

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 16 OF 2010

(Navigational Warning & Related Information)

2010 Lunar New Year Fireworks Display

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Fireworks Display will take place in the Central Harbour, in the area off Wan Chai, at about 2000 hours on Monday, 15 February 2010.

2. The fireworks will be discharged from three firing barges anchored at three positions namely (a), (b) and (c) in a straight line. The three positions (WGS 84 Datum) are:

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(a)	22° 17.279' N	114° 10.210' E
(b)	22° 17.279' N	114° 10.341' E
(c)	22° 17.279' N	114° 10.472' E

3. A Closed Area, encompassing the barges, will be established between 1400 hours and 2300 hours on Monday, 15 February 2010.

(i) The area is formed by four straight lines joining the following positions (WGS 84 Datum), (1) to (4):-

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(1)	22° 17.366' N	114° 10.109' E
(2)	22° 17.366' N	114° 10.574' E
(3)	22° 17.192' N	114° 10.574' E
(4)	22° 17.192' N	114° 10.109' E

(ii) From 1400 hours to 2300 hours, the Closed Area will be closed to all marine traffic, except vessels directly involved in the fireworks display, Government launches and other vessels approved by the Director of Marine.

4. The Central Harbour will be designated as a Restricted Area from 1900 hours to 2100 hours on Monday, 15 February 2010. Details are as follows:

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- (i) The eastern limit of the Restricted Area is a straight line joining the south extremity of MTR Hung Hom Freight Terminal Pier and the breakwater at Kellett Island, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The western limit of the Restricted Area is a straight line joining the southwest extremity of the Ocean Terminal and the Central Government Pier.
 - (ii) From 1900 hours to 2100 hours, no vessels, other than excepted vessels, will be allowed to enter or remain within the Restricted Area. The excepted vessels are Government launches, vessels directly involved in the fireworks display, and vessels that have obtained special permission from the Director of Marine
5. A drawing of the Closed Area and Restricted Area is attached to this Notice.
6. Vessels intending to navigate in the Central Harbour after the fireworks display should pay special attention to the establishment of three Buffer Zones and the associated marine traffic control measures at Kowloon Public Pier, Kwun Tong Public Pier and Central Pier 9. Details of these measures are contained in the Annex attached to this Notice.
7. In the event of inclement weather, the display may be postponed to a fallback date on Tuesday, 16 February 2010, at about 2000 hours. On the fallback date, the control measures contained in this Notice and Annex will be enforced in a similar sequence as set for 15 February 2010.

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Annex to
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Marine Traffic Control Measures for the 2010 Lunar New Year Fireworks Display

Ferry Services

From about 1930 hours to about 2100 hours on Monday, 15 February 2010.
ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE SUSPENDED.

2. ALL ferry vessels when providing services between 1900 hours and 1930 hours shall maintain a minimum safe passing distance of 250 metres from the firing barges. Such ferry vessels should reach their berths or clear from the Restricted Area before 1930 hours.

3. Transport Department will promulgate full details of the re-scheduling of ferry services in a separate notice.

Viewing Area

4. Excursion ferries and spectator vessels gathering on both sides of the Restricted Area are advised to keep clear from ferry piers and the Hong Kong and Macau Ferry Terminal. All vessels are advised to stem the tide during the period of fireworks display to avoid intruding into the Restricted Area.

Safety Measures by All Vessels

5. All vessels approaching the Restricted Area before or during the fireworks display and vessels dispersing from their viewing positions after the display shall proceed at a safe speed, which should not generally exceed 5 knots. Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout, and take measures to avoid obscuring the view of the lookout, including switching off the cabin lights. Searchlights shall not be used on or from any vessels as such bright light, when directed on to other vessels, will interfere with the keeping of a proper lookout and the safe operation of other vessels.

6. Masters, coxswains, owners and operators of all vessels are advised that before proceeding on the voyage they should ensure the following steps are taken:

- (a) all persons on board are aware of the location of all life saving appliances and know how to put on a lifejacket properly;
- (b) all children on board wear life jackets at all times;
- (c) a passenger list is prepared for the ready use of emergency services. This list should include the names of all passengers and crew on board and should be kept by the master/coxswain; and
- (d) the carrying capacity shown in the licence of the vessel is not exceeded.

7. Whenever a vessel is in danger or requires the assistance of others, masters and coxswains are advised to immediately indicate the need of assistance by the use of distress signals set out in the annex to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Vessels fitted with VHF radio may immediately call the Vessel Traffic Centre, Marine Department (call-sign "MARDEP, HONG KONG") on channel 14. Vessels equipped with mobile telephones may call the Marine Regional Command & Control Centre, Hong Kong Police Force (RCCC MAR) on telephone 2803 6240 or 2803 6241. Alternatively, call may be made to the emergency number **999**.

8. Masters, coxswains, owners and operators of small vessels, in particular small vessels with no deck or those of less than 5 meters in length, are advised **NOT** to proceed into or remain in the Central Harbour area during the period of the event. In areas of high traffic density such small vessels are vulnerable to the wash from larger vessels and are not easily detected by larger vessels with higher freeboard.

9. Launches of the Marine Department, Marine Police and Fire Services Department will be stationed or patrolling in the Central Harbour. These Government launches will exhibit either a flashing red or flashing blue light. Masters and coxswains should follow the instructions given by these launches.

Closure of Public Piers and Landing Steps

10. To assist in landward crowd control, all public piers and landing steps within the Restricted Area will be closed from 1900 hours to 2100 hours on Monday, 15 February 2010.

11. Coxswains of small vessels are advised to make use of other public landing facilities during the closure period. Vessels should not hurry to leave their viewing positions immediately after the fireworks display. Due to high demand of landing

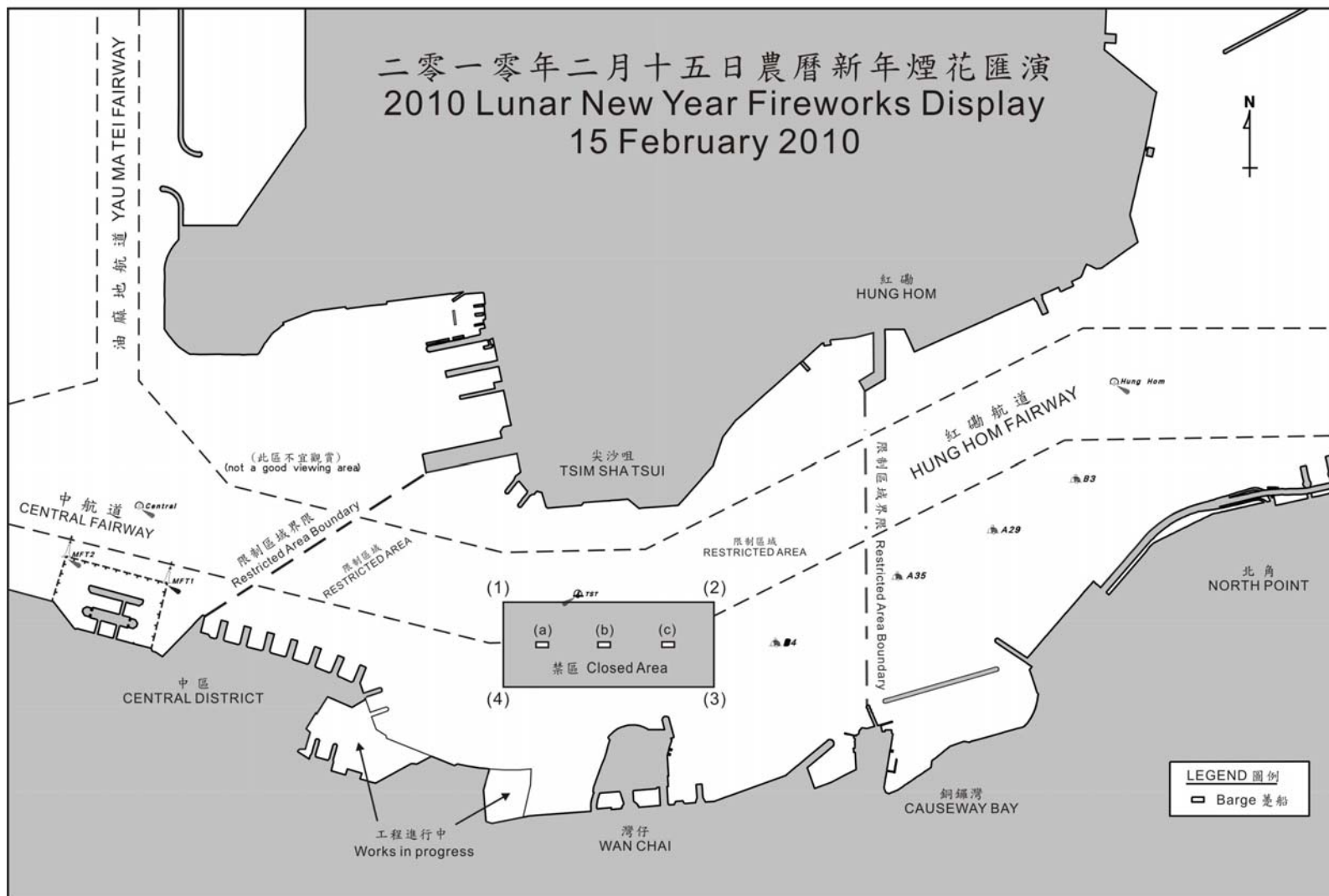
facilities within the Restricted Area soon after the reopening of the landing facilities, it is inevitable that delay will be experienced at all public landing facilities in the Central Harbour area. If possible, coxswains are advised to use landing areas away from the Central Harbour for disembarkation.

Buffer Zone

12. To ensure safe navigation and orderly disembarkation of passengers after the fireworks display, three Buffer Zones, one at Kowloon Public Pier (KPP), one at Kwun Tong Public Pier (KTPP) and the other at Central Pier 9 (CP 9), will be established immediately after the display till the end of the operation. These three Buffer Zones will include the water areas fronting the respective piers and to a distance of about 90 meters offshore. These areas will be physically marked by Marine Department launches stationing in the vicinity. Vessels intending to use KPP, KTPP or CP 9 are required to wait at designated gathering area prior to berthing and follow the direction of Marine Department and/or Marine Police officers. Vessels using KPP or KTPP will only be permitted to enter the Buffer Zone from the east and depart from the west. To expedite the disembarkation of passengers at the landing facilities, masters and coxswains should remind the passengers to check their personal belongings before approaching the landing facilities.

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Drawing Attached to Marine Department Notice No. 16 of 2010



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