

Transport Department Notice

Special Traffic and Transport Arrangements in Sha Tin for Che Kung Festival 2018

Members of the public are advised that the following special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin for the Che Kung Festival 2018 during the Lunar New Year festive period:

(I) ROAD CLOSURE

(A) From 8.00 pm on 17 February 2018 to 6.00 pm on 19 February 2018, the following road sections will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic, except for emergency vehicles:

- (i) the slow lane of Che Kung Miu Road westbound between Sha Tin Tau Road and Chui Tin Street; and
- (ii) the slow lane of Chui Tin Street southbound between Che Kung Miu Road and the entrance of Sun Chui Estate near Sun Fong House and Ng Yuk Secondary School.

(B) From 8.00 pm on 17 February 2018 to 6.00 pm on 19 February 2018, the following cycle tracks will be temporarily closed:

- (i) the cycle track along the western riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Tsuen Nam Road and Che Kung Miu Road;
- (ii) the cycle track along both sides of Che Kung Miu Road between Chui Tin Street and Sha Tin Tau Road;
- (iii) the cycle track inside the subway at the junction between Che Kung Miu Road and Chui Tin Street; and
- (iv) the cycle track inside the subway at the junction between Che Kung Miu Road and Sha Tin Tau Road.

During the closure of the above cycle tracks, cyclists are advised to use the cycle track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Lion Rock Tunnel Road and Shing Wan Road to/from Sha Tin.

(II) PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS

(A) Suspension of Bus and Green Minibus (GMB) Stops

During the period of the above road closures, the following bus and GMB

stops will be suspended:

The stops at Che Kung Miu Road westbound outside Lee Uk Village near Che Kung Temple for KMB Route Nos. 81C, 82K, 85B, 86A, 87B, 89B, 249X, 281B, 281M, 287X, N281, Cross Harbour Route Nos. 982X, 170, 182, N170, N182, LWB Route Nos. E42, N42, NA41, R42 and GMB Route Nos. 68K, 803, 804, 812.

(B) Temporary Pick-up/Drop-off Arrangements for Taxis and Non-franchised Buses

During the above road closure period,

- (i) a temporary taxi drop-off point will be provided at Sha Tin Tau Road northbound near Che Kung Miu Road for setting down passengers only. Members of the public who wish to take taxis in the area are advised to use the taxi stands at Tsuen Nam Road near Tai Wai Station or in Tai Wai Station Public Transport Interchange;
- (ii) non-franchised buses will be advised to set off or pick up passengers at Tai Wai Station Public Transport Interchange or an unnamed road adjacent to Che Kung Temple Station; and
- (iii) all taxis and non-franchised buses will be prohibited from entering Chui Tin Street. Drivers of taxis and non-franchised buses are advised to pick up and set down passengers at locations according to the instructions from Police officers on site.

(C) Strengthening of Public Transport Services

During the Lunar New Year festive period, East Rail Line and Ma On Shan Line services, and franchised bus and GMB services to/from its Tai Wai Station and Che Kung Temple Station will be strengthened to cater for passenger demand when necessary.

(III) SUSPENSION OF CAR PARK

The public car park adjacent to Che Kung Temple will be suspended, except for emergency vehicles and those authorised by Police officers on site from 7.00 am on 15 February 2018 to 8.00 pm on 19 February 2018, and daily from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm on 24 February, 25 February, 2 March, 3 March, 4 March, 10 March, and 11 March 2018.

(IV) CROWD CONTROL

During the Lunar New Year festive period, one-way pedestrian circulation system will be implemented at Che Kung Temple. Members of the public are advised to follow the designated pedestrian route to/from the Temple and to follow the instructions given by Police officers on site.

(V) ATTENTION AND APPEAL

Appropriate traffic aids will be provided and Police officers will be stationed on site to guide the pedestrians and motorists. The public transport operators will display notices to advise passengers of the above temporary transport arrangements. Implementation of the above road closure, traffic control and traffic diversions will be adjusted by the Police at the time depending on the traffic and crowd situation in the area.

Motorists are advised that strict enforcement including multiple ticketing and towing of unauthorized parked vehicles will be taken by the Police in the areas concerned.

Due to the foreseeable busy traffic in Tai Wai area, members of the public are advised to use public transport services to go to Che Kung Temple during the Lunar New Year festive period.

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