

To enable residents of Ma Wan and Park Island understand more of the traffic arrangements during adverse weather, we have illustrated the key notes below, for your better planning and consideration during this period. All detail arrangements depend upon actual situation and with approval from Transport Department (TD); and can be assessed via notice boards of the piers and bus stations.

#### **When Highwind Traffic Management is in Force on Tsing Ma Bridge**

(Note: Wind speed stated below is relevant to measurement at Tsing Ma Bridge)

1. **Wind Speed: 40 - 60km/hr:** Bus services may be delayed.

NR330: Tsing Yi MTR Station  
NR332: Kwai Fong Metroplaza  
NR334: Airport  
NR338: Central Ferry Pier 2

2. **Wind Speed: 60 - 75km/hr & Highwind Traffic Management on Tsing Ma Bridge (Stage 1):**

- a. When Stage 1 Highwind Traffic Management is in force on Tsing Ma Bridge, i.e. the wind speed reaches 60 km/h or above, all vehicles over the height of 1.6 metres have to divert via the lower deck of Tsing Ma Bridge. Our company can only deploy TD's approved super low floor buses on the upper deck of Tsing Ma Bridge. Subject to the actual situation, bus services will be strengthened until wind speed reaches 75 km/h;
- b. Activate PITCL Traffic Control Centre to liaise and work with TD Emergency Transport Coordination Centre (ETCC);
- c. Possible delay in bus services, may provide ad-hoc services upon demand until 75km/hr;
- d. Closely monitor the passenger flow, deploy crews to mobilize additional vessel when appropriate;
- e. Inform Kai Shing Management Services Office the status of bus services;



3. **Wind Speed exceeding 75 km/hr:**

- a. When wind speed exceeds 75km/h, and Stage 2 Highwind Traffic Management is in force on Tsing Ma Bridge, bus services have to be suspended;
- b. Tsuen Wan ferry service will be strengthened if necessary;
- c. Deploy 400-seats ferry, or to provide additional sailings, if necessary;
- d. Inform Kai Shing Management Services Office about the bus services suspension;
- e. Issue press release to mass media, i.e. radio and TV broadcasting stations;
- f. Free inland bus service and shuttle bus services plying between Tsing Yi Railway Station, Kwai Fong Metroplaza and Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier will be provided to facilitate passengers interchanging with our Tsuen Wan Ferry to and from Ma Wan until ferry service ceases operations;
- g. Update the web-site and the Telephone Auto-attendance System.



4. **Wind Speed under 75 km/hr:**

Bus services will be resumed;

5. **Wind Speed under 60 km/hr:** Bus services will be resumed normal.

To keep residents informed of more details of traffic arrangement during adverse weather, please refer to:

- ✓ Our company website: [www.pitcl.com.hk](http://www.pitcl.com.hk).
- ✓ Notice at Bus Stops: Park Island Bus Terminus, Kei Wai Primary School, Beach Commercial Complex, Ma Wa Bus Terminus, Tsing Yi MTR Station and Kwai Fong Metroplaza;
- ✓ Notice at Ferry Piers: Park Island (Tung Wan) Pier, Central Pier #2, Tsuen Wan Pier;
- ✓ Radio and TV broadcast;
- ✓ Our Company Telephone: 2946 8888 .

**Contingency Measures when Typhoon signal is hoisted by Hong Kong Observatory  
- for Central Ferry Route and Tsuen Wan Ferry Route, in particular**

1. **Typhoon Signal no. 1 is hoisted:** ferry services may be delayed due to sea condition.
2. **Typhoon Signal no.3 is hoisted:** possible adverse sea condition; may consider limited ferry service / suspend service before or shortly after typhoon signal no.8 is hoisted. Passengers are encouraged to stay or return home as soon as possible, and be alert to changing situation.
3. **Typhoon Signal no.8 will be hoisted within the next 2 hours:**
  - a. Closely monitor sea condition and communicate with onboard coxswains regarding the level of effect from adverse weather; and to decide the ferry service suspension schedule as soon as possible;
  - b. Mobilize spare vessel and standby at Tsuen Wan Pier to cope with the upsurge demand, if necessary;
  - c. Inform Kai Shing Management Services Office about the ferry services suspension schedule;
  - d. Issue press release to mass media, e.g. radio and TV broadcasting stations;
  - e. Update the company web-site and Telephone Auto-attendance System.
4. **Typhoon Signal no.8 is hoisted:** Post up notice at Piers for ferry service suspension. Tsuen Wan ferry services are strengthened until crowd dispersed or services suspended. Closely monitor passenger volume at Central Pier and deploy 400-seats ferry, or to provide additional sailing in Central route, if necessary.

Based on past experience, when HK Observatory announces the hoisting of Typhoon no.8 within 2 hours, there are usually serious traffic jams at Kwai Tsing District. Bus services are adversely affected and it is difficult to support passenger demands. Should passengers be concentrated at Tsing Yi MTR, the facilities and services will be overloaded. To enable effective traffic flow and your comfort, we highly recommend Passengers to

**\*\*\* Use Ferry Service to / from Ma Wan Island \*\*\***

Frequency of Free Shuttle Bus to / from Tsuen Wan Pier:

Tsing Yi MTR	Kwai Fong MTR	Man Wan Island
5 to 10 min.	8 to 15min.	8 to 15 min.

On the other hand, as restricted by HK Marine Department regulations, speed exemption for Tsuen Wan ferry route is not applicable during the adverse weather period. For safety and insurance coverage, all ferry services have to be suspended around 2 hours after Typhoon no. 8 is hoisted and depending on the situation.

5. **Typhoon Signal no.3 is hoisted:**
  - a. Closely monitor sea condition and communicate with onboard coxswains to decide the schedule of resuming ferry services as soon as possible. Notice will be post up at Piers accordingly.
  - b. Closely monitor passenger volume; arrange additional sailings coping upsurge demand, if necessary;
  - c. Inform Kai Shing Management Services Office about the latest ferry services schedule;
  - d. Issue press release to mass media, e.g. radio and TV broadcasting stations;
  - e. Update the company web-site and Telephone Auto-attendance System.
6. **Typhoon Signal no.1 is hoisted:** ferry services are resumed but may be delayed.