety management measures

In view of the large number of people expected, crowd management measures will be implemented in the Fanling Golf Course area to maintain public order and safety.

Members of the public are advised to exercise patience and tolerance, follow the instructions of the Police on site, and take heed of directional signs and announcements.

B. Special traffic arrangements

Traffic diversions

Depending on traffic conditions, the following diversions may be implemented in the morning during the tournament:

- Traffic along westbound Fanling Highway cannot enter Sheung Shui Roundabout via the exit of Route 9, except for public service vehicles;
- Traffic along westbound Po Kin Road cannot turn left to southbound Fan Kam
 Road;
- Traffic along eastbound Castle Peak Road Kwu Tung cannot turn right to southbound Fan Kam Road; and
- Traffic along southbound Po Shek Wu Road turning to Sheung Shui Roundabout cannot enter southbound Fan Kam Road, except for public service vehicles.

The above mentioned vehicles will be diverted to westbound Fanling Highway via Sheung Shui Roundabout and make a U-turn at Pak Shek Au, then travel along eastbound Fanling Highway to Sheung Shui Roundabout direction, and will be instructed to enter Sheung Shui Roundabout for southbound Fan Kam Road via the exit of Route 9.

Traffic along northbound Fan Kam Road cannot turn right to the public car park at the Old Course of the Fanling Golf Course and Po Kin Road.

Depending on traffic conditions, the following diversions may be implemented in the afternoon during the tournament:

Traffic along northbound Fan Kam Road must turn right to Po Kin Road.

Prohibition on parking and pick-up/drop-off

Due to the double yellow lines at the entrances and exits of the Fanling Golf Course and its car park, and the narrow roads in the area, to ensure smooth traffic flow, parking, pick-up and drop-off will be prohibited on Fan Kam Road near the golf course and its vicinity. Passengers heading for the tournament venue are required to alight at Po Kin Road.

Shuttle bus services and designated parking areas will be provided by the event organiser. Please visit the event website (www.livgolf.com/schedule/hong-kong-2025/index) for details.

Vehicles found illegally parked in the Fanling Golf Course area during the tournament will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Motorists are advised to avoid using Fan Kam Road near Fanling Golf Course during the tournament to reduce congestion. Special arrangements will be made depending on the prevailing traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Members of the public are urged to take heed of instructions of police at scene.



<u>Appointments to Mandatory Provident</u> <u>Fund Schemes Authority announced</u>

The Government announced today (March 4) that the Chief Executive (CE), in exercise of his authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) (MPFSO), has reappointed Mrs Ayesha Macpherson Lau as

the Chairman and the Non-Executive Director (NED) of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA).

At the same time, the Financial Secretary, in exercise of the authority under the MPFSO delegated to him by the CE, has appointed Mr Chau Siu-chung and Dr Wingco Lo Kam-wing, and reappointed Mr Dominic Pang Yat-ting, Mr Bill Tang Ka-piu, Dr Levin Wang Lei and Ms Fanny Wong Lai-kwan as NEDs of the MPFA.

The above appointments will be effective from March 17, 2025, till March 16, 2027, lasting for a term of two years.

Announcing the appointments, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, said, "Mrs Lau was first appointed as an NED of the MPFA in 2017 and assumed the chairmanship in 2021. During her present tenure, she has steered the MPFA executive team in developing and launching the eMPF Platform, thereby enhancing the operational efficiency of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System and creating room for fee reductions. We trust that under Mrs Lau's leadership, the MPFA will continue to discharge its statutory functions for the betterment of our MPF System."

Mr Hui added, "Taking this opportunity, I welcome Mr Chau Siu-chung and Dr Wingco Lo Kam-wing to the MPFA Management Board. We are confident that with their respective knowledge and experience in the labour and business sectors, the MPFA will continue to enhance the role of the MPF System in retirement protection to safeguard the interests of our scheme members."

Mr Hui also thanked the outgoing NEDs, Mr Lam Chun-sing and Mr Karson Choi Ka-tsan, for their dedicated service and valuable advice to the MPFA over the past few years.

The MPFA is a statutory body established under the MPFSO in September 1998 for the regulation and supervision of the MPF System. The new membership of the MPFA is as follows:

Chairman and Non-Executive Director

Mrs Ayesha Macpherson Lau

Non-Executive Directors

Mr Chau Siu-chung

Miss Queenie Fiona Lau

Dr Wingco Lo Kam-wing

Mr Dominic Pang Yat-ting

Mr Bill Tang Ka-piu

Dr Levin Wang Lei

Ms Fanny Wong Lai-kwan

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) as alternate)
Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

as alternate)

Executive Directors

Mr Cheng Yan-chee

Ms Cynthia Hui Wai-yee

Mr Wallace Lau Ka-ki

Mr Eric Cheng Siu-fun

Mr Kenneth Chan Siu-yum

A February with close to normal temperature

The monthly mean temperature for February 2025 was 17.3 degrees, close to the normal of 17.1 degrees. The total rainfall recorded at the Hong Kong Observatory Headquarters in the month was 26.1 millimetres, about 33 per cent below the normal of 38.9 millimetres. The accumulated rainfall in the first two months of the year was 30.3 millimetres, about 42 per cent of the normal of 72.1 millimetres for the same period.

Under the influence of a relatively humid easterly airstream and with a band of clouds covering the coast of Guangdong, the weather of Hong Kong was mainly cloudy on the first two days of the month, with a few rain patches on the morning of February 1 and coastal mist the next morning. A cold front moved across the coastal areas and brought one or two rain patches on the morning of February 3. Under the influence of the associated northeast monsoon, it was generally fine in the following two days, with a cold morning on February 4. As a band of clouds gradually covered southern China, it became cloudier on the afternoon of February 5 and the next day.

An intense winter monsoon gradually affected the coast of Guangdong on February 7, and brought cold and dry weather to Hong Kong in the following three days. The temperatures at the Observatory dropped to a minimum of 11.5 degrees on the morning of February 8, the lowest of the month, and relative humidity in most parts of the territory fell below 40 per cent on February 8 and 9. With the band of clouds associated with the broad area of low pressure over the southern part of the South China Sea edging closer to the coastal areas on the afternoon of February 11, it was mainly cloudy with some rain patches in the following four days. More than 10 millimetres of rainfall were recorded over most parts of the territory on February 12. There were also fog patches on that day, and the visibility at Waglan Island once fell to around 200 metres.

While it was mainly cloudy with one or two light rain patches on the morning of February 16, it became fine and warm during the day as the band of

clouds covering the coast of Guangdong thinned out gradually. Under the influence of the northeast monsoon, the weather remained generally fine on February 17 and 18. Affected by a band of clouds covering the coast of southern China, the weather turned cloudier in the following five days with one or two rain patches on February 22 and 23.

With a replenishment of the monsoon reaching the coast of southern China on February 23, the next morning was rather cool, and the weather turned fine and dry in the afternoon. Affected by a rain band and clouds associated with upper-air disturbances, the weather became mainly cloudy with one or two rain patches on February 25 and 26. With the departure of the upper-air disturbances and the setting in of a maritime airstream, it was mainly fine during the day on February 27 and 28. The weather was warm during the day on February 28 with the temperatures at the Observatory rising to a maximum of 25.4 degrees in the afternoon, the highest of the month.

There was no tropical cyclone over the South China Sea and the western North Pacific in February 2025.

Details of issuance and cancellation of various warnings/signals in the month are summarised in Table 1. Monthly meteorological figures and departures from normal for February are tabulated in Table 2.

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