

Press Release

Central Police Station (CPS) Open Days

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The Government announced today (11 January) the arrangements for the Central Police Station (CPS) Open Days to be held on the 3 consecutive weekends before the Lunar New Year, i.e. 22-23 and 29-30 of January and 5-6 of February 2005.

2. “The event is co-organised by the Tourism Commission, the Central and Western District Council, the Conservancy Association and the Hong Kong Institute of Architects,” a spokesman of the Tourism Commission said. “The objectives of the Open Days are to allow the public to understand more about the history of the buildings and their current conditions before full-scale restoration and to collect the community’s views on the future usage of the site,” the spokesman added. Programmes of the Open Days will include a 30-minute guided tour for the public, exhibitions and views collection. A workshop will be held on the last day of the event. Interested Open Days visitors can enroll for the workshop during the visit.

3. “The Victoria Prison will be excluded as it is still in operation until end 2005. Since the structure of some of the historic buildings cannot meet the current safety standards, certain parts of the site will not be opened to ensure public safety and proper preservation of the buildings,” the spokesman added.

4. Opening time will be 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturdays, and 9 am to 12 noon and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Sundays.

5. “While the Police has moved out from the site in mid December 2004, the Victoria Immigration Centre of the Immigration Department is still operating there. The Centre is responsible for processing offenders handed over by the Police and discharged by the Correctional Services Department through the Victoria Prison daily. In fixing the dates and hours of the Open Days, we have to minimise the impact on the operation of the relevant disciplinary forces,” the spokesman said.

6. “In view of the constraints of the site, it is necessary to implement proper crowd control measures. Only people with tickets will be admitted,” the spokesman stressed. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis through the following 15 performance venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department starting from 16 January 2005, Sunday, during opening hours of these venues:

Location	Outlet Address	Opening Hour
Sheung Wan	Sheung Wan Civic Centre 345 Queen's Road Central	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Central	Hong Kong City Hall 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, Hong Kong	10 am - 9:30 pm daily
Wanchai	Queen Elizabeth Stadium 18 Oi Kwan Road	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Sai Wan Ho	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre 111 Shau Kei Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Tsim Sha Tsui	Hong Kong Cultural Centre Auditoria Building 10 Salisbury Road	10 am - 9:30 pm daily
Hung Hom	Hong Kong Coliseum 9 Cheong Wan Road	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
	Ko Shan Theatre 77 Ko Shan Road	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Ngau Chi Wan	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre 2/F, 11 Clearwater Bay Road	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Tsuen Wan	Kwai Tsing Theatre 12 Hing Ning Road Kwai Chung	10 am - 9:30 pm daily
	Tsuen Wan Town Hall 72 Tai Ho Road	10 am - 9:30 pm daily

Location	Outlet Address	Opening Hour
Shatin	Sha Tin Town Hall 1 Yuen Wo Road	10 am - 9:30 pm daily
Tai Po	Tai Po Civic Centre 12 On Pong Road	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Sheung Shui	North District Town Hall 2 Lung Wan Street	10 am - 6:30 pm daily
Yuen Long	Yuen Long Theatre, 9 Yuen Long Tai Yuk Road, Yuen Long, N.T.	10 am - 9:30 pm daily
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Town Hall 3 Tuen Hi Road	10 am - 9:30 pm daily

7. A total of about 4,000 tickets will be distributed. In view of the limited number of tickets and the objective to allow the general public to participate in the event, each person can only get a maximum of four tickets, and there will not be any arrangement for group tickets.

8. For detailed information, please refer to the following website: www.cps.gov.hk. For enquiries, please contact the Citizen's Easy Link: 1823.

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