

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 173 OF 2012

(Navigational Warning & Related Information)

New Year Countdown Celebration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Year Countdown Celebration which consists of a pyrotechnic display and lighting effect show will take place around midnight on the New Year's Eve, 31 December 2012.

2. The pyrotechnics will be discharged from the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) and five buildings on Hong Kong Island; and at sea from three barges and ten pontoons anchored off the HKCEC. The lighting effect show will be conducted on two barges anchored off the HKCEC and one barge anchored off Tsim Sha Tsui.

Designated Water Area

3. A Designated Water Area, encompassing the five barges and ten pontoons to stage the aforesaid waterborne pyrotechnic display and lighting effect show will be established between 1400 hours on 31 December 2012 and 0100 hours on 1 January 2013 with the following details:

- (i) The area is formed by straight lines joining the following co-ordinates (WGS-84 Datum) (A) to (F) and the adjacent shoreline:

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(A)	22° 17.075'N	114° 10.475'E
(B)	22° 17.075'N	114° 10.508'E
(C)	22° 17.227'N	114° 10.508'E
(D)	22° 17.227'N	114° 10.176'E
(E)	22° 17.075'N	114° 10.176'E
(F)	22° 17.075'N	114° 10.331'E

- (ii) From 1400 hours on 31 December 2012 to 0100 hours on 1 January 2013, no vessel, other than excepted vessels, will be allowed to enter or remain within the Designated Water Area. The excepted vessels are

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Government launches, vessels directly involved in the pyrotechnic display and lighting effect show, and vessels that have obtained special permission from the Director of Marine.

Viewing Areas

4. Two viewing areas will be established on both sides of the HKCEC during the period of the Countdown Celebration, with the following details:

- (i) West Viewing Area will be established to the northwest of the HKCEC, this area is bounded by straight lines joining the following co-ordinates (WGS-84 Datum):

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(G)	22° 17.152' N	114° 10.110' E
(H)	22° 17.235' N	114° 10.110' E
(I)	22° 17.270' N	114° 09.876' E
(J)	22° 17.152' N	114° 09.876' E

- (ii) East Viewing Area will be established to the northeast of the HKCEC, this area is bounded by straight lines joining the following co-ordinates (WGS-84 Datum):

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(K)	22° 17.232' N	114° 10.894' E
(L)	22° 17.443' N	114° 10.894' E
(M)	22° 17.311' N	114° 10.605' E
(N)	22° 17.100' N	114° 10.605' E

- (iii) Spectator vessels should remain in the Viewing Areas and shall avoid impeding the safe passage of vessels navigating in the fairways.

Control Area

5. A Control Area will be established in the Central Harbour from 2300 hours on 31 December 2012 to 0100 hours on 1 January 2013 with the following details:

- (i) The eastern limit of the Control Area is a straight line joining the south

extremity of MTR Hung Hom Freight Terminal Pier and the breakwater at Kellett Island, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

- (ii) The western limit of the Control Area is a straight line joining the southwest extremity of the Ocean Terminal and the Central Pier No.8.
- (iii) Marine Department launches and Marine Police launches will regulate marine traffic inside and in the vicinity of the Control Area. Depending on the marine traffic density in the Control Area, incoming vessels may be diverted to other suitable areas outside the Control Area.

6. A drawing showing the locations of the Designated Water Area, Viewing Areas and Control Area is attached to this Notice.

7. Masters, coxswains and person-in-charge of vessels navigating in the vicinity should proceed with caution, and comply with any instructions given by the officers of the Marine Department and Marine Police. Compliance with the provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 is mandatory.

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**Annex to
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Marine Traffic Control Measures for the New Year Countdown Celebration

Ferry Services

On Monday, 31 December, 2012, all ferry services inside the Control Area will operate according to their normal schedules.

Viewing Areas

2. Excursion ferries and spectator vessels are advised to keep clear of the Central and Hung Hom Fairways and to view the pyrotechnic display within the Viewing Areas. All vessels are advised to stem the tide during the period of pyrotechnic display to maintain their vessels within the Viewing Areas.

Safety Measures by All Vessels

3. All vessels approaching or navigating in the Control Area before or during the pyrotechnic display should proceed at a safe speed, which should not generally exceed 5 knots. Every vessel must at all times maintain a proper lookout, and take measures to avoid obscuring the view of the lookout, including switching off the cabin lights. Search lights must not be used because they will interfere with the keeping of a proper lookout on or with the safe operation of other vessels.

4. Masters, coxswains, owners and operators of excursion vessels and spectator vessels are advised to take the following steps before the start of the voyage:

(a) all persons on board are made aware of the location of all lifesaving appliances and instructed on the proper way to don a lifejacket; and the location of all emergency exits;

(b) children on board are required to don lifejackets at all times;

(c) a passenger and crew list containing the names of passengers and crew on board is kept by the master/coxswain for emergency purposes; and

(d) the carrying capacity specified in the operating licence of the vessel is adhered to.

5. When a vessel requires immediate assistance, the master/coxswain of the vessel may:

(a) signal for assistance using the distress signals set out in the Annex to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and its amendments;

(b) call the Vessel Traffic Centre, Marine Department (call-sign “MARDEP, HONG KONG”) on channel 14;

(c) call the Marine Regional Command & Control Centre, Hong Kong Police Force (RCCC MAR) on telephone 2803 6240 or 2803 6241; or

(d) call the emergency number 999.

6. Masters, coxswains, owners and operators of small vessels, especially those without a deck or those of less than 5 metres in length, are advised **NOT** to enter or remain in the Central Harbour area during the event. Such vessels are vulnerable in areas of high traffic density to the wash of larger vessels and are not easily detected by larger vessels, which have higher freeboard.

7. Launches of the Marine Department, Marine Police and Fire Services Department will be stationed in or patrolling the Central Harbour. They will exhibit either a flashing red or a flashing blue light. Masters and coxswains should follow any instructions given by the officers on these launches.

Closure of Public Piers and Landing Steps

8. For landside crowd control, all public piers and landing steps within the Control Area will be closed from about 2130 hours on 31 December 2012 to about 0100 hours on 1 January 2013.

Buffer Zone

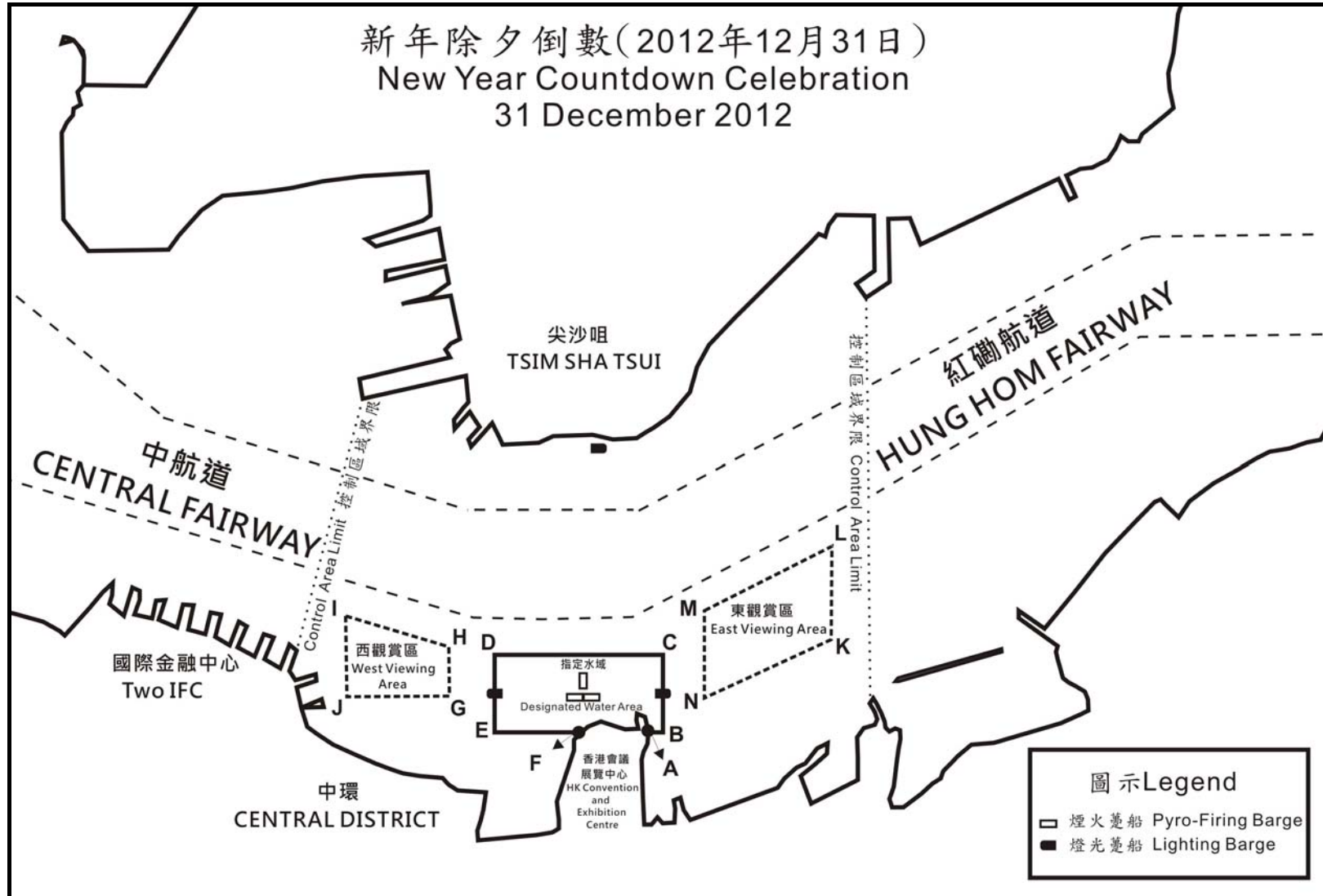
9. For safety of navigation and orderly disembarkation of passengers, a Buffer Zone at the Kowloon Public Pier (KPP) will be established from 0045 hours on 1 January 2013 until the traffic returns to normal. The Buffer Zone extends about 90 metres from the pier and is physically marked and regulated by the Marine Department launches. Vessels intending to use the KPP are required to wait at the east of KPP prior to getting alongside and follow the direction of officers of the Marine Department or Marine Police. Vessels using the KPP will only be permitted to enter the Buffer Zone from the east and leave from the west. To expedite disembarkation, masters and coxswains are advised to remind passengers to check their personal belongings early.

Strengthening Inspection on Compliance of Safety Measures by Spectator Vessels

10. The Marine Department will step up inspection of the spectator vessels engaging in viewing the pyrotechnic display and lighting effect show in respect of lifesaving appliances, donning the lifejackets by children and having on board a passenger and crew list. If a spectator vessel is found not complying with the safety measures, the person in charge of the vessel will be directed to make immediate remedies. Failure to comply with the direction given may render the person in charge subject to prosecution. To avoid any delay, masters, coxswains, owners and operators of the spectator vessels are advised to observe the safety measures given in this Notice.

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Drawing Attached to Marine Department Notice No. 173 of 2012



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