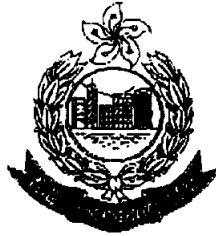


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Dear Mr. Lam,

Letter from Taxi and PLB Concern Group

In respect of the concerns raised in the letter dated 16 March 2011 from the Taxi and PLB Concern Group, Police held a meeting with representatives of the Transport Department, Citybus, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB) (Southern District Office) and HK Public Light Bus Owner and Driver Association in Western Police Station on 12 April 2011 in order to explain the law enforcement action taken outside Ocean Park on 15 March 2011.

At the meeting, it was further explained that Police traffic control and enforcement is intended to facilitate smooth traffic flow, to ensure that no obstructions are caused to road users, as well as to ensure and promote road safety. On the night of 15 March 2011, officers from the Enforcement and Control Division, Traffic, Hong Kong Island intercepted four red public light buses outside Ocean Park as it was suspected that three of the public light buses had been illegally modified and posed a road safety hazard.

In accordance with Section 80, Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 374, Laws of Hong Kong, Police had the three suspected public light buses taken to the vehicle examination centre to check their roadworthiness to ensure that they did not pose a danger to their drivers, passengers and other road users. The other public light bus was returned to the driver on the spot as it was not suspected of contravening any Hong Kong Laws. In-depth Police investigations into the incident on 15 March 2011 are ongoing and concerned parties will be informed of the results as soon as they are known.

Yours sincerely,

for (P.R. Morgan)
Commissioner of Police