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### HONG KONG'S SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO INTRODUCE A SERIES OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TERRITORY'S SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

IN ANNOUNCING THE SCHEME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (OPERATIONS), MR KEN WOODHOUSE, SAID THE MEASURES INCLUDE REFINED DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE CIVIL AVIATION AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THE PROPOSALS WERE DEVISED BY A GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP SET UP TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORTS OF THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY INTO THE SINKING OF THE BARQUENTINE OSPREY.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP WERE TO REVIEW EXISTING OFF-SHORE SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES AND, WHERE NECESSARY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES.

THE GROUP CONSIDERED A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING:

- \* THE NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTRE WITH A PERMANENT DIRECTOR AND STAFF;
- \* THE NEED FOR REGULAR LIAISON BETWEEN ALL THE HONG KONG AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS;
- \* THE NEED FOR AN ANNUAL MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE;
- \* THE NEED FOR A FULL FORMAL DEBRIEFING AFTER EACH SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION;
- \* THE NEED FOR FORMAL TRAINING OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE WORK;
- \* THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING GREATER USE OF THE LOCAL FISHING FLEET IN SEARCH AND RESCUE EMERGENCIES;
- \* THE NEED FOR A MEANS OF PROVIDING A NIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY;
- \* THE NEED TO IMPROVE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHES IN CHINESE CLAIMED WATERS; AND
- \* THE NEED TO IMPROVE RECEPTION OF EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACONS.

THE GROUP MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON EACH OF THESE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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HOWEVER, THE GROUP DECIDED AGAINST RECOMMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT SEARCH AND RESCUE CENTRE WITH A PERMANENT DIRECTOR AND STAFF.

MR WOODHOUSE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT BY IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SYSTEM THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY WHICH HAD LED THEM TO RECOMMEND SUCH A CENTRE WERE OVERCOME.

IN EXPLAINING THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES, MR WOODHOUSE POINTED OUT THAT THE INDICATION OF A POSSIBLE DISTRESS SITUATION USUALLY TOOK THE FORM OF ELECTRONIC SIGNALS ORIGINATING FROM AN EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON. IN FUTURE, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE VESTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE AIR SEARCHES WHEN EMERGENCY ELECTRONIC SIGNALS ARE REPORTED BY AIRCRAFT IN THE HONG KONG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE SIGNALS ARE ORIGINATING FROM A VESSEL OR AN AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BE FOREWARNED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A FULL-SCALE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION. ONCE THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNALS IS LOCATED INDICATING A VESSEL IN DISTRESS, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL HAND OVER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE AS THE SEARCH DIRECTOR TO PLAN AND TO CO-ORDINATE ENSUING RESCUE OPERATIONS.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION IS CARRIED OUT BY OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WITH EXPERTISE AS REGARDS SHIPS. SHOULD THE SEARCH FOR THE EMERGENCY SIGNAL INDICATE THAT AN AIRCRAFT IS IN DISTRESS, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL BECOME THE SEARCH DIRECTOR.

MR WOODHOUSE EMPHASISED THAT THESE REVISED ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ENSURE A SPEEDY RESPONSE AFTER THE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF EMERGENCY SIGNALS.

MR WOODHOUSE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN FUTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL BECOME THE SEARCH DIRECTOR FOR SHIPS IN DISTRESS IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER THEY ARE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG WATERS.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS APPRECIATED THAT MANY INCIDENTS IN HONG KONG WATERS INVOLVED SMALL CRAFT OR SWIMMERS AND, INITIALLY, AT LEAST, MAY NOT REQUIRE ANYTHING MORE THAN A SMALL LOCAL SEARCH BY THE NEAREST MARINE POLICE VESSEL.

ACCORDINGLY, THE MARINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A MARITIME RESCUE SUB-CENTRE, RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING SEARCHES OF SUCH MINOR INCIDENTS. THEY WOULD ALSO INFORM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE OF THEIR ACTION SO THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE COULD, IF THE SITUATION APPEARED TO WARRANT IT, ASSUME THE DUTIES OF SEARCH DIRECTOR.

/MR WOODHOUSE .....

MR WOODHOUSE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE MID-1984 ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS HAVE MET EVERY TWO MONTHS AS A LIAISON GROUP TO STRENGTHEN THE SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES.

THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED A MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON A TWO OR THREE YEAR CYCLE. THE FIRST SUCH COURSE WAS HELD IN HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER 1985.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT AT LEAST ONE MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICER SHOULD ATTEND A SUITABLE U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE IN NEW YORK EACH YEAR.

OFFICERS SO TRAINED WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING FORMAL IN-HOUSE TRAINING IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL STAFF LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

OTHER MEASURES INCLUDE:

- \* THE ORGANISING OF AN ANNUAL MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE. THE FIRST SUCH EXERCISE, WHICH SIMULATED AN ACCIDENT TO A MACAU-BOUND JETFOIL WAS SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED IN NOVEMBER 1985 AND ANOTHER IS CURRENTLY BEING ORGANISED;
- \* THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE WITH IMPROVED EQUIPMENT. THIS WILL BE LOCATED EITHER IN THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL OR THE EXISTING PORT CONTROL CENTRE WHEN IT IS VACATED. EITHER LOCATION WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING ABLE TO BE MANNED QUICKLY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, YET WILL OPERATE SEPARATELY FROM THE PORT CONTROL CENTRE.

MR WOODHOUSE EMPHASISED THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS ALREADY INTRODUCED OR ENDORSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN FUTURE WILL ENSURE THAT THE SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG MAINTAINS A HIGH STANDARD OF OPERATION.

POINTING OUT THAT THE CRITICISMS MADE BY THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY HAD BEEN TAKEN FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT THE SYSTEM, AS MODIFIED AND APPROVED, PROVIDES AS FAR AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEARCH FOR AND RESCUE ANY PERSON IN DISTRESS IN THE SEA AROUND HONG KONG.

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FARES REVISED ON FIVE FERRY SERVICES  
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FARES ON TWO EXCURSION FERRY SERVICES RUN BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED AND THREE OTHER LICENSED FERRY SERVICES WILL RISE FROM SATURDAY (MAY 3).

ON HYF'S MA LIU SHUI TO PING CHAU (MIRS BAY) ROUTE, AN ORDINARY CLASS ROUND-TRIP TICKET WILL COST \$20 AND DELUXE CLASS TICKET \$32. THE EXISTING FARES ARE \$15 AND \$24 RESPECTIVELY.

ON HYF'S CENTRAL TO TAI O VIA TUEN MUN AND SHA LO WAN ROUTE, THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL RISE FROM \$10 TO \$12. FREIGHT CHARGES, HOWEVER, WILL BE UNCHANGED AT \$4.20 PER 50 KILOGRAMS OR 0.1 CUBIC METRE.

FOR THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND SOK KWU WAN, THE NEW SINGLE JOURNEY FARES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL BE \$3.50 AND \$1.70 RESPECTIVELY FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. THE EXISTING FARES ARE \$3 AND \$1.50. ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE ADULT FARE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$4 TO \$4.60 AND THE CHILDREN'S FARE FROM \$2 TO \$2.30.

FREIGHT WILL BE CHARGED AT \$3 PER 60.5 KILOGRAMS OR 0.11 CUBIC METRE.

NEW FARES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FOR THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE LINKING SAI WAN HO WITH RENNIE'S MILL AND RENNIE'S MILL WITH HANG HAU. ON BOTH ROUTES THE ADULT SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL BE \$2.50 INSTEAD OF \$2. THE CHILDREN'S AND STUDENT FARE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT \$1.50 WHILE FREIGHT CHARGE WILL RISE FROM \$2 TO \$2.50 PER 60.5 KILOGRAMS OR 0.11 CUBIC METRE.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATERBORNE TRANSPORT ENDORSED THESE FARE REVISIONS BECAUSE OPERATIONS ON THE ROUTES WERE BEING AFFECTED BY EITHER RISING OPERATING COSTS OR INSUFFICIENT PATRONAGE, OR BOTH, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+THE NEW FARES FOR HYF'S TWO EXCURSION ROUTES ARE IN LINE WITH THE FARE LEVELS FOR THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISED FERRY SERVICES, WHICH WERE REVISED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT FROM MAY 3 THE RENNIE'S MILL TO HANG HAU SERVICE WILL OPERATE ONLY DURING PEAK HOURS. THE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTURES FROM RENNIE'S MILL WILL BE 7 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 5.30 PM AND 6.30 PM. DEPARTURES FROM HANG HAU WILL BE 7.45 AM, 8.15 AM, 12.30 PM, 5.45 PM AND 6.45 PM.

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STATEMENT ON DRAFT NATIONALITY ORDER

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A STATEMENT ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986 WILL BE MADE BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL WILL DEAL WITH EIGHT BILLS AND 11 QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

OF THE EIGHT BILLS, TWO WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THESE ARE THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (FEES) BILL 1986, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING SIX BILLS PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS:

- \* BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1986;
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986; AND
- \* STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

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KEY TO EXPO PAVILION RECEIVED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR HONG KONG AT EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER, MR PETER TSAO, ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) RECEIVED A KEY TO THE HONG KONG PAVILION FROM THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, DR TAO HO. THE CEREMONY, HELD INSIDE THE PAVILION, SIGNIFIED THE COMPLETION OF THE EXHIBIT.

THE WORLD EXPOSITION OPENS ON FRIDAY (MAY 2).

IN A SHORT SPEECH, MR TSAO PAID TRIBUTE TO DR HO FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK OF HIS TEAM.

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SPONSORS OF THE PAVILION WHICH HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN VANCOUVER WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY. THESE INCLUDED THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LIMITED, SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE GUESTS INSPECTED THE PAVILION AND ALSO SAW A PREVIEW OF THE MIXED MEDIA PRESENTATION COMPRISING A SLIDE SHOW ACCOMPANIED BY A SPECIALLY COMPOSED THEME SONG AND DANCE.

PAVILION STAFF HAD A REHEARSAL AT THE WEEKEND WHEN PEOPLE CONNECTED TO PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, MAINLY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, WERE INVITED TO THE EXPO '86 SITE AS THE FIRST VISITORS.

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BEST POSTCARDS ON DISPLAY  
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AN EXHIBITION FEATURING SOME OF THE BEST +PEN-FRIEND+ POSTCARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 WILL BE HELD AT THE LANDMARK BETWEEN THURSDAY (MAY 1) AND MAY 4.

THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, WILL OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT 11 AM AT THE WEST BRIDGE, OF THE LANDMARK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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JUVENILE HOME HELPS MEET DEMAND  
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A RECEPTION WAS HELD TODAY (TUESDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE PUI YIN JUVENILE HOME OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN TO KWA WAN. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S SEVENTH RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR REMAND FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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GAZETTED AS A REMAND HOME AND PLACE OF REFUGE, THE HOME ADMITS YOUNG PEOPLE REFERRED BY THE POLICE, SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WHO ARE EITHER OFFENDERS OR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, OR WHO REQUIRE CARE AND PROTECTION.

SINCE THE HOME BECAME OPERATIONAL IN MID-FEBRUARY THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS HAS BEEN 156 A MONTH AND THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DISCHARGES 145 A MONTH.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE REMAND SECTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME AND BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME HAD BEEN OVERCROWDED, MR FUNG SAID. AS A RESULT, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RETRIEVED THE FORMER PREMISES OF THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME TO SET UP THE PUI YIN HOME IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

MR FUNG THANKED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOWING HIS DEPARTMENT TO USE PREMISES IN ITS TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION LAST YEAR FOR SETTING UP A TEMPORARY REMAND UNIT TO EASE THE OVERCROWDING PREVAILING AT THAT TIME.

THE PUI YIN JUVENILE HOME HAS TEN DORMITORIES, A DINING HALL THAT ALSO SERVE AS AN ACTIVITIES HALL, TWO CLASSROOMS, TWO VISIT ROOMS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

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#### SURVEYS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION \* \* \* \* \*

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1985.

THE SURVEY IS AN ANNUAL ENQUIRY WITH THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING STATISTICS FOR ASCERTAINING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR STUDYING THE COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS OF DIFFERENT TRADES IN THE SECTOR AND FOR ANALYSING THE COST AND OUTPUT IN CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

ABOUT 5 300 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING TRADES WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE SURVEY, COMPRISING A FULL COVERAGE OF THE PROMINENT CONCERNS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS:

- \* BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- \* REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- \* ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- \* REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT.

STATISTICS COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FOR FORMULATING THEIR DECISIONS.

A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS USED FOR EACH OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT TRADE CATEGORIES. WHERE APPLICABLE, PROJECT RETURNS TO OBTAIN DATA ON INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR CONSTRUCTION; PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUE OF PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUE); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY THE ESTABLISHMENTS SURVEYED; FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED FOR BUSINESS OPERATION AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE MAILED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS. MANAGERMENTS OF THE CONCERNED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF JULY 1986. ON REQUEST, CENSUS OFFICERS MAY VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO MANAGERMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH CENSUS OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION THEREBY FULFILLING LEGAL AS WELL AS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED ONLY IN AGGREGATE FORM FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES, IT WAS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR ACCOUNTS TO BE AUDITED BEFORE BEING REFERRED TO IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS. THIS APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE DELAY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT FROM WAITING FOR AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

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CUSTOMS CONFERENCE WITH KOREA BEGINS

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THE SEVENTH CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOREA BEGAN IN HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 3, WILL REVIEW LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME ARE VISITS BY THE KOREAN DELEGATION TO VARIOUS LOCAL CUSTOMS ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE CONFERENCE IS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR HARNAM GREWAL. THE KOREAN DELEGATION IS LED BY MR KIM WOOK TAE, COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION OF KOREA.

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NENDICK LEAVES FOR ADB MEETING

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, LEFT FOR THE PHILIPPINES TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND THE 19TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE IN MANILA FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO FRIDAY (MAY 2). MR NENDICK IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING AT A GOVERNOR'S SESSION.

ALSO IN THE HONG KONG DELEGATION ARE MR THOMAS SHARR, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, AND MR GARY YEUNG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY.

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SPECIAL QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY STAMPS ON SHOW  
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AN OMNIBUS SERIES OF SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUED BY 23 POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, INCLUDING HONG KONG, IN HONOUR OF THE QUEEN'S 60TH BIRTHDAY IS ON DISPLAY AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE DISPLAY IS ORGANISED BY THE POST OFFICE IN COLLABORATION WITH CROWN AGENTS' STAMP COMPANY.

THE ONMIBUS SERIES CONSISTS OF FIVE STAMPS IN EACH SET SHOWING:

FIRST VALUE: A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE QUEEN AT A TIME BETWEEN HER BIRTH IN 1926 AND HER ACCESSION TO THE THRONE IN 1952.

SECOND VALUE: AN EVENT IN THE QUEEN'S LIFE FROM HER ACCESSION TO THE PRESENT.

THIRD VALUE: A ROYAL VISIT TO THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE OR A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE QUEEN FULFILLING HER DUTIES AS HEAD OF STATE.

FOURTH VALUE: A MODERN PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN.

FIFTH VALUE: THE QUEEN VISITING THE CROWN AGENTS' HEADQUARTERS IN 1983.

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TEAMS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN BOAT RACES  
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TUEN MUN WILL CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL TUEN NG FESTIVAL WITH A SERIES OF RACES FEATURING A VARIETY OF DRAGON BOATS ON JUNE 11.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, FIRMS AND COMPANIES IN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO FORM TEAMS FOR THE RACES, WHICH ARE ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TUEN MUN DRAGON BOAT RACES, NOW IN ITS 13TH YEAR, WILL BE HELD IN THE CASTLE PEAK BAY TYPHOON SHELTER NEAR WU KING ESTATE.

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THE COURSE FOR BOTH LARGE AND MEDIUM DRAGON BOATS IS 400 METRES LONG, AND 200 METRES FOR PHOENIX BOATS. EACH COMPETING TEAM FOR LARGE DRAGON BOAT RACE MUST NOT EXCEED 54 MEMBERS, WHILE THE LIMIT FOR MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT IS 28 AND FOR PHOENIX BOAT 16 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE COXSWAIN AND THE DRUMMER.

TEAMS PARTICIPATING FOR THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT RACES HAVE TO PAY AN ENTRANCE FEE OF \$500, WHILE ENTRIES FOR THE LARGE DRAGON BOAT RACE IS FREE.

THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL SUPPLY THE BOATS AND ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDIUM DRAGON BOAT AND PHOENIX BOAT TEAMS, WHILE COMPETING TEAMS FOR LARGE DRAGON BOAT RACES HAVE TO USE THEIR OWN BOATS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD. DEADLINE IS 5 PM ON MAY 13. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4513047 OR 0-4513043.

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REMINDER FOR TIN HAU WORSHIPPERS  
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THOUSANDS OF WORSHIPPERS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO JOSS HOUSE BAY IN SAI KUNG TO CELEBRATE THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ARE REMINDED THAT THE BURNING OF PAPER OFFERINGS AND TAKING MORE THAN THREE BURNING JOSS STICKS INTO THE TEMPLE ARE PROHIBITED.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUFFICIENT INCINERATORS WOULD BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE FOR THE BURNING OF PAPERS AND JOSS STICKS.

THE PUBLIC IS ALSO REMINDED NOT TO USE LOUDHAILERS OR BROADCAST TAPES WITHIN THE TEMPLE AREA, AND SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED.

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PUBLICITY FOR CLEAN HK CAMPAIGN  
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THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR PUBLICITY AND OPERATIONS FOR THE KEEP HK CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE PRESENTED WHEN THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HK CLEAN COMMITTEE MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT ROOM 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WALTER SULKE, WILL ALSO DISCUSS ITEMS LIKE +CLEAN HK NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS+, + SPEECH AND SONG COMPETITION+, AND +SELF-HELP CLEANSING SCHEME IN MA HANG VILLAGE+.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH STARTS AT 5 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CSD RECRUIT OFFICERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES  
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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES RECRUITS WHO HAVE COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMMES WERE AWARDED TRAINING CERTIFICATES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE 13 OFFICERS AND 125 ASSISTANT OFFICERS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM ACTING SUPERINTENDENT KWOK HON-TIN AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

ALL RECRUIT OFFICERS IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE TO UNDERGO ONE YEAR OF BASIC TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AND PASS AN EXAMINATION ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES COVER RULES AND REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES IN ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS, FOOT-DRILL, SELF-DEFENCE, WEAPONRY, RIOT CONTROL, FIRST AID, CRIMINOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, AND MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS LEADERSHIP SKILLS. FIELD TRAINING IS ALSO GIVEN AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS REPORT ON TRIAD PROBLEMS

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON TRIAD PROBLEMS AND THE CONTROL ON BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 1).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES, MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF DB COMMITTEES. THEY WILL NOMINATE FOUR MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE (KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI) OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROJECTS TO FACILITATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, ACCOMMODATION AND MANPOWER FOR THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

LOCAL ISSUES TO BE RAISED INCLUDE HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES, CLEARANCE OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, VENTILATION AT WING FONG STREET MARKET, EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND THE CONVERSION OF O.R. SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL INTO A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF BBOC FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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REGISTER OF FIRMS USEFUL FOR SURVEYS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR ITS SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO USE THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REGISTER BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE CHARGES LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:

- (A) \$2 PER PHOTOCOPY CONTAINING ABOUT 10 ESTABLISHMENTS, AND
- (B) \$330 PER STREAM HOUR OF COMPUTER TIME IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON A MAGNETIC TAPE WHICH IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 5-446389.

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENT TO TAI PO ROAD

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT STAGE TWO OF THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, COVERING THE 1.5-KILOMETRE SECTION BETWEEN TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE AND THE TOP OF PIPER'S HILL NEAR THE GOLDEN HILL ROAD JUNCTION.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES REALIGNING AND WIDENING THE SECTION, IMPROVING JUNCTION LAYOUTS AT CALDECOTT ROAD AND GOLDEN HILL ROAD AND IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A TWO-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH, PEDESTRIAN REFUGES AND A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE PIPER'S HILL SECTION.

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THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CAR AND COACH PARK AT THE EDGE OF THE LION ROCK AND KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARKS, CUTTING BACK EXISTING SLOPES AND CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH RETAINING WALLS AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT LAND OFFICES AND OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JUNE 24.

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SPECTATOR STAND FOR MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND  
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A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING WITH A SPECTATOR STAND ON TOP IS TO BE BUILT AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK.

THE SPECTATOR STAND WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 850 SPECTATORS, WHILE THE BUILDING WILL CONTAIN AN OFFICE, A CONFERENCE-READING ROOM, FIRST-AID ROOM, STORE ROOM, CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS.

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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FUNDS FOR SUMMER YOUTH FUNCTIONS  
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APPLICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP ARE BEING INVITED FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, ABOUT \$225 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS TO BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 14 AND SEPTEMBER 14.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SEND APPLICATION FORMS TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THOSE THAT TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES OF PREVIOUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES.

ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPLICATION FORMS BY MONDAY (MAY 5) SHOULD TELEPHONE 3-7280283 OR CONTACT THE NAM CHEONG SUB-OFFICE AT 4 UN CHAU STREET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. APPLICATIONS FROM ALL LOCAL BONA-FIDE BODIES ARE WELCOME.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15.

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IMPROVED BUS SERVICE FOR TAI PO ESTATE  
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KMB ROUTE 72K WILL OPERATE SPECIAL TRIPS FROM KWONG FUK ESTATE IN TAI PO TO THE KCR TAI PO STATION DURING PEAK PERIODS FROM THURSDAY (MAY 1), PROVIDING A MORE DIRECT AND FREQUENT FEEDER SERVICE FOR ESTATE RESIDENTS.

THIS COMPLEMENTS THE ROUTE 72K SERVICE WHICH RUNS FROM KWONG FUK ESTATE TO TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE VIA TAI PO STATION.

THE SPECIAL TRIPS WILL OPERATE ONLY ON WEEKDAYS FROM 6.30 AM TO 8.30 AM AND FROM 5.30 PM TO 7.15 PM. THEY WILL RUN AT 15 MINUTE INTERVALS AT A FARE OF \$1 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE EXPANDED SERVICE MEANS THAT BUSES ON ROUTE 72K PLYING BETWEEN KWONG FUK ESTATE AND TAI PO STATION WILL OPERATE AT A FOUR-AND-A-HALF MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK PERIODS, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING SIX TO SEVEN MINUTE FREQUENCY.

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NEW ROADS OPENING IN TUEN MUN  
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TWO NEW ROADS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 2), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THEY ARE ROAD D4 (NORTH), AN EXTENSION OF TSUN WEN ROAD, AND ROAD P2 SECTION BETWEEN ROAD D4 (NORTH) AND TUEN MUN ROAD.

THESE NEW ROADS WILL PROVIDE A CONVENIENT LINKAGE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND AREAS NORTH OF SHEK PAI TAU ROAD IN THE NEW TOWN.

AS CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IS BEING CARRIED OUT AT PUI TO ROAD, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE NEW ROAD P2 AND THE EXISTING WONG CHU ROAD.

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TUEN MUN, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD RESTRICTIONS  
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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 2).

THEY ARE ROAD D4 (NORTH) BETWEEN TAI FONG STREET AND ROAD P2, ROAD P2 BETWEEN TUEN MUN ROAD AND ROAD D4 (NORTH), AND THE ASSOCIATED SLIP ROADS OF ROAD P2.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE MADE A PROHIBITED ZONE. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINUS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGE IN CENTRAL  
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TO FACILITATE THE REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE ROAD SLABS, THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 2):

- \* THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING WO STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE 24 HOURS DAILY.  
NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- \* VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON TO GILMAN STREET. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WING WO STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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