

Transport Department Notice

Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements in Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge for Ching Ming Festival 2017

Notice is hereby given that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge for Ching Ming Festival:

(A) Wo Hop Shek, Fanling

I. Road Closures

From 6.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017, the following road sections will be closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and those vehicles specified below):

- (a) Kiu Tau Road (except for hearses);
- (b) Ming Yin Road (except for franchised buses);
- (c) Wo Ka Lau Road; and
- (d) all access roads within Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

Members of the public may drive to Wo Hop Shek Cemetery after reopening of the roads until close of the cemetery (i.e. 7:30 pm) on the above-mentioned days.

II. Banning of turning movements

The following turning movements will be prohibited on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017:

- (a) right turning movements from Pak Wo Road northbound near Fung Ying Seen Koon onto Pak Wo Road southbound; and
- (b) right turning movements from Pak Wo Road southbound near MTR Fanling Station into the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon.

III. Suspension of Car Parks and Parking Spaces

From 7.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017 the following car parks and parking spaces will be suspended:

- (a) car park at Wo Hing Road near Ming Yin Road roundabout (except for emergency vehicles and urban and NT taxis);
- (b) car park at Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon (except for emergency vehicles, drivers with disability to use the disabled parking space and the public buses of the Residents' Service

- Route No. NR112 (Dawning View, Fanling to Fung Ying Seen Koon)); and
- (c) parking spaces at Wah Ming Lane (except for emergency vehicles).

Depending on the situation, the Police may exercise discretion to allow vehicles carrying the elderly and disabled passengers to make use of the car park at Pak Wo Road near Fung Yin Seen Koon for interchange with the buses heading for Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

IV. Suspension of Taxi Stands

The following taxi stands will be suspended from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm daily on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017:

- (a) Taxi stand on Lui Ming Road outside Wah Ming Estate (except for N.T. taxis); and
- (b) Taxi stand inside the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon.

Taxis will be allowed to pick up and set down passengers in the car park on Wo Hing Road near Ming Yin Road roundabout during the suspension period.

V. Public Transport Services

- (a) KMB Route No. 76S (Fanling Station – Wo Hop Shek) will be operated on 2 and 4 April 2017.
- (b) KMB Route No. 70S (Hung Hom Station – Wo Hop Shek) and Route No. 74S (Ping Tin – Wo Hop Shek) will be operated on 4 April 2017.
- (c) Services of KMB Route Nos. 270A, 273, 277X, 278X and 279X will be strengthened on 2, 4 and 9 April 2017 as necessary to cope with the passenger demand.

(B) Sandy Ridge

I. Opening of Frontier Closed Area from Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road

The Frontier Closed Area from Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road will be open to the members of public for grave sweeping from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily between 18 March and 3 May 2017 (both dates inclusive).

II. Road Closure

- (a) From 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017, Lo Wu Station Road from its

junction with Man Kam To Road to a point about 280 metres west of the same junction (near the management office of Sandy Ridge Cemetery) will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and vehicles of Lo Wu Village residents and vehicles that are allowed to park inside the carpark of MTR Lo Wu Station).

- (b) From 6.00 am to 6.00 pm daily on 18, 19, 25, 26 March, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 April 2017, Sha Ling Road will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic (except for emergency vehicles and vehicles of residents in Sha Ling).

III. Public Transport Service

Grave-sweepers can take KMB Route No. 73K and Green Minibus Route No. 59K at Sheung Shui or MTR East Rail Line to Lo Wu in order to go to Sandy Ridge. The service of KMB Route No. 73K will be strengthened on 26 March, 2, 4 and 9 April 2017 as necessary.

(C) Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles

Any vehicles found illegally parked in the vicinity of Wo Hop Shek and Sandy Ridge may be towed away by the Police without prior notice.

(D) Attention and Appeal

Members of the public are advised that traffic congestion may occur on roads leading to Wo Hop Shek Cemetery during the festival period. Grave-sweepers are advised to exercise utmost care and patience and to go to the cemetery early or on other non-festival days. As parking facilities in the vicinity of Wo Hop Shek, Sheung Shui and Fanling are extremely limited, members of the public are advised to use public transport and not to drive to the cemetery as far as possible.

Grave-sweepers who wish to drive to the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery are advised to note the opening hours of the cemetery in addition to the road closure periods. The opening hours of the cemetery can be found in the following website:

<http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/introduction.html>

Actual implementation of and adjustments to road closures, traffic control and traffic diversions will be made by the Police at the time depending on conditions in the areas. If necessary, the Police may also implement ad hoc road closure and stopping restrictions on any days and periods not mentioned above.

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