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Security and Traffic Arrangements for the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020

The Marina Bay Singapore Countdown (MBSC) 2020 will be held on 31 December 2019.

Safety and Security Arrangements

2 Police officers, auxiliary police officers, and security officers will be deployed to ensure the safety and security of the public, and to manage crowds at various locations during MBSC 2020. Officers from the Special Operations Command, Protective Security Command, Public Transport Security Command, Police Coast Guard, Traffic Police and Emergency Response Teams will also be deployed alongside officers from the land divisions to conduct enhanced patrols during this period.

3 Security personnel may conduct checks on the public, including their bags and personal items. The public is advised to cooperate with these officers to facilitate the checks. The Police would also like to remind the public to remain vigilant and adopt the following crime prevention measures:

- Look after your belongings at all times;
- Be cautious when approached by strangers;
- Stay close to your friends or move around in groups;
- Be vigilant against molesters and pickpockets;
- Avoid contact with unruly crowds; and
- Approach any Police officer deployed or dial '999' for urgent assistance.

4 The public is also reminded not to engage in activities that may annoy or compromise the safety of others. Flying of any unmanned aircraft, including drones, in the vicinity of the MBSC 2020 events is strongly discouraged as it would endanger the safety of the public. The Police will not hesitate to take action against anyone who is causing public nuisance or breaks the law.

5 To prevent overcrowding, police officers and auxiliary police officers will be regulating the number of people entering The Promontory, One Fullerton / Merlion Park, Esplanade Park, Esplanade Waterfront Promenade, Marina Bay Sands Promenade and other areas within the vicinity of Marina Bay. In the event of overcrowding, certain exits of MRT stations around the Marina Bay may be closed and the crowd will be diverted to other areas. Members of the public are advised to follow the instructions of the marshals and police officers on duty.

6 The footways along the Esplanade Bridge and Bayfront Ave along Helix Bridge are to be used for transit only. Pedestrians are advised not to congregate on these footways. The footway along Benjamin Sheares Bridge will be closed to pedestrians from 5.00pm on 31 December 2019 to 2.00am on 1 January 2020.

Traffic Arrangements

7 To facilitate the event, the following roads and lanes will be closed to all vehicular traffic during the stipulated periods:

S/N	Roads and lanes affected	Period of closure
1	St Andrew's Road	From 4pm on 31 December 2019 to 5am on 1 January 2020
2	Fullerton Road (between Esplanade Drive and Connaught Drive)	
3	Connaught Drive	
4	Empress Place	
5	Old Parliament Lane	
6	Parliament Place (between Supreme Court Lane and St Andrew's Road)	
7	Bayfront Avenue in the direction of Temasek Avenue	From 6pm on 31 December 2019 to 5am on 1 January 2020
8	Bayfront Avenue in the direction of Marina Boulevard	From 6pm on 31 December 2019 to 2am on 1 January 2020
9	Extreme left lane of Raffles Avenue (between Temasek Avenue and Esplanade Drive)	From 6pm to 11pm on 31 December 2019
10	Extreme left lane of Fullerton Road in the direction of Collyer Quay	
11	Extreme left lane of Collyer Quay in the direction of Raffles Quay	
12	The carriageway of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Fullerton Road	From 10pm on 31 December 2019 to 2am on 1 January 2020
13	Marina Boulevard (between Raffles Quay and Bayfront Avenue)	
14	Raffles Avenue (between Temasek Avenue and Esplanade Drive)	From 11pm on 31 December 2019 to 2am on 1 January 2020
15	Esplanade Drive	
16	Fullerton Road (between Esplanade Drive and Collyer Quay)	
17	Collyer Quay (between Finlayson Green and Fullerton Road)	
18	Temasek Avenue (between Raffles Avenue and Raffles Boulevard)	
19	Extreme left lane of Marina Way	
20	Fullerton Square	
21	Battery Road	
22	Flint Street	
23	Bonham Street	
24	Extreme left lane of Finlayson Green	
25	The carriageway of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Nicoll Highway	
26	Slip road from Raffles Boulevard into Raffles Avenue	
27	The carriageway of Republic Boulevard in the direction of Raffles Avenue	

8 Vehicles parked in the buildings located within the closed roads will not be able to exit during the period of road closures.

9 Auxiliary police officers will be stationed at all affected road junctions to regulate traffic and assist motorists. Traffic advisory signs and electronic Variable Message Signs will also be put up near the affected roads. Motorists are encouraged to tune in to the radio for the latest traffic updates.

10 Parking at peripheral roads and stopping of vehicles along MCE and ECP (Benjamin Sheares Bridge) to watch the fireworks are strictly prohibited. Enforcement action will be taken against errant motorists and parked vehicles which are causing obstruction will be towed.

Post-Event Dispersal

11 After the event, dispersal is likely to be slow due to large crowds. Crowd control barricades and direction signs will be put up to facilitate safe and orderly dispersal. The public is advised to be patient and cooperate with security personnel. We seek the public's understanding and that heavy traffic and delays are to be expected.

12 While the Police have put in place enhanced security measures, everyone has a critical role to play in ensuring the safety and security of Singapore.

13 As we enjoy the festivities, we urge everyone to #StayAlert, #StayUnited and #StayStrong in our fight against crime and terrorism. Anyone with information on suspicious persons or activities can contact the Internal Security Department at 1800-2626-473 or the Police at 999 or SMS to 71999. Members of the public can also download the SGSecure App from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to provide information to the authorities.

14 For enquiries, members of the public may call the event hotline at 9374 9534 or visit the MBSC2020 website at www.marinabaycountdown.sg.

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