

Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Park to open next Friday

The Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Park (the Park) will open next Friday (October 18). The opening hours will be from 7am to 11pm daily. The Park, managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, enjoys a prime location on the roof of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Building at 33 Shing Fung Road, Kai Tak, Kowloon. Occupying an area of 23,000 square metres, the Park is equipped with various amenities including a central lawn, a viewing platform, water garden, fountain plaza and more.

"The Kai Tak Cruise Terminal will receive two cruise ships, namely Voyager of the Seas and Diamond Princess, on October 15 and 16 respectively. We hope that the terminal operator and relevant parties can focus on the cruise operation, and therefore decide to open the Park after these two ship calls," said a spokesman for the Tourism Commission today (October 11).

"As for the ancillary commercial area and the connecting public colonnade on the second floor, they will be open to the public early next year when the commercial area will start operation by phases," the spokesman added.

Regarding public transportation arrangements, the Kowloon green minibus (GMB) service Route No. 86 is available between Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and Kowloon Bay (Telford Gardens) from 7am to 8pm daily (Monday to Sunday). The headway is 12 to 30 minutes with a fare charged at \$5 (\$3 for students, persons with disabilities and senior citizens). Also, a special recreational bus route service KMB Route No. 5R, which plies between Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and Ngau Tau Kok/Kwun Tong MTR Station, will be available from 10am to 8pm on Sundays and public holidays. The headway of the above recreational bus route service will be 30 minutes with a fare charged at \$6.7. Taxi stands and a fee-charging car park for private cars will also be available at the Terminal to facilitate those visiting the Park.

"We expect that quite a number of members of the public may visit the Park during the first weekend upon its opening. The above GMB service will therefore extend its operating hours to 11 pm from October 18 to 20 (Friday to Sunday). In addition, the special operation of the above KMB Route No. 5R service from 10am to 8pm will be available on the first Saturday (October 19) after the opening of the Park as well," the spokesman said.

"Relevant government departments will closely monitor the actual demand for public transport services to and from the Terminal. Public transport operators will actively consider strengthening the services when the actual service demand is more certain," the spokesman added.

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