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## Traffic arrangements after re-opening of Tuen Mun Road

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Traffic arrangements and public transport services for Tuen Mun and Yuen Long will resume normal with the re-opening of Tuen Mun Road in full with three-lane in each direction before 6 am tomorrow (Saturday), the Transport Department announces today (Friday).

The department has also requested public transport operators to continue providing the necessary extra services for Tuen Mun residents, a spokesman for the department said.

Announcement for the re-opening of Tuen Mun Road was made this afternoon following a final inspection of the stabilisation works of the dangerous slopes along the road.

### Traffic arrangements

The Prohibited Zone on Tuen Mun Road Kowloon-bound from Wong Chu Road to Sham Tseng, including the slip road leading from Wong Chu Road to Tuen Mun Road will be cancelled.

The Bus Only Lane (BOL) on Tuen Mun Road Kowloon-bound from Pui To Road to Tuen Hing Road will be lifted.

Red minibuses will not be allowed to use Tuen Mun Road.

The BOL on Tuen Mun Road Kowloon-bound from So Kwu Wat to Sham Tseng will be re-instated effective from 7 am to 9 am daily except Sundays and public holidays.

Only franchised and non-franchised buses will be allowed to use the BOL during the prohibited period. Light buses including nanny vans will not be allowed to use the BOL anymore. However, nanny van operators may apply for a permit from the Transport Department to operate in the BOL.

In connection with the designation of the BOL, the following prohibitions will be re-introduced during the prohibiting period:

- \* Vehicles exceeding three tonnes on Castle Peak Road entering Sham Tseng Interchange to Tuen Mun Road Kowloon-bound carriageway.
- \* Vehicles on Castle Peak Road entering Siu Lam Interchange to Tuen Mun Road Kowloon-bound carriageway.

However, vehicles on Castle Peak Road can, in any time, use both Siu Lam and Sham Tseng Interchanges to join Tuen Mun Road NT-bound carriageway.

The speed limit of 70 km per hour on Tuen Mun Road between Wong Chu Road and Tsuen Wan will be re-instated except for a section of the Kowloon-bound carriageway from a point about 300 metres before Sham Tseng Interchange to a point about 1,000 metres after the interchange where 50 kilometres per hour will be observed.

The traffic management scheme at Sha Po roundabout will continue to be in force.

However, the temporary traffic management measures at Au Tau roundabout will be cancelled and all traffic movements will be permitted.

### Public Transport Services

Apart from normal services, the following public transport arrangements will be in place:

#### Bus Services

- \* Route 60P (Tuen Mun Town Centre - Sheung Shui KCR Station) will be maintained until 10 am tomorrow.
- \* Route 39S (Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier - Tsuen Wan MTR Station) will be cancelled consequent upon the cancellation of the ferry service between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun.
- \* Route 276 (Tin Shui Wai - Sheung Shui KCR Station) and Route 64K (Yuen Long - Tai Po Railway Station) will resume normal service level.

However, the service will be strengthened if demand justified.

KMB will continue to operate more than 60 additional departures as before to tie in with the resumption of the morning peak-hour bus-only lane (BOL) on Tuen Mun Road.

#### Ferry Services

The HYF ferry services will be as followed:

- \* Tuen Mun to Tsuen Wan special service will be cancelled.

- \* Tsuen Wan - Central via Tsing Yi (hoverferry and ordinary ferry services) will be re-instated as scheduled.
- \* Tuen Mun - Wan Chai (hoverferry and ordinary services) will be re-instated as scheduled.
- \* Central - Cheung Chau/Mui Wo/Peng Chau hoverferry services will be re-instated as scheduled on weekdays.
- \* Tsim Sha Tsui - Cheung Chau and Mui Wo ordinary ferry services will be re-instated as scheduled.

The Tuen Mun to Central service will be strengthened by the addition of two hoverferries and two catamarans as compared to schedules.

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#### Tuen Mun Road to be reopened

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The Secretary for Works, Mr James Blake, said today (Friday) the immediate slope stabilisation work above the Tsuen Wan-bound carriageway of Tuen Mun Road is expected to complete early tomorrow (Saturday) morning for reopening of the road to three-lane traffic in each direction before 6 am tomorrow.

The decision to reopen the road was made after a review by Mr Blake and the Director of Highways with their technical staff on the ground who made inspection as the slope stabilisation work was carried out.

The Secretary for Transport and the Commissioner for Transport worked closely with Mr Blake and his staff throughout the process.

Mr Blake said: "The work involved the use of heavy equipment for removing unstable rock along the slope edges and special access equipment to enable a thorough geotechnical examination of the rock faces above the road.

"Drilling was also carried out through specific unstable features of the rock faces to install 40-mm diameter steel rods up to 10-metre in length to secure these areas."

To enable the road widening work for the new climbing lanes to proceed with enhanced protection to road users, Mr Blake said: "It will be necessary to provide more space for the installation of safety barriers. This will require the introduction of dual two-lane traffic at two short sections between Tuen Mun and Siu Lam in November. This temporary arrangement will be removed before the end of the year.

"The length of each of the two sections will be about 700 metres. All necessary traffic control measures will be put in place before the dual two-lane operation begins."

The Transport Department and Highways Department will brief the relevant District Boards once proposals for special traffic arrangements are worked out.

Regarding the carriageway widening works between Siu Lam and Shum Tseng, Mr Blake said: "The Director of Highways has received from the contractor proposals which will enable the completion of these works without further risk to road users from the slopes adjacent to the eastbound carriageway."

"These are being considered and the widening works will not begin until the question of risk has been dealt with satisfactorily," he emphasised.

Details of the traffic arrangements for the reopening of Tuen Mun Road will be announced by the Transport Department.

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#### Yuen Long/Tuen Mun traffic keeps improving

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All traffic in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun keeps improving this (Friday) morning as reduced journey time between destination is reported, a Transport Department spokesman said.

No traffic queue has been observed on San Tin Highway since 8 am when the additional Sheung Shui-bound traffic lane of San Tin Highway from Fung Kat Heung to Fairview Park Interchange opens for public use. This widened section makes possible three-lane traffic on the New Territories Circular Road Sheung Shui-bound from Au Tau roundabout and increases the Highway's capacity.

Together with other traffic arrangements at the Au Tau and Sha Po roundabouts, it helps smooth traffic from Yuen Long to Sheung Shui.

Apart from the slow moving NT-bound traffic from Sham Tseng to a point outside Hong Kong Garden where the three lanes merge into one to facilitate the contra-flow arrangement, traffic on Tuen Mun Road is in general smooth. Short queues were spotted in Tuen Mun Town Centre at about 9.15 am but have been reducing since 9.40 am.

Traffic on Castle Peak Road is also improving with traffic moving at a faster pace than previous days.

This morning's travelling times on Tuen Mun Road as reflected by KMB 60M are as follows:

37-60 minutes for Tsuen Wan bound

28-58 minutes for Tuen Mun bound

Up to 9 am, a total of 71,700 passengers were carried by buses and ferries from Tuen Mun to the urban areas with breakdowns below:

1.	ferries to Central	5,000
2.	ferries to Tsuen Wan	700
3.	buses from Tuen Mun	66,000

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#### Information code scheme to be extended

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The Government has announced that it will extend the Code on Access to Information to all branches and departments following the success of the six-month pilot scheme which has just been reviewed.

A Government spokesman said today (Friday) that experience gained during the pilot scheme, which began in March, had shown that the Code provided a workable framework to provide access by members of the public to a wide range of information held by the Government.

"Nine departments and branches joined the pilot scheme in March, and a further 12 joined in July," the spokesman said.

"By the end of August, a total of 258 requests for information had been received by the 21 agencies subject to the Code. Only seven of these requests were refused compared with 201 requests which were met either in full or partially."

The Code lays down target times for departments to respond to requests for information and these targets were largely achieved - 93 per cent of all requests were dealt with within 21 days and most (76 per cent of all requests) were dealt with in 10 days or less.

Only 11 requests for information took longer than 21 days to deal with, mostly because of the need to consult with other departments or to seek agreement for the release of information provided by a third party.

The spokesman said other government departments would become subject to the Code as soon as they had the necessary administrative procedures in place, and key staff had received the training necessary to ensure compliance with the Code.

He expected that the Code would be applied to a total of about 55 departments and branches by the end of this year, leaving about 30 more to be brought into the scheme during 1996.

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#### Measures to boost hotel development

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The Government will introduce measures to boost hotel development, a Government spokesman announced today (Friday).

Having conducted an internal study and examined the consultancy reports commissioned by the Hong Kong Tourist Association and the Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners Ltd, the Government has decided to adjust the plot ratios for hotel developments to bring them into line with that provided for non-domestic uses in the same locality.

Under the new arrangements, the development concessions previously applied to hotel projects will be discontinued.

"We believe that the new practice will create an incentive for developers and stimulate new hotel development," the spokesman said.

The new measures would be implemented on an administrative basis by the issue by the Building Authority of new practice notes. Subsequently changes to the Building (Planning) Regulations will have to be made.

"In addition, as a complementary course of action, the Government has identified two sites which are considered suitable to be zoned specifically for hotel development," the spokesman said. A recommendation will be made to the Town Planning Board.

"It is hoped that the above measures will be welcomed by the industry and help stimulate hotel development," the spokesman said.

Some 14,000 to 16,500 new hotel rooms are required in the next 10 years in order to cope with the forecast demands, according to the Federation of Hong Kong Hotels Owners Ltd and the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

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#### Regulations to enhance maritime safety gazetted

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The Government is introducing a series of regulations under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance to make them fall in line with the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), a Government spokesman said today (Friday).

In light of experience from shipping casualties over the past few years, the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has reviewed regulations relating to ship construction and design.

As a result, a series of changes have been introduced to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.

"Hong Kong supports the decision of the IMO in strengthening safety and ship construction," the spokesman said.

As a party to SOLAS and as an associated member of the IMO, Hong Kong is obliged to give effect to these amendments which are reflected in the following regulations published in the Government Gazette today.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 sets out additional requirements for various fire protection and fire fighting installations and equipment including compulsory fitting of sprinkler systems, smoke detection and smoke extraction systems in passenger accommodation spaces.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25 May 1980) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 and the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Appliances) (Ships Built On or After 25 May 1980 But Before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 make provisions for additional fire fighting installations and portable equipment for passenger ships and cargo ships, and alternative provisions to the existing requirements for inert gas on chemical tankers and gas carriers.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 introduces amendments in respect of oil fuel installations, communication between the navigating bridge and machinery space, and means of escape in passenger ships.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction) (Ships Built Before 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 sets out additional requirements for various fire protection and fire fighting installations and equipment including compulsory fitting of sprinklers, fire alarm and fire detection systems in passenger and service spaces.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Convention and Survey) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 introduces additional requirements in respect of watertight bulkheads, double bottoms and access to spaces in the cargo area of oil tankers. Provisions are also included in respect of oil fuel installations, communications between the navigation bridge and machinery spaces and other general precautions.

Meanwhile, the Conference of Contracting Government had adopted, by a resolution, certain amendments to SOLAS 1974.

"These amendments mainly concern radio communications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and, in addition, shipboard navigational equipment," the spokesman said.

"The amendments will ensure better response to ship and person in distress and hence ensure better safeguards for safety of life at sea.

"Hong Kong supports these objectives and also as SOLAS 1974 applies to Hong Kong, we are obliged to implement these amendments in our legislation," he said.

These new amendments are reflected in the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 1995 which is also published in the Government Gazette today.

The regulation specifies the radar installation requirements for all passenger ships and cargo ships of 300 tons or over and engaged on an international voyage. The Director of Marine may exempt certain ships from compliance.

It adds a new requirement that the radar installation, or at least one of such installations, as the case may be, shall be capable of operating at nine GHz; and provides that homing installation shall be required to be fitted in ships constructed before February 1, 1995 only until February 1, 1999.

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#### Children play centre opens at woman's prison

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The Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Raymond Lai, today (Friday) opened the Children's Play Centre at the Tai Lam Centre for Women (TLCW).

Funded by the Dutch Charity Fund and designed by the Playright Children's Playground Association Limited, the centre caters for children who reside in the institution where their mothers are imprisoned and for other children who come to visit their jailed mothers during the half day visit programme.

With a floor area of about 30 square metres, the Play Centre is aimed at providing a stimulating environment for both children and their incarcerated mothers to preserve and strengthen their relationships. This will also enable these mothers to resume their parental responsibilities.

The Centre is located on the upper floor of TLCW hospital. The furniture and equipment are specially selected with particular regard to safety measures - all the corners of these items are rounded. The toys chosen also aim at the range of developmental needs of infants and young children.

"The new project was initiated by CSD to develop a children's play room for resident infants and children visiting their imprisoned mothers on the extended visit scheme," a spokesman of the department said.

"Over the past years, the children play project has been running smoothly and satisfactory in TLCW: However, the new project would be further enhanced and extended with professional advice," he added.

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### Three more historical buildings declared

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The Central Police Station, the Victoria Prison and the former Central Magistracy situated in one of the most historical parts of Central, have been declared as historical buildings today (Friday) under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.

Bound by Arbuthnot Road, Hollywood Road, Old Bailey Street and Chancery Lane, the compound represents the former centre of administration, justice, law and order in Hong Kong.

This brings the total number of monuments declared in Hong Kong to 55 so far. The declaration of the three building compounds which has the full support of the Antiquities Advisory Board, is published for general information in today's Gazette. The historical background of the buildings is as follows:

#### The Central Police Station compound

It comprises a barrack block (built in 1864 and extended in 1905), "A" block (built in 1864), "B" block (built in 1864), Headquarters block (built in 1919), the laundry and medical blocks (built in early 1910s) and a store block (built in 1925).

On April 30, 1841, Captain William Caine was appointed the Chief Magistrate of Hong Kong to be responsible for the maintenance of law and order. His first office was only a matshed. Other police stations which were promptly set up in Central, Aberdeen and Stanley were also temporary structures. The first permanent police building only appeared in 1847.

With the influx of immigrants from China in the 1850s, more police stations were built to cope with the sudden population growth. The headquarters for the force was then constructed in 1864 on the present site adjacent to the Victoria Prison. It initially consisted of a three-storey Barrack Block as sergeants quarters, and two other blocks (A and B) as the residence of the Captain Superintendent of Police and his most senior officers. An additional storey was added to the Barrack Block in 1905.

In 1919, an extension block facing Hollywood Road was erected. It is noted for its brick construction and imposing columns in the entrance hall. This four-storey building is classical in style. The whole of the front and the main architectural features of the back and end elevations were carried out in cement plaster.

The laundry and medical blocks were added in the early 1910s and the final structure, the store block was completed in 1925 as a combined store, armoury, magazine and workshop.

The compound has not functioned as the Police Headquarters since the Second World War. But it is still occupied by the Police as the Hong Kong Island Regional headquarters and a number of its sub-units, including Central District Headquarters and Central Division.

### Victoria Prison

It was one of the first buildings constructed of durable materials in 1841.

Some 20 years later, the prison had become so inadequate that prisoners had to be moved to a site on Stonecutters Island and to a hulk anchored between the island and Lai Chi Kok. All these facilities, however, were abandoned three years later when improvement and reconstruction works providing additional accommodation at Victoria were completed.

In 1932, 91 years after the construction of the prison, the Lai Chi Kok Prison, Hong Kong's second prison, was erected on the Kowloon peninsula to take over the female prisoners, who, until then, had been housed together with their male counterparts in the Victoria Prison.

In 1937, when the Stanley Prison was completed, the Victoria Prison was closed. However, the closure lasted only two years as Stanley proved to be overcrowded from the start and it was therefore decided to recommission the old jail for prisoners on remand.

The centenary of the Victoria Prison in 1941 was marked by the Japanese invasion and occupation. When the war ended in 1945, it was found that most of the buildings had been severely damaged by bombing. Repairs were effected and it was re-opened in 1946.

### The former Central Magistracy

The construction of the Central Magistracy commenced in 1913 and was completed in 1914. The site was originally occupied by another Magistracy which was probably erected as early as 1847 but was later demolished to make way for the Central Magistracy.

The walls of the Magistracy are of Canton red brick on lime mortar, faced externally with Amoy bricks. The massive pillars of the facade and other principal features of the building, finished in finely moulded cement-concrete, suggest a Greek-revival style. The main entrance doorway at the high retaining wall facing Arbuthnot Road has fine dressed granite arch and pediment.

The Magistracy was closed on January 13, 1979, and is now used as offices and club premises of the police.

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### Head of Trade to lead HK team at APEC meeting in HK

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The Director-General of Trade, Mr Tony Miller, will head a Hong Kong delegation at the 4th Special Session of Senior Officials Meeting for the 7th Ministerial Meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) to be held in Hong Kong on September 12 and 13.

Senior Officials of APEC Economies will continue to work on drawing up an "action agenda" for realising the goal of free and open trade and investment in the region by the year 2020.

The free trade goal was promulgated by the 18 Economic Leaders of APEC at their meeting in Bogor, Indonesia, in November last year.

The meeting, to be held at Hotel Furama, will be preceded by an informal meeting of the Committee on Trade and Investment to be held on Monday (September 11), as well as a sub-committee meeting on Standards and Conformance on Sunday (September 10).

Members of the Hong Kong delegation comprise officials from the Trade and Industry Branch, Financial Services Branch, Works Branch, Industry Department, Customs and Excise Department, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Housing Department, Labour Department, Government Supplies Department and the Trade Department.

Member economies of APEC are Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand and the United States.

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#### Good job opportunities for government apprentices

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Despite the territory's present "rather high" unemployment rate, there still exists ample job opportunities for graduating government apprentices, a former Legislative Councillor, Mr Tam Yiu-chung, said today (Friday).

Officiating at a graduation ceremony for government craft and technician apprentices, Mr Tam said as a number of major infrastructure projects were in full swing, there were substantial vacancies for technical personnel in the engineering and mechanical field.

Graduating today are 42 craft apprentices and 19 technician apprentices who have acquired a particular skill and are proficient in their own trade.

Mr Tam told the apprentices that their four years of training were well spent.

"Besides building up a solid foundation for the development of your career, what you have learnt will prove to be valuable assets to you as an individual," he said.

He noted that the apprentice training programme comprised on one hand theoretical knowledge and on the other practical skills through on-the-job training.

"So this is not some kind of abstract training but one that can really gives you confidence to operate machine and equipment and handle any fault or breakdown when you take up a job some day," Mr Tam said.

The Government Craft and Technician Apprentice Training Scheme is run by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to provide well-trained craftsmen and technicians for government service, as well as the community.

Since the scheme was launched in 1969, more than 2,800 skilled personnel have completed the training programme.

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Land auction scheduled for the end of September

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The public auction of two lots of government land originally scheduled for August 31 will be held in the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui on September 26, starting at 2.30 pm, the government gazette notified today (Friday).

With an area of about 15,300 square metres, the first lot in area 37, Tai Po is designated for private residential use.

Located in Shing Yiu Street, Kwai Chung, the second lot has an area of about 6,525 square metres and is earmarked for industrial and/or godown purposes.

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Officials drum support for election and fund raiser

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A group of senior government officials turned up at the Home Affairs Department (HAD) headquarters today (Friday) in their T-shirts featuring the unmistakable Legislative Council building profile to promote the forthcoming LegCo Elections and the Community Chest's "Dress Casual Day" fund-raising drive.

Among those who showed up in their casual attire to convey some rather serious messages were the acting Chief Secretary, Mr Donald Tsang; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Michael Suen; the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr Nicholas Ng; the Chief Electoral Officer, Mrs Carrie Willis; the Director of Home Affairs, Mrs Shelley Lau; directorate officers of the Home Affairs Branch and Department; and district Officers.

Referring to the LegCo election day on September 17, Mr Tsang appealed to voters to "exercise their franchise on that day to ensure that they elect councillors who can truly represent the public and serve the community".

Expressing delight at the record high number of registered voters, Mr Tsang said: "This is solid public support for Hong Kong's electoral system. A fair and open election will give us a new Legislative Council with the credibility to serve and speak for the people."

To help achieve this goal, Mr Tsang noted that the Government had adopted a number of measures, including the lowering of voting age and the introduction of nine new functional constituencies.

Mr Tsang also reminded voters that apart from casting their ballots in the geographical constituencies, they should also vote in their respective functional constituencies.

Meanwhile, promotional activities have been organised by various District Offices to drive home the election messages. These include election forums for candidates in their respective districts, exhibition, vehicle parades, carnivals and distribution of souvenirs.

During today's gathering at HAD headquarters, senior government officials also presented election souvenirs to media representatives covering the event.

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#### Mid-Autumn Festival fire safety advice

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Members of the public are reminded to take extra care in handling fire when visiting the countryside during the Mid-Autumn Festival period.

The Agriculture and Fisheries Department's Country Parks Protection Officer, Mr Edmond Lam, said today (Friday) that visitors should refrain from releasing any Hung Ming lantern and be extremely careful with barbecue fire and hand-held candle-lit lanterns.

According to Mr Lam, the annual Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the high fire risk periods in the year.

He therefore called on members of the public to be alert to the high fire risk when visiting country parks during the festival period.

It is an offence under the Forests and Countryside Ordinance and the Country Parks Ordinance to light fire illegally or to release a Hung Ming lantern in a country park or area of open countryside.

"Any person found guilty of illegal lighting fire inside country parks could face a maximum fine of \$5,000 and one year's imprisonment," Mr Lam said.

He pointed out that there had been 14 prosecutions against the illegal use of fire in country parks in the past 12 months and offenders were fined a total of \$10,610.

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#### Clinics to close on Mid-Autumn Festival

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The Department of Health today (Friday) announced that there would be no holiday out-patient clinic service tomorrow (Saturday), which is the Mid-Autumn Festival.

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#### Buildings Department seeks to close illegal structures

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The Buildings Department is seeking to close three unauthorised structures at the rear lane of 221 to 226 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, for demolition without endangering the occupants and the public.

A notice of was posted at the structures today (Friday) informing the occupants that the Buildings Department would apply for a closure in respect of the structures from the court on November 15.

Acting Chief Building Surveyor, Mr Edmond Li, said the planned closure was part of an exercise to enforce an order issued under the Buildings Ordinance requiring the removal of the illegal structures.

Demolition of the structures will commence once the Closure Order is granted, but Mr Li stressed that no one would be rendered homeless in line with Government policy.

He advised the occupants to approach the Buildings Department if they require assistance in rehousing, adding that the department would put them in touch with the Housing Department for screening and assessment of their eligibility for rehousing.

The Buildings Department has also informed the Social Welfare Department of the planned closure.

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#### Tenders invited for road works

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The Territory Development Department's New Territories East Development Office is inviting tenders for construction of road works in Tseung Kwan O.

The works comprise the construction of about 3.8 kilometres of roads, a 23-metre wide and 80-metre long road bridge, and eight subways in the north of Tseung Kwan O Town Centre.

The contract period is 27 months and the works are expected to begin in November.

A notice of the tender invitation was gazetted today (Friday).

Tender forms and further particulars may be obtained from Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited, 4 Fung Wo Lane, Wo Che, Sha Tin.

The tender closing date is noon on October 6.

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Road works in Siu Lam proposed

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The Government has proposed carrying out road works in Siu Lam, Tuen Mun to cater for future traffic load brought about by a proposed private residential development which has been approved by the Government in principle.

The developer of the residential development is required to construct at his own cost a new road and to widen an existing road and footpaths.

During the road works construction period, the existing road and footpaths will be kept in service until the proposed road works are completed to the satisfaction of the Government. The existing local access leading to Siu Lam Village will then be closed and the traffic will be diverted to the new road.

An improved local footpath will be handed back to the Government upon its completion, while the developer will continue to maintain the new road.

A notice on the proposed road works was gazetted today (Friday).

A plan showing the proposed works can be inspected at:

- \* Central and Western District Office,  
Public Enquiry Services Centre,  
ground floor, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road,  
Central;
- \* District Lands Office, Tuen Mun,  
sixth floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices,  
1 Tuen Hi Road,  
Tuen Mun; and
- \* Tuen Mun District Office,  
second floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices,  
1 Tuen Hi Road,  
Tuen Mun.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, should send his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport, second floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong before November 7, describing his interest and the manner in which he alleges he will be affected by the works or the use.

### DSD looks for sewer construction contractor

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The Drainage Services Department is inviting pre-qualification submissions for a contract of constructing major trunk sewers on Hong Kong Island.

The works will include construction of 5.7 kilometres of deep trunk sewers along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island between Western District and Wan Chai.

The sewers, with diameter varying from 900 mm to 1,800 mm, will be laid at depths up to 18 metres.

Construction will be primarily by trenchless methods to minimise disruption, particularly to traffic.

A notice inviting submissions was gazetted today (Friday).

Contractors are invited to apply for pre-qualification documents from Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited, Suite 601, World Commerce Centre, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. The documents should be returned before noon on November 13.

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### Sewage services exhibition to continue in Sha Tin

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The Drainage Services Department's (DSD) roving exhibition on sewage services that was successfully held last month, will continue at New Town Plaza in Sha Tin tomorrow (Saturday) and on Sunday.

Carrying the theme "Serving the Community", the exhibition introduces the work of the various branches of the department and the services it provides for the public by means of photographs, charts, diagrams, models and a video wall of 16 television sets.

Sewage treatment projects, such as Stage I of the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme, Sewerage Master Plan and the sewage charging scheme, will be on display.

Flood control projects undertaken by the department in the New Territories, including the Shenzhen River Regulation project, as well as the Land Drainage Ordinance, will also be featured at the exhibition.

Visitors to the exhibition will be able to get a better idea of sewage collection and the operation of a typical sewage screening plant. They will also have a chance of winning souvenirs by taking part in a stall game at the exhibition.

The exhibition will start from 10 am to 7 pm. It will also be mounted at the following dates and venues:

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cityplaza	September 16 and 17
Dragon Centre	September 23 and 24
Metroplaza	September 30 and October 1
Telford Gardens	October 5 and 6

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#### Demolition contractors sued for Hotel Fortuna collapse

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The Buildings Department has prosecuted eight persons, including building professionals, and two companies for offences under the Buildings Ordinance as a result of the collapse of part of the Hotel Fortuna Building in Yau Ma Tei on September 9 last year.

In the incident, six persons were killed and one was injured.

Assistant Director of Buildings, Mr Cheng Wei-dart, said today (Friday) that the defendants are alleged to have permitted the carrying out of demolition works in a manner that had caused injuries to persons. One of them, a registered contractor, is also alleged to have failed to take precautionary measures to ensure safety.

"Demolition is a dangerous operation. All safety rules and procedures must be followed by all parties concerned," Mr Cheng emphasised.

The 10 defendants are authorised person, Arthur Kwok Chi-shun; project architect, Paul Yew Tak-yun; main contractor, Helfer Construction Co Ltd; Director and the main contractor, Chuk Kin-yuen; resident engineer, Lau Chi-sing; competent foreman, Loh Kim-yen; experienced person, Wong Chi-cheong; sub-contractor, Leung Shun Construction Co Ltd; Director and sub-subcontractor, Wong Cheung; and site supervisor, Wong Kin-ting.

Hearing of the case will take place in the South Kowloon Magistracy on October 5 and 12.

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Water cuts in several districts

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Fresh water supply to some premises in the southern district of Hong Kong Island will be temporarily suspended from 11 pm on Monday (September 11) to 6 am the following day to facilitate water mains leakage detection.

The suspension will affect all the premises at 100A and 102 Aberdeen Praya Road, 232-244 Aberdeen Main Road, Yue Fung Street, Yue Lei Street, Yue Wok Street, Yue Ko Street, 40-100 and 45-103 Shek Pai Wan Road, Hing Wo Street, Ka Wo Street, Tang Fung Street, Tin Wan Close, 1-15 and 2-22 Tin Wan Street as well as 2 Tin Wan Hill Road.

Meanwhile, flushing water supply to some premises in Sham Shui Po will be suspended from 10 pm on Monday to 6 am the following day due to the carrying out of water works.

The affected premises are located at Caldecott Road, So Uk Estate, Po On Road, Cheung Fat Street and Upper Pak Tin Estate.

In Tai Wai and Sha Tin, flushing water supply to some premises will also be cut off from 8 pm on Tuesday (September 12) to 8 pm the next day to allow for checking of the supply system.

In Tai Wai, the affected areas will include Mei Lam Estate, May Shing Court, Park View Garden, Mui Lee Temporary Housing Area, Glamour Garden, Grandway Garden, Grandeur Garden, Holford Garden, Tai Wai San Tsuen, Fu Shan Crematorium, Tai Wai Industrial Area, Pristine Villa, Hin Keng Estate, Ka Tin Court, Hin Tin Playground, Hin Tin Public Swimming Pool, Hong Kong School of Motoring, Lung Hang Estate, King Tin Court, Sun Chui Estate, Chun Shek Estate, San Tin Wai Estate, Fung Shing Court, Carado Garden, Golden Lion Garden Phases I and II, Green View Garden, Julimont Garden, Union Hospital, Hin Tai Street, Tin Sum Tsuen, Kak Tin Tsuen, San Tin Tsuen and Lei Uk Tsuen.

In Sha Tin, the suspension will affect Jat Min Chuen, Sha Kok Estate, Pok Hong Estate, Yue Shing Court, Girl Guide Pok Hong Camp Site, Sha Tin Scout Centre, Yi Shing Square, Kong Pui Street, Yuen Chau Kok Road, Regal Riverside Hotel, Belair Garden, City One Shatin, Yue Tin Court, Prince of Wales Hospital, Yuen Chau Kok Clinic, School Child Dental Clinic, SAGE Kwan Fong Nim Chee Home for the Elderly, Chap Wai Kon Street, Yuen Shun Circuit area, Kwong Yuen Estate, Kwong Lam Court, Hong Lam Court, Treasure Floating Restaurant, On King Street, On Muk Street, On Lai Street, On Yiu Street, On Ping Street, On Sum Street, On Kwan Street, On Ming Street and the Administration Building of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	<u>\$million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,703	0930	-495
Closing balance in the account	1,078	1000	-495
Change attributable to :		1100	-495
Money market activity	-500	1200	-500
LAF today	-125	1500	-500
		1600	-500

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 122.6 \*+0.3\* 8.9.95

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.93	2 years	2708	6.06	100.05	6.12
1 month	5.91	3 years	3807	6.16	99.65	6.39
3 months	5.86	5 years	5006	6.60	98.90	6.99
6 months	5.87	5 years	M501	7.90	102.12	7.49
12 months	5.91					

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$11,707 million

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