



## **POLICE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **S2006 Security Operations Move Into High Gear**

#### **Necessity of Security Measures**

1. Given the prevailing environment marked by the threat of terrorism, the security operations being put in place are necessary to ensure the safety and security of everyone in Singapore.
2. The Police have formulated and refined security plans over the past two years, working with the management, tenants and retailers of affected buildings to enhance security and minimise disruption to their activities. Police, together with other security agencies including the Singapore Armed Forces and Immigration & Checkpoints Authority, have begun to put into effect a series of security operations, in the lead-up to the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) from 11 to 20 September 2006.
3. The operations, which began in early August, are set to continue well after the meetings. The actions of security agencies can be summarised into three categories:
  - a. Border operations
  - b. Island-wide operations
  - c. Event Venue operations

#### **Border Operations**

4. Together with ICA, Police have enhanced operations at land, sea and air checkpoints. Police Coast Guard, ICA and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) vessels have also enhanced their patrols in Singapore waters. More vessels entering Singapore waters have also been stopped and inspected, to further enhance the security of our borders.

## **Island-wide Operations**

5. During the S2006 Conference, there will be increased police presence and checks across the island, especially at public transportation facilities and commercial and shopping areas. Members of public are requested to cooperate during these random security checks, which may include inspection of their belongings.
6. The Police will also be supported by RSAF helicopters, which will fly at various times of the day to support operations on the ground.
7. In keeping with current rules, outdoor demonstrations and processions will not be allowed. This is to prevent activities which can undermine the security arrangements in place for the IMF/WB Meetings. The Police will respond to and deal with any persons or groups, locals or foreigners, who blatantly flout our laws and pose a threat to the public order and security of Singapore.
8. Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) that are accredited by IMF/WB can conduct their activities in a secured and private area at the lobby of the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre. This arrangement is not the only means for the voices of civil society to be heard. For Singaporeans, they are already free to hold indoor public meetings without the need to seek a permit, so long as the organizers and speakers are Singapore citizens and the topic of the meeting does not deal with race or religion. Foreign groups and foreign speakers will have to apply for a permit. As long as the location does not compromise security and the individuals concerned intend to abide by our laws, the Police will consider their applications favourably.

## **Event Venues**

9. Security at various event venues, including hotels where delegates are staying, will be enhanced. Access control measures will be in place, and in certain locations, vehicles will be subject to inspection before being allowed entry.
10. Parking restrictions along roads in the vicinity of event venues will be strictly enforced. Vehicles found parking indiscriminately or causing obstruction will be towed away.

## ***Suntec Singapore***

11. The Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre (Suntec Singapore), where the meetings will be held, will be subject to enhanced security measures and closed to public from 8 to 20 Sep 06. Access control measures will be instituted for all persons entering the building.

12. The Suntec City Shopping Mall, the office buildings and its carpark will remain open to the public, although certain carpark entrances will be restricted to authorised vehicles. Please see Annex A for details.

13. Pedestrian traffic would also be diverted as certain walkways would be cordoned off. The two overhead bridges connecting One Raffles Link and Marina Square to Suntec Singapore will be restricted to authorised persons. Signage will be put up to guide pedestrians. Alternative walking routes are listed in Annex A. The public are also advised that these alternative walking routes are subject to change, depending on the prevailing security situation.

14. There will be heightened security in the Suntec vicinity, other event venues and the hotels where delegates are staying. Police patrols will be enhanced at these locations and checks on people and their belongings may be conducted.

### ***Heavy Vehicles Entering Marina Bay Area***

15. Restrictions on heavy vehicles entering the Marina Bay area will be imposed from 10 to 20 Sept 06. Please see Annex B for details.

### **Understanding and Cooperation Sought**

16. We seek the public's patience as we carry out our security operations. The public are also advised to call the police should they see anything suspicious or anyone acting suspiciously.

17. Director Operations SAC Aubeck Kam, who also chairs the S2006 Security Sub-Committee, said: "Our forces have maintained a high level of vigilance, and will continue to do so throughout and after the S2006 Annual Meeting. Security is everyone's priority. We call on the community to work with us to keep Singapore safe."

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### **Suntec City Carpark Restrictions**

Carpark entrance A (near the front entrance of Suntec Singapore) and carpark exit E (at Suntec Tower 5) will not be accessible to public. Carpark entrance D is only accessible to staff and tenants of Suntec Singapore with season parking labels. These cars will be subject to vehicle screening each time they enter car park entrance D.

All other carpark entrances are accessible by the public but drivers should bear in mind special traffic diversions in force during the period.

### **Alternative walking routes from City Hall MRT**

Due to the closure of Suntec Singapore as well as overhead bridges linked to Suntec Singapore, commuters walking from City Hall MRT will need to use these alternative routes:

- Indoor route: From City Hall MRT station, walk through CityLink and exit at Marina Square Shopping Mall. Continue through Pan Pacific Hotel to Millenia Walk. From there, use the underpass to Suntec City.
- Outdoor route: From City Hall MRT station, exit at Raffles City Shopping Centre/Swissotel and walk along Bras Basah Road. Take a left on Nicoll Highway and use the link bridge near Middle Road to enter Suntec City.

## **Vehicle Screening Arrangements**

Certain restrictions to the entry of heavy vehicles into the Marina Bay area will be imposed during the Annual Meetings from 10 September to 20 September 2006.

The entire Marina Bay area is bounded by Nicoll Highway, Raffles Avenue, Republic Boulevard and Republic Avenue.

The buildings that are in this area include the following office buildings, shopping malls and hotels: Suntec City Towers 1 to 5, Centennial and Millenia Towers, One Raffles Link, Suntec City Mall, Marina Square Shopping Mall, Millenia Walk and CityLink Mall, Conrad Centennial, Marina Mandarin, Oriental, Pan Pacific and The Ritz Carlton.

- “X”- and “W”-plated vehicles are not allowed into the Marina Bay area during the event period.
- “Y” -plated vehicles can only enter the Marina Bay area after being screened at National Stadium Carpark A.
- All other vehicles will be allowed to enter the Marina Bay area.

Heavy vehicle restriction area as shown: