

L.N. 248 of 1999

NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE (EXEMPTION FROM  
SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 13) (MILLENNIUM  
CELEBRATIONS) ORDER 1999

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 35  
of the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400))

1. Exemption

(1) During the period from 7 p.m. on 31 December 1999 to 2 a.m. on  
1 January 2000, sections 4, 5 and 13 of the Ordinance shall not apply in relation  
to any noise made in the course of any activity which is a part of an event---

- (a) the name of which is specified in column 2 of the Schedule; and
- (b) which is held at the place specified in column 3 of that Schedule.

(2) Sections 4 and 5 of the Ordinance shall not apply in relation to any noise  
made in the course of any permitted activity performed---

(a) (i) in the period of 3 minutes beginning on 0000 hours on  
1 January 2000; and

(ii) by any person who bona fide believes that he is, by performing the  
activity, participating in the event named "The City of Light and Sound Programme";  
or

(b) by any person who---

(i) bona fide believes that he is, by performing the activity, participating in  
the event named "The City of Light and Sound Programme"; and

(ii) reasonably believes that the activity is performed in the period of 3  
minutes beginning on 0000 hours on 1 January 2000.

(3) The event named "Millennium Extravaganza" (龍騰燈耀慶千禧) specified in item  
1 of the Schedule means the function comprising horse races, concert, official  
countdown, lantern exhibition, dragon dance, food bazaar, firework display, lucky  
draw and similar activities organized to celebrate the beginning of the new  
millennium.

(4) In subsection (2), "permitted activity" (許可活動) means---

(a) the ringing of bells and beating of drums in temples, churches and other religious  
establishment;

(b) the sounding of horns of vehicles and ferries; and

(c) similar activities.

2. Savings

For the avoidance of doubt, this Order shall not affect the operation of any other  
law in relation to a permitted activity defined in section 1(4).

SCHEDULE [s. 1]

## Activities to be Exempted

Item    Event    Place

1. Millennium Extravaganza Happy Valley Racecourse
2. Municipal Council's Millennium Carnival Victoria Park
3. Cheung Chau Millennium Carnival Cheung Chau Pak Tai Square
4. Provisional Regional Council New Year Eve Carnival (Kwai Tsing District)  
Kwai Chung Sports Ground
5. Provisional Regional Council New Year Eve Carnival (Sha Tin District)  
Shatin Park
6. Temple Festive Carnival Che Kung Temple
7. Millennium Countdown in Tsuen Wan    Sha Tsui Road Playground
8. Millennium Celebration Party    Centenary Garden, Tsim Sha Tsui East

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Clerk to the Executive Council

Council Chamber

28 September 1999

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Order is to exempt the activities for celebrating the millennium specified in the Schedule from sections 4, 5 and 13 of the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400). The exemption shall have effect from 7 p.m. on 31 December 1999 to 2 a.m. on 1 January 2000. The Order also exempts the defined permitted activity from sections 4 and 5 of the Ordinance. The exemption shall have effect beginning on 0000 hours on 1 January 2000 for the period of 3 minutes.