

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 64/2008

From : Permanent Secretary for Education To : Heads of all Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools

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Date : 11 April 2008

Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong and Olympic Education

(Note: Heads and teachers of Olympic education of all kindergartens, primary and secondary schools should pay special attention to the content of this circular memorandum.)

Summary

This circular memorandum is to appeal to all kindergartens, primary and secondary schools to designate 2 May 2008, the day when the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong takes place, as a special activity day. Schools are recommended to adopt flexible timetabling or school opening hours that day for conducting relevant learning activities for different levels to promote Olympic education. Schools should also provide special care for students taking into account the security and traffic control measures along the Torch Relay route to be announced by the Transport Department.

Details

2. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games is approaching. It is Hong Kong's honour to be one of the co-host cities and the first stop on Chinese soil for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay. Local organisations and non-governmental organisations, including schools, will be invited to participate in the relevant celebrations and cheer for the torchbearers along the Torch Relay route. Interested schools may contact Mr LI Kwing-wing of the Home Affairs Department on 2835 1476 for details of the relevant arrangements. Members of the public can watch the spectacular event through television broadcast to witness the historical moment of the Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong.

3. Details about the route and schedule of the Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong as at 11 April 2008 are shown in Appendix 1. The route will continue to be refined in the light of the results of various trials. The Relay will last for about eight hours with its launching ceremony and starting point at the Piazza of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui and the finishing point at the Golden Bauhinia Square

in Wan Chai, followed by a closing celebration. The Olympic flame will be carried by 120 torchbearers through Kowloon, the New Territories and Hong Kong Island to spread the Olympic spirit by running and various modes of transportation including cars, dragon boats and vessels. In view of the significance and scale of the event, and the need to preserve the dignity of the Olympic Flame, special security and traffic control measures will be implemented, especially for Tsim Sha Tsui, Sha Tin, Yaumati, Central and Wan Chai. The Community Torch Relay, as a rehearsal for the Olympic Torch Relay, with more or less the same route and schedule will be held on Friday, 18 April 2008.

4. Schools are advised to pay special attention to the local traffic conditions and adjust their timetable or school opening hours on these two days as appropriate to ensure that students can attend and leave school smoothly when the Olympic Torch Relay is conducting in the district. Schools are also recommended to refer to the latest information about traffic arrangements to be announced at the website of the Transport Department (<http://www.td.gov.hk>). Temporary transport and public transport services are outlined in Appendix 2.

5. For schools which will designate 2 May 2008 as a special activity day, they may consider adjusting their timetable flexibly to organise cross-curricular learning activities on the days of the Torch Relay and/or the rehearsal to help spread the Olympic spirit and enhance students' sense of national pride. In planning relevant learning activities, schools may refer to the suggested learning activities and reference materials outlined in Appendix 3, which are by no means exhaustive. Schools are also recommended to make an effective use of the "Olympism and Sports Grants" to organise various related learning activities. For details about the grant, please refer to EDB Circular Memorandum No. 42/2008 (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/UtilityManager/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM08042E.pdf>).

Contact Person

6. Please contact Mr IP Kwok-wah on 2601 8809 for enquiries concerning the activities run by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, or Mr CHAU Chi-kong, Curriculum Development Officer (Physical Education), on 2762 0129 regarding the conduct of Olympic related learning activities in schools.

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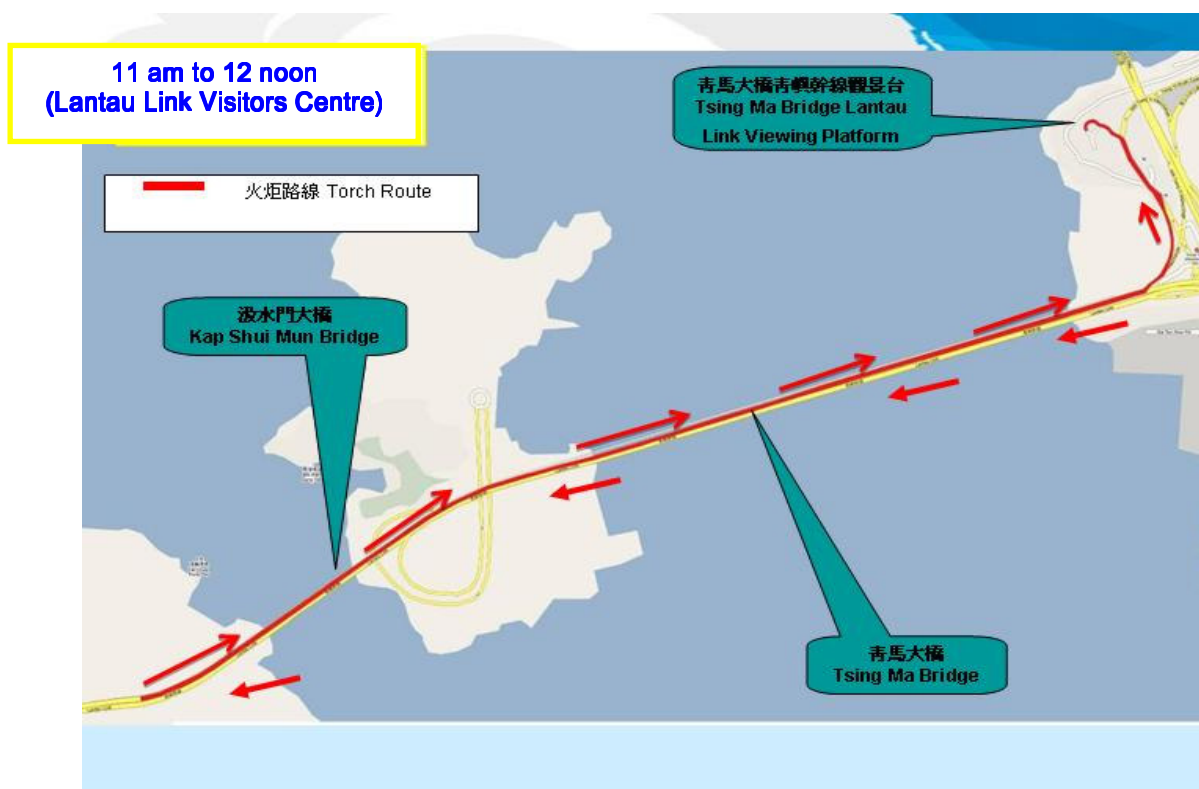
**Route and Schedule of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong
(as at 11 April 2008)**

1. Date: Friday, 2 May 2008
2. Routing of Torch Relay:

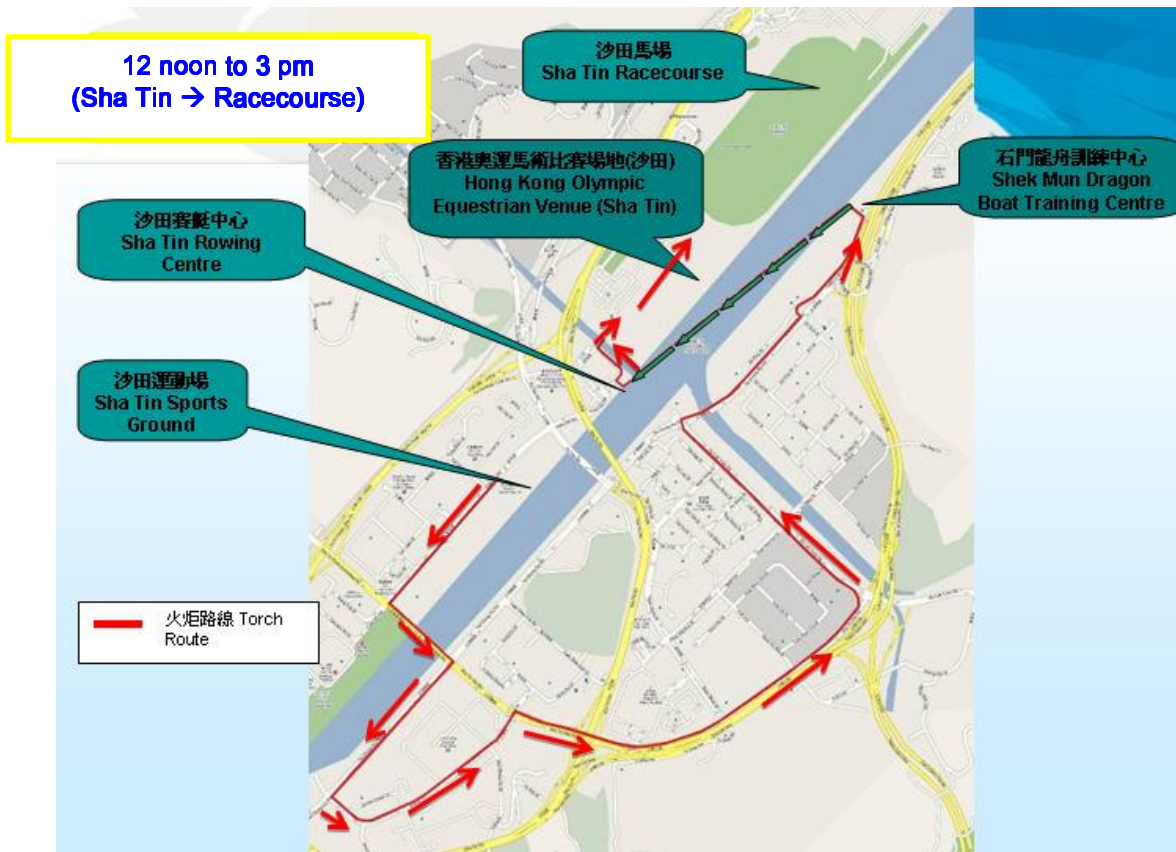
(A) 10:00 am to 11:00 am



(B) 11:00 am to 12:00 noon



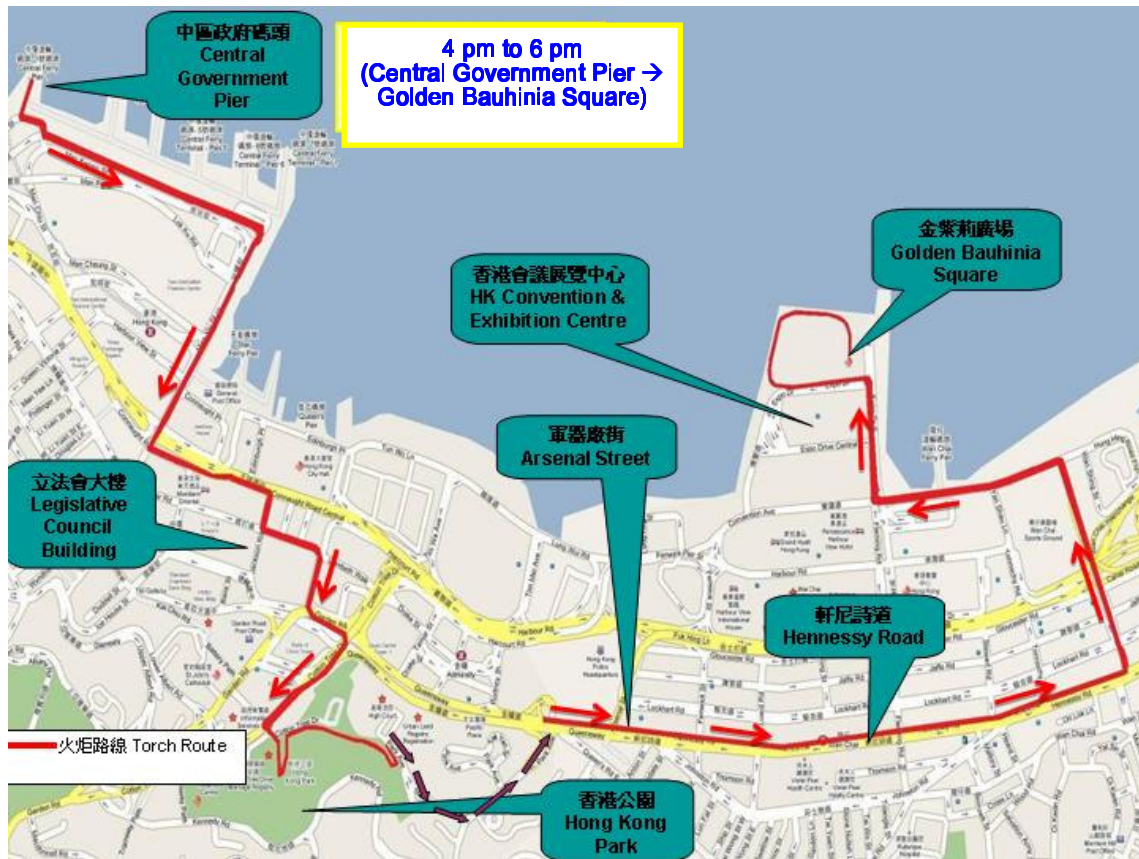
(C) 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm



(D) 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm



(E) 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm



**Temporary Traffic and Public Transport Arrangements
for Community Torch Relay and Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong**

To facilitate the Community Torch Relay on 18 April 2008 and the Beijing 2008 Torch Relay in Hong Kong on 2 May 2008, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Transport Department will implement temporary traffic and public transport arrangements on the event days.

(A) Road Closure and Traffic Diversion

Temporary intermittent road closures and traffic diversions will be implemented along major roads and at designated areas during the process of the Torch Relay. Depending on the traffic conditions, road closures, traffic control and diversion will be lifted as soon as practicable after the convoy has passed.

The Torch Relay will pass through the following major busy roads:

<u>District</u>	<u>Major busy roads</u>
Yau Tsim Mong	Salisbury Road, Nathan Road and Austin Road
Sham Shui Po	West Kowloon Highway and Tsing Kwai Highway
Kwai Tsing	Tsing Ma Bridge and Tsing Yi North Coastal Road
Tsuen Wan	Tsing Ma Bridge
Islands	Tsing Ma Bridge
Sha Tin	Yuen Wo Road, Siu Lek Yuen Road, Sha Tin Wai Road and Tai Chung Kiu Road
Kowloon City	Waterloo Road, Princess Margaret Road and Pui Ching Road
Central and Western	Connaught Road Central, Chater Road, Murry Road, Cotton Tree Drive and Queensway
Wan Chai	Hennessy Road, Marsh Road and roads in the vicinity of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

(B) Public Transport Services Arrangements

The services of a number of bus and green mini bus routes operating on Hong Kong Island, in the South Kowloon areas, Lantau Island, Ma Wan and Sha Tin will be temporarily reduced, diverted or suspended/truncated on the event days. Passengers may need to take a longer journey time when taking these public transport services. They are suggested to plan their journeys in advance on event days.

(C) Attention and Appeal

Depending on the prevailing circumstances nearer and during the time of the Torch Relay, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Transport Department may adopt ad hoc traffic control measures and public transport service adjustments.

To enable the public and other stakeholders to better understand the temporary traffic and public transport arrangements, the Transport Department will make announcements on the related traffic and transport measures beforehand via different channels. The Transport Department will disseminate traffic and public transport information to the public through the mass media; its hotline and webpage at www.td.gov.hk nearer the time. Students including those attending public examinations on the event days, parents, staff and school drivers of the schools should pay particular attention to the latest traffic and public transport announcements and avoid going to congested areas.

The temporary traffic and public transport arrangements may cause some inconvenience to your staff and students, especially the schools on Lantau Island, Ma Wan and Sha Tin areas, located near or along the Torch Relay route. The arrangements may also affect the observance of punctuality by your staff and students during the period. Schools are advised to give them due allowance and patience, as well as to advise them to watch out for the latest traffic news and plan their journeys in advance.

**Suggested Learning Activities and Related Resources
for Special Activity Day on Olympic Torch Relay**

(A) Suggested Learning Activities

1. Arrange for students to attend the Roving Exhibitions, which is a core activity to be organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) within the Olympic Torch Relay (OTR) package in the 18 districts. Further details are accessible from <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/TorchRelay/en/exhibition.php>
2. Arrange for students to appreciate the live broadcast of the OTR in schools and then write an essay or a blog on their reflection about the event.
3. Organise "reading to learn" activities. Then run a quiz competition or arrange for students to design a slogan, a poster or a drama to promote the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Teachers may ask students to refer to relevant websites; e.g. the official website of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games [<http://en.beijing2008.cn/>], the OTR website (<http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/TorchRelay/en/>), or the learning resource distributed by EDB to help students understand the history and development of the Olympic Games and the Olympic Equestrian Event. Please refer to information given in Part C for more details.
4. Organise a mini torch relay within the campus on 18 April and/or 2 May 2008 or in the district of the school on other days, and ask students to nominate schoolmates as torch bearers with justifications.
5. Share the stories of the torch bearers, who are either sports heroes or prominent figures, and then write a summary or an essay on selected bearers after searching for information about outstanding athletes at
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/TorchRelay/en/name_list.php
<http://torchrelay.beijing2008.cn/cn/torchbearers/>
6. Arrange visits for students to participate in activities as listed under the Activities Calendar at the official website for the Equestrian Events at
http://www.equestrian2008.org/eng/cityevent_activity.aspx
7. Organise project learning activities on Olympics-related themes such as the design of an Olympic Torch, an equestrian fence, mascots, team uniforms, slogans for cheering teams, etc.

8. After viewing Olympics-related videos, video clips or TV programmes such as ETV programme on “Olympic Spirit”, TV programmes “Glamour of Sport I”, “Glamour of Sport II”, winning works of the “Olympic Spirit Video Clips Competition”, etc, students share their learning points or insights gained.
9. Students learn to sing Olympics-related theme songs; such as the one-year countdown theme song, “We are ready” and the OTR theme song. Relevant on-line reference is accessible from:
 - The OTR theme song video in Putonghua, “Light the Passion Share the Dream”, 《點燃激情 傳遞夢想》
(<http://torchrelay.beijing2008.cn/cn/video/promotional/music01/index.shtml>)
 - The OTR theme music video in English, “Light the Passion Share the Dream”, 《點燃激情 傳遞夢想》
(<http://www.beijing2008.cn/video/promotional/dianranjiqing-chuandimengxiang/index.shtml>)
10. Prepare for students’ participation in a series of activities on “Pre-Olympic Games Celebration by the Hong Kong Youth Sector”. Relevant details are given in EDB Circular Memorandum No. 55/2008 issued on 9 April 2008.

(B) Useful Websites:

1. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games
(<http://en.beijing2008.cn/>)
2. The LCSD website on the Beijing Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong at <http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/TorchRelay/en/>, which covers the following useful information:
 - The History of the Olympic Torch Relay
 - Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay
 - Activities in Hong Kong
 - Organisation Framework of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - The Route of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Torchbearers of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Community Involvements/Publicity Programmes of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Celebration Programmes of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Web-game of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Photo Highlights of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Promotional Video of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Press Release of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Related / Hyperlinked Websites of the Torch Relay in Hong Kong
 - Olympic Torch Relay World wide Partners

3. EDB websites (Chinese version only)
[\(<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?langno=2&nodeID=5719>\)](http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?langno=2&nodeID=5719)
[\(<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?langno=2&nodeID=2397>\)](http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?langno=2&nodeID=2397)
4. Hong Kong Education City: the PE Key Learning Area (Chinese version only)
[\(\[http://www.hkedcity.net/iworld/index.phtml?iworld_id=96\]\(http://www.hkedcity.net/iworld/index.phtml?iworld_id=96\)\)](http://www.hkedcity.net/iworld/index.phtml?iworld_id=96)

(C) Useful Learning and Teaching Resources

1. Exemplars of School Olympic Education Programmes (Chinese version only)
2. Inspiring Stories: Web version (Chinese version only)
[\(\[http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_2428/oly_story.pdf\]\(http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_2428/oly_story.pdf\)\)](http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/TC/Content_2428/oly_story.pdf)
3. Understanding Equestrian Sports (Bilingual)
4. Olympic Reader for Primary Schools (P1 – P3) (Chinese version only, in simplified characters)
5. Olympic Reader for Primary Schools (P4 – P6) (Chinese version only, in simplified characters)
6. Olympic Reader for Secondary Schools (Chinese version only, in simplified characters)
7. ETV Programme on “Olympic Spirit”
[\(\[http://webserver1.etvonline.tv/etv_c/digilibrary/archive_wmp.cfm?PROGRAM_REF_NBR=5961\]\(http://webserver1.etvonline.tv/etv_c/digilibrary/archive_wmp.cfm?PROGRAM_REF_NBR=5961\)\)](http://webserver1.etvonline.tv/etv_c/digilibrary/archive_wmp.cfm?PROGRAM_REF_NBR=5961)
8. Glamour of Sport I
[\(<http://www.rthk.org.hk/special/sports2006/chapter1.htm>\)](http://www.rthk.org.hk/special/sports2006/chapter1.htm)
9. Glamour of Sport II
[\(<http://www.rthk.org.hk/special/beijingolympic/sports2008/chapter10.htm>\)](http://www.rthk.org.hk/special/beijingolympic/sports2008/chapter10.htm)