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Legislative Council Panel on Security Handling of Public Meetings and Public Processions Relating to the New Central Government Offices

Introduction

This paper provides information on the handling of public meetings and public processions relating to the new Central Government Offices (CGO).

Public Processions to the New CGO

- 2. In the letter dated 7 October 2011 to the Legislative Council Panel on Security (at Annex A), the Security Bureau explained the fundamental principles of the Police in handling public meetings and public processions and assisting the organisers to draw up the procession Generally speaking, on receiving notifications of public routes. meetings or processions, the Police will proactively maintain close communication with and offer advices to the organisers. The Police will conduct a risk assessment taking into account the time, location, routing, number of participants and so on of each activity and liaise with the organisers with a view to reaching a consensus. In carrying out the risk assessment, the major considerations of the Police include striking a balance among public safety, public order and the disruption caused to other members of the public, so as to ensure that all public activities will be conducted in a safe and orderly manner.
- 3. The Police handle public processions to the New CGO according to the above principles. Based on objective circumstances and past experiences, the Police provide the possible routes below for reference of organisers who intend to hold public processions:

(a) Public Procession Routes to the New CGO

(i) From Victoria Park to the New CGO

Route 1
Victoria Park - Causaway Park - Irvii

Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street ¹ → Hennessy

¹ If there are a large number of participants, the Police will consider using Jardine's Crescent as well.

Road → Fleming Road → Convention Avenue → Fenwick Pier Street → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

Route 2

Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street¹ → Hennessy Road → Marsh Road → Hung Hing Road → Convention Avenue → Fenwick Pier Street → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

Route 3

Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street¹ → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Queen's Road Central (QRC) → Bank Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

Route 4

Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street ¹ → Hennessy Road → Queensway → QRC → Ice House Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

Route 5

Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street¹ → Hennessy Road → Queensway → QRC → Pedder Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

(ii) From Golden Bauhinia Square to the New CGO
 Golden Bauhinia Square → Expo Promenade →
 Expo Drive → Fenwick Pier Street → Lung Wui
 Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

¹ If there are a large number of participants, the Police will consider using Jardine's Crescent as well.

(iii) From Immigration Tower to the New CGO Immigration Tower → Harbour Road → Fenwick Pier Street → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Road → New CGO

(iv) From Southorn Playground to the New CGO Route 1

Southorn Playground → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Harcourt Garden → Footbridge to Fenwick Pier Street (commonly known as Arts Performing Footbridge) → Fenwick Pier Street → Arts Performing Avenue → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

Route 2

Southorn Playground → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Northern Pavement of Queensway → Rodney Street → Southern Pavement of Harcourt Road → Footbridge at Harcourt Road to New CGO (EW1) → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

- (v) From Police Headquarters (PHQ) to the New CGO
 PHQ → Arsenal Street² → Pavement of Harcourt
 Road → Footbridge at Harcourt Garden to Fenwick
 Pier Street (commonly known as Arts Performing
 Footbridge) → Fenwick Pier Street → Arts
 Performing Avenue → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei
 Avenue → New CGO
- (vi) From Edinburgh Place to the New CGO
 Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui
 Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO
- (vii) From Chater Garden to the New CGO
 Chater Garden → Chater Road → Subway →
 Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui
 Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

² Arsenal Street is an essential route for all emergency vehicles of the Police Headquarters, Wan Chai Police Station, Emergency Unit and Crime Wing of the Hong Kong Island Region.

(viii) From the Old CGO to the New CGO

Old CGO \rightarrow Battery Path \rightarrow QRC \rightarrow Ice House Street \rightarrow Chater Road \rightarrow Subway \rightarrow Edinburgh Place \rightarrow Lung Wo Road \rightarrow Lung Wui Road \rightarrow Tim Mei Avenue \rightarrow New CGO

(b) From the New CGO to other destinations

(i) From the New CGO to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government (LOCPG)
 New CGO → Tim Mei Avenue → Legislative

New CGO → Tim Mei Avenue → Legislative Council Road → Lung Wo Road → Edinburge Place → Subway → Chater Road → Statue Square → Des Voeux Road Central → Bank Street → QRC → Queen's Road West → Western Street → Connaught Road West → LOCPG

The maps of the routes are at Annex B.

4. The procession routes listed above are for reference of organisers of processions only. They can also propose other routes to the Police with respect to individual events. The Police, however, must conduct a risk assessment based on the principles stated in paragraph 2 above and liaise with the organisers before working out the routing arrangements suitable for individual public processions.

Arrangements for Holding Public Meetings and Public Processions at the New CGO

5. As regards the arrangements for holding public meetings and public processions at the New CGO, the Administration Wing has provided its response in the letter dated 7 October 2011 (at Annex C).

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Dear Mr Lam,

Legislative Council Panel on Security Procession Route to the New Government Headquarters

Thank you for your letter dated 3 October 2011.

The Police attach importance to and respect the freedom and rights of the citizens to peaceful processions, public meetings and expression of views. The fundamental principle of the Police in handling public meetings and processions is to ensure that the activities concerned are conducted in a safe and orderly manner. On receiving notifications of staging public activities, the Police will proactively maintain close communication with the organisers and offer them advices to make sure that the activities are held smoothly and peacefully.

It was actually the first time that the procession route to the new Government Headquarters on 24 September 2011 was drawn up. The Police have subsequently reviewed on whether the route is suitable for a large number of people to take part in a procession. Having considered the time, location, routing, number of participants and so on of each public meeting and procession, the Police will assess the scenario and liaise with the organisers with a view to reaching a consensus, so that all

public activities would be held in a safe and orderly manner. The Police will continue to adopt this approach and communicate with organisers who intend to hold public processions to the new Government Headquarters. After recent discussion with the organiser of the public procession, both sides agreed to revise the routing to the new Government Headquarters to facilitate a large number of people to participate in the procession.

Regarding the arrangements at the public activity area in the new Government Headquarters, a separate reply will be provided by the Administration Wing.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Millie Ng) for Secretary for Security

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Director of Administration

Commissioner of Police

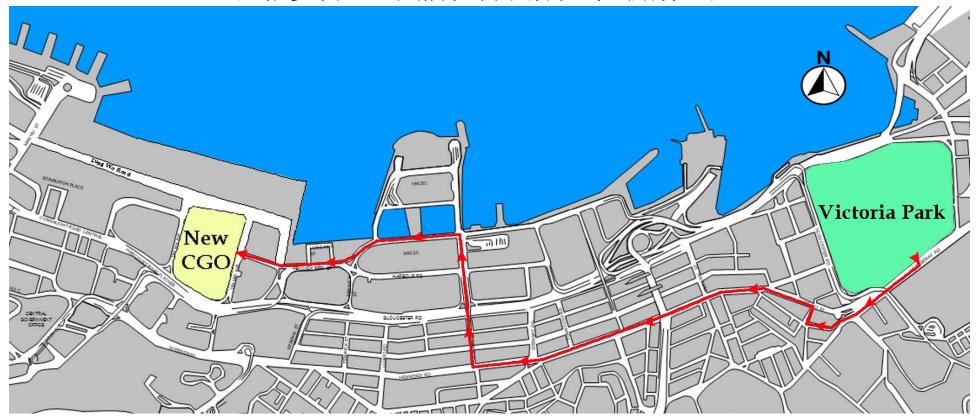
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(a)(i) From Victoria Park to New Central Government Offices (CGO) Annex B (Route 1)

由維多利亞公園前往新政府總部(路線1)

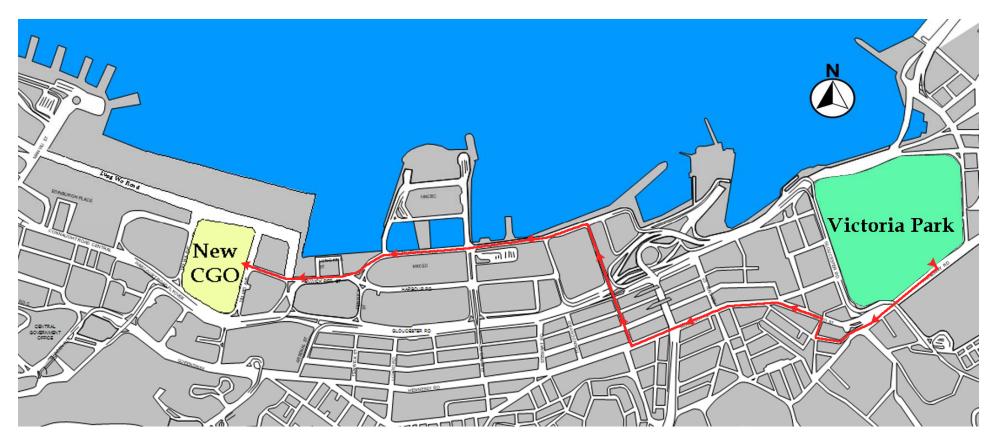


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維多利亞公園 → 高士威道 → 伊榮街 → 邊寧頓街 → 怡和街 → 軒尼詩道 → 菲林明道 → 會議道 → 分域碼頭街 → 龍匯道 → 添美道 → 新政府總部

(a)(i) From Victoria Park to New CGO (Route 2)

由維多利亞公園前往新政府總部(路線2)

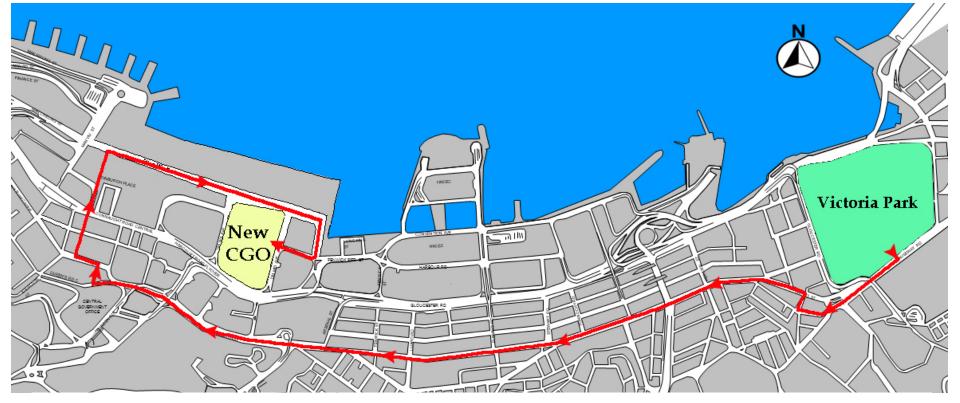


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維多利亞公園 → 高士威道 → 伊榮街 → 邊寧頓街 → 怡和街 → 軒尼詩道 → 馬師道 ₂ → 鴻興道 → 會議道 → 分域碼頭街 → 龍匯道 → 添美道 → 新政府總部

(a)(i) From Victoria Park to New CGO (Route 3)

由維多利亞公園前往新政府總部 (路線3)



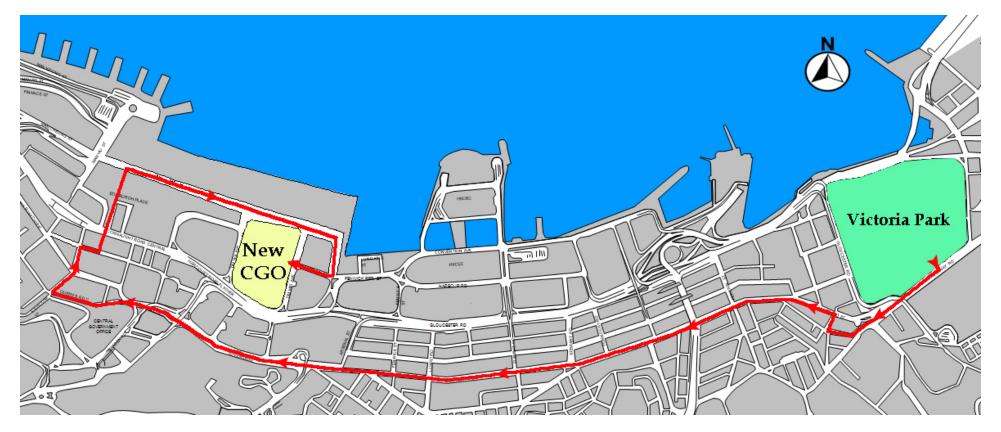
Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Queen's Road Central (QRC) → Bank Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

維多利亞公園 → 高士威道 → 伊榮街 → 邊寧頓街 → 怡和街 → 軒尼詩道 → 金鐘道 → 皇后大道中 → 銀行街 → 遮打道 → 行人隧道 → 愛丁堡廣場 → 龍和道 → 龍匯道

→ 添美道 → 新政府總部

(a)(i) From Victoria Park to New CGO (Route 4)

由維多利亞公園前往新政府總部(路線4)

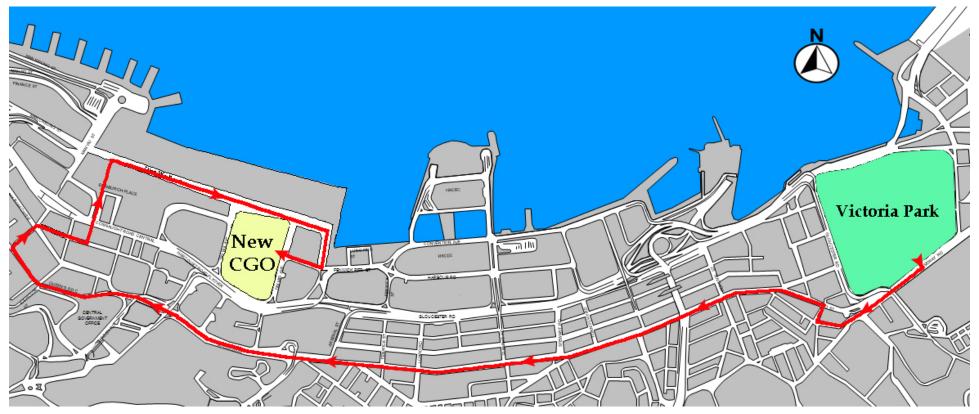


Victoria Park \rightarrow Causeway Road \rightarrow Irving Street \rightarrow Pennington Street \rightarrow Yee Wo Street \rightarrow Hennessy Road \rightarrow Queensway \rightarrow QRC \rightarrow Ice House Street \rightarrow Chater Road \rightarrow Subway \rightarrow Edinburgh Place \rightarrow Lung Wo Road \rightarrow Lung Wui Road \rightarrow Tim Mei Avenue \rightarrow New CGO

維多利亞公園 → 高士威道 → 伊榮街 → 邊寧頓街 → 怡和街 → 軒尼詩道 → 金鐘道 → 皇后大道中 → 雪廠街 → 遮打道 → 行人隧道 → 愛丁堡廣場 → 龍和道 → 龍匯道 → 添美道 → 新政府總部

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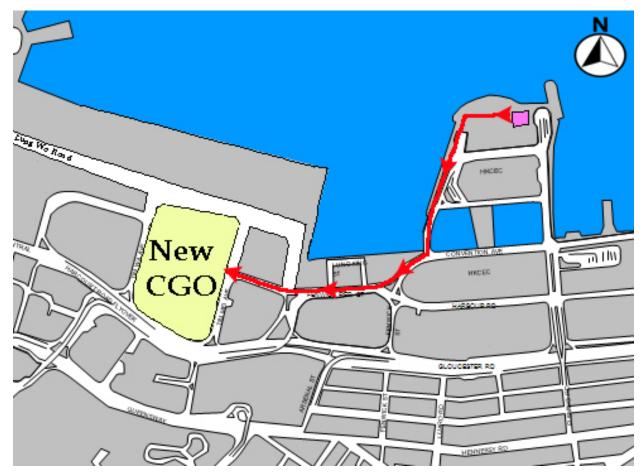
由維多利亞公園前往新政府總部(路線5)



Victoria Park → Causeway Road → Irving Street → Pennington Street → Yee Wo Street → Hennessy Road → Queensway → QRC → Pedder Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

維多利亞公園 → 高士威道 → 伊榮街 → 邊寧頓街 → 怡和街 → 軒尼詩道 → 金鐘道 → 皇后大道中 → 畢打街 → 遮打道 → 行人隧道 → 愛丁堡廣場 → 龍和道 → 龍匯道 → 添美道 → 新政府總部

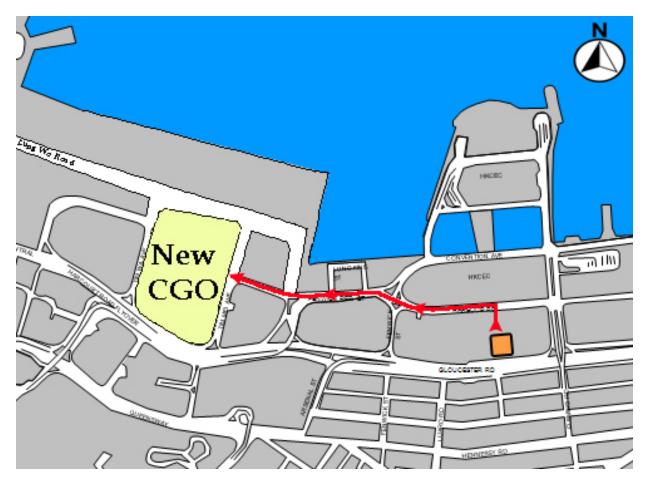
(a)(ii) From Golden Bauhinia Square to the New CGO 由金紫荆廣場前往新政府總部



Golden Bauhinia Square \to Expo Promenade \to Expo Drive \to Fenwick Pier St \to Lung Wui Rd \to Tim Mei Avenue \to New CGO

金紫荆廣場→博覽海濱花園→博覽道→分域碼頭街→龍匯道→添美道→新政府總部

(a)(iii) From Immigration Tower to the New CGO 由入境事務大樓前往新政府總部

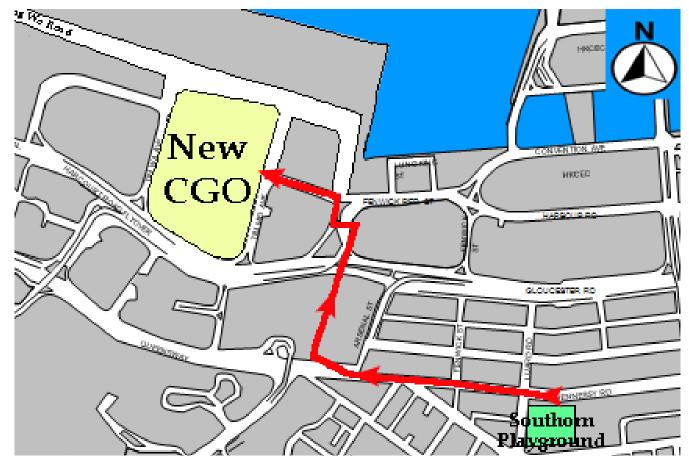


Immigration Tower→ Harbour Road → Fenwick Pier Street → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Road → New CGO

入境事務大樓→港灣道→分域碼頭街→龍匯道→添美道→新政府總部

(a)(iv) From Southorn Playground to New CGO (Route 1)

由修頓球場前往新政府總部(路線1)

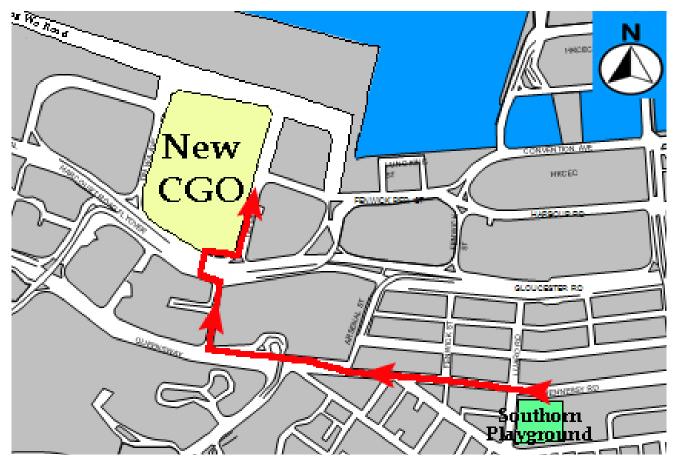


Southorn Playground → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Harcourt Garden → Footbridge to Fenwick Pier Street → Fenwick Pier Street → Arts Performing Avenue → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

修頓球場→軒尼詩道→金鐘道→夏慤花園→分域碼頭街行人天橋→分域碼頭街→演藝道→龍匯道→添美道→新政府總部

(a)(iv) From Southorn Playground to New CGO (Route 2)

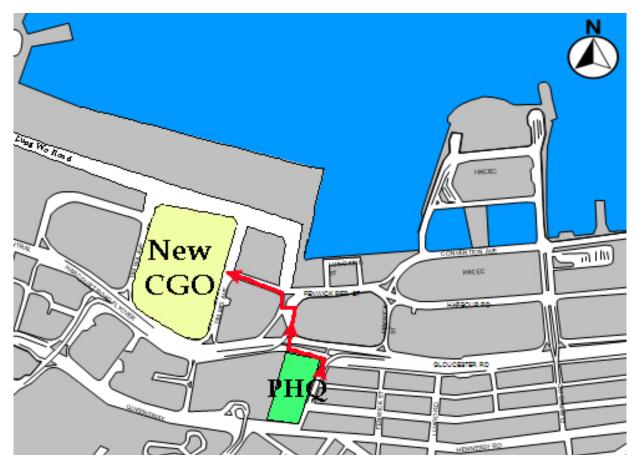
由修頓球場前往新政府總部 (路線 2)



Southorn Playground → Hennessy Road → Queensway → Northern Pavement of Queensway → Rodney Street → Southern Pavement of Harcourt Road → Footbridge at Harcourt Road to New CGO (EW1) → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

修頓球場→軒尼詩道→金鐘道→金鐘道北面行人路→樂禮街→夏愨道南面行人路 →夏慤道往新政府總部行人天橋 (EW 1) →添美道→新政府總部

(a)(v) From Police Headquarters (PHQ) to the New CGO 由警察總部前往新政府總部



PHQ → Arsenal St → Harcourt Road → Footbridge to Fenwick Pier Street → Fenwick Pier Street → Arts Performing Avenue → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

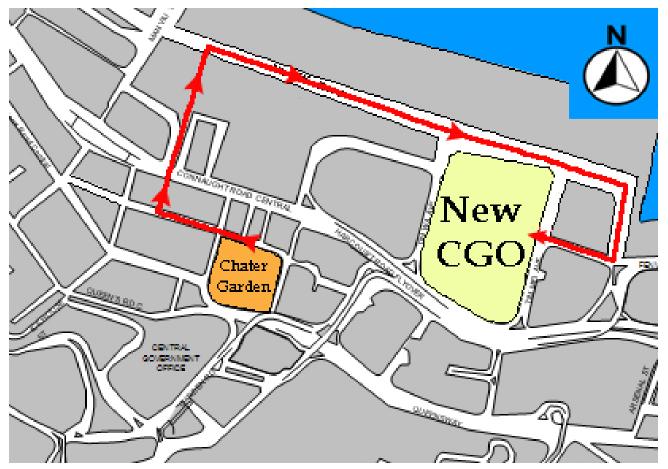
警察總部→軍器廠街→夏慤道行人路→夏慤花園通往分域碼頭街行人天橋→分域碼頭街→演藝道→龍匯道→添美道→新政府總部

(a)(vi) From Edinburgh Place to the New CGO 由愛丁堡廣場前往新政府總部



Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

(a)(vii) From Chater Garden to the New CGO 由遮打花園前往新政府總部



Chater Garden → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

遮打花園 → 遮打道 → 行人隧道 → 愛丁堡廣場 → 龍和道 → 龍匯道 → 添美道 → 新政府總部

(a)(viii) From Old CGO to the New CGO

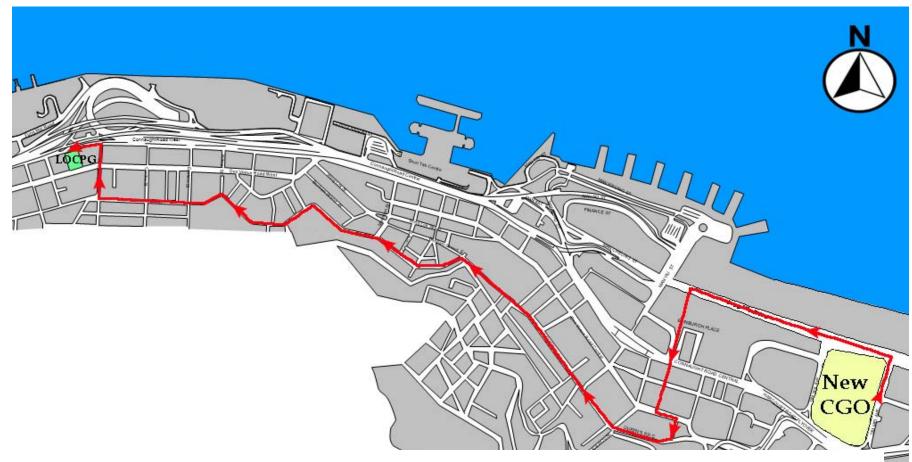
由原中區政府合署前往新政府總部



Old CGO → Battery Path → QRC → Ice House Street → Chater Road → Subway → Edinburgh Place → Lung Wo Road → Lung Wui Road → Tim Mei Avenue → New CGO

原中區政府合署→炮台里→皇后大道中→雪廠街→遮打道→行人隧道→愛丁堡 廣場→龍和道→龍匯道→添美道→新政府總部

(b)(i) From New CGO to Liaison Office of Central People's Government (LOCPG) 由新政府總部前往中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區聯絡辦公室(中聯辦)



New CGO → Tim Mei Avenue → Legislative Council Road → Lung Wo Road → Edinburge Place → Subway → Chater Road → Statue Square → DVRC → Bank Street → QRC → QRW → Western Street → Connaught Road West → LOCPG 新政府總部 → 添美道 → 立法會道 → 龍和道 → 愛丁堡廣場 → 行人隧道 → 遮打道 → 皇后像廣場 → 徳輔道中 → 銀行街 → 皇后大道中 → 皇后大道西 → 西邊街 → 干諾道西 → 中聯辦

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Dear Mr LAM,

Handling of public meetings and public processions at the Central Government Complex ("CGC") and the routing of public processions to CGC

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 2011 to the Secretary for Security on the above subject. In relation to the handling of public meetings and public processions at the new Central Government Offices ("CGO"), our response is as follows.

We recognize and accept the need to facilitate public expression of opinion whilst maintaining the orderly and effective operation of the CGO at Tamar. To strike a balance between these considerations, we have arranged to open the East Wing Forecourt of the new CGO (the Forecourt) to members of the public for conducting public meetings or

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public processions on Sundays and public holidays. This arrangement is similar to that adopted for the use of the CGO compound at Lower Albert Road for the purpose.

Similar to the CGO compound at Lower Albert Road, the Forecourt is primarily served as vehicular access and passenger drop-off points. Given the consideration of public safety and the need to maintain the effective operation of the CGO, we do not consider it appropriate to open the Forecourt on working days as well as Saturdays when office business is also conducted at some offices.

As most of the major access roads/pedestrian facilities in the surrounding areas of the new CGO (which is crucial to the effective management of pedestrian traffic particularly when large scale public order events are held at the Forecourt) have become operable and an increasing number of policy bureaux have been relocated to the new CGO, we are opening the Forecourt for holding public activities with effect from 16 October 2011. The CGO compound at Lower Albert Road is also to be closed with effect from the same date. Application for the use of the Forecourt should be made to the Director of Administration and details of the application procedures are available at the website of the Administration Wing at www.admwing.gov.hk.

Yours sincerely,

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