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LABOUR COMMISSIONER OPENS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR
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A SAFER WORKING ENVIRONMENT WILL NOT ONLY REDUCE ACCIDENTS, LABOUR DISPUTES AND STAFF TURNOVER BUT ALSO IMPROVE WORKERS' MORALE, DISCIPLINE AND PRODUCTIVITY.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

THE CODE OF LABOUR RELATIONS PRACTICE PUBLISHED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT GOOD PHYSICAL WORKING CONDITIONS HELPED TO ACHIEVE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS, INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE ACCIDENTS.

IT ALSO POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MANAGEMENT PROVIDING A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT, ENCOURAGING WORKERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO CO-OPERATE IN IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR CONSULTATION WITH WORKERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON WORKING CONDITIONS.

MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS CASES OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED LABOUR RELATIONS, PRODUCTION AND EARNINGS.

+MOST MANAGERMENTS TEND TO LOOK ON PROVISIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AS AN ADDITIONAL COST AND SELDOM TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS.

+A SAFER WORKING ENVIRONMENT WILL REDUCE NOT ONLY ACCIDENTS BUT ALSO LABOUR DISPUTES AND LABOUR TURNOVER. IT WILL IMPROVE EMPLOYEES' MORALE, PRODUCTIVITY AND DISCIPLINE,+ HE NOTED.

MR HAMMOND STRESSED THAT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WAS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES AND SHOULD BE A FERTILE GROUND FOR MANAGEMENT/WORKER CO-OPERATION.

HE SUGGESTED THAT IN SITUATIONS WHERE WORKERS' ORGANISATIONS WERE NOT VERY EFFECTIVE AT THE PLANT LEVEL, MANAGEMENT MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INVOLVE WORKERS IN THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY.

+WITHOUT WORKERS' PARTICIPATION MANAGEMENT ALONE CANNOT HOPE TO SUCCEED. THIS IS PRECISELY THE SITUATION HONG KONG IS IN AT THE PRESENT MOMENT.

+IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT OUR IMAGE OF ECONOMIC SUCCESS SHOULD BE TARNISHED, TO SOME EXTENT, BY OUR POOR RECORD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+I THEREFORE URGE YOU MOST STRONGLY AS MANAGERS TO EXPLORE WAYS AND MEANS OF GAINING THE CO-OPERATION OF YOUR WORKFORCE IN THE PURSUIT OF WORK SAFETY.+

ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE, MR HAMMOND POINTED OUT, WAS THE SETTING UP OF A JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS AT THE PLANT LEVEL.

IN SUCH A COMMITTEE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS ON ALL MATTERS CONCERNING WORK SAFETY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. THE COMMITTEE MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FORMULATION OF SAFETY POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE ADVICE ON THE SETTING UP OF SUCH COMMITTEES AND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THEM IN A JOINT EFFORT TO IMPROVE WORK SAFETY, MR HAMMOND ADDED.

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BUDGET DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW
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NINE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES AT THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SPEAKERS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON ALAN SCOTT= THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE HON J.C.A. HAMMOND= THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR THE HON K.L. THONG= THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON E.P. HO= THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON DEREK JONES= THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES= THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE HON MARTIN ROWLANDS= THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JACK CATER AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PHILIP HADDON=CAVE.

NINE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT TOMORROW'S SITTING. THEY ARE THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL 1980, THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

DEBATE ON THESE BILLS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY (APRIL 17).

THE TWO-DAY SITTING WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S RADIO 2 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 4 (ENGLISH).

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PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR E.B. WIGGHAM SAID THE SETTING UP OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION IN THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH SIGNIFIED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THESE ACTIVITIES AND WAS A MEASURE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH IT REGARDED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE FIELDS.

SPEAKING AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE NEW DIVISION WAS SET UP TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED CO-ORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, NOTING THAT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) AND THE MUSIC OFFICE WERE PART OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHEN FIRST ESTABLISHED.

HOWEVER, MR WIGGHAM EMPHASISED THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE TWO OFFICES DID NOT IMPLY ANY REDUCTION IN THE IMPORTANCE OF RECREATION AND SPORT OR OF MUSIC IN SCHOOL LIFE.

+THE SCHOOL SYLLABUS WILL CONTINUE, AS BEFORE, TO INCLUDE ITS ELEMENTS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION. WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH IS THE 'HEALTHY MIND IN THE HEALTHY BODY' OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

DURING 1979 OVER 400 000 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TOOK PART IN NO FEWER THAN 3 500 RECREATION PROGRAMMES COSTING \$3 MILLION FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.

THE RANGE OF THESE PROGRAMMES HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY, BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS, AND NOW INCLUDES SUCH NEW AND FAST DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES AS ICE SKATING, HORSE-RIDING AND SAILING, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE RSS ALSO RUNS THE VERY SUCCESSFUL SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND PLANS ARE IN HAND TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL CAMPS SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT SAI KUNG.

MR WIGGHAM ALSO NOTED THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS THREE OBJECTIVES: TO RUN AN INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING SCHEME, TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN MUSIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG, AND TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE ORGANISING OF MUSIC ACTIVITIES IN ALL DISTRICTS.

THERE ARE NOW SOME 1 500 YOUNGSTERS UNDER TRAINING BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, FORMING AMONG THEM TWO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, FIVE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS, FIVE SYMPHONIC BANDS, AND ONE BAND OF 80 MEMBERS ALL UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SEVEN YOUTH AND CHILDREN CHOIRS WITH 500 MEMBERS TOGETHER WITH ONE CHOIR FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ONE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

OVERSEAS MUSICIANS PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG ARE INVITED TO RUN MASTER CLASSES AND SEMINARS IN ORDER TO BROADEN THE OUTLOOK AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS.

/INTERNATIONAL MUSIC

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES ARE ALSO ORGANISED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO LEARN FROM OTHER OVERSEAS TALENTS. SO FAR NO FEWER THAN 120 MASTER CLASSES AND SIX EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED.

THE MUSIC OFFICE ALSO ORGANISES +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERTS TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES. UP TO NOW, OVER 800 SUCH CONCERTS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH A TOTAL ESTIMATED AUDIENCE OF SOME 650 000.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THE MUSIC OFFICE IS PRODUCING NOT ONLY THE MUSICIANS OF THE FUTURE, BUT ALSO THE AUDIENCES TO SUPPORT THEM AND OTHER MUSICAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE RSS WERE FOR BEGINNERS UPWARDS, THERE MUST BE SOME OPENINGS AT A HIGHER LEVEL TO WHICH THE MORE TALENTED ONES COULD GRADUATE.

TO THIS END, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE TO BE BUILT AT SHA TIN WILL PROVIDE COACHING AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR LOCAL SPORTSMEN TO REACH INTERNATIONAL STANDARD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACADEMY OF BALLET RUNS A PROFESSIONAL BALLET COMPANY AND TEACHES BALLET TO A HIGH STANDARD, WHILE THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC PROVIDES MUSIC TRAINING AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL, AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC IS A BODY TO WHICH SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS NOW UNDER TRAINING BY THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL IN FUTURE ASPIRE.

+I HOPE IT IS CLEAR THAT WE ALL HAVE OUR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PARTS TO PLAY, VOLUNTARY AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES PROVIDE TRAINING AND PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TALENTED- THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE ARTS CENTRE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR GROUPS MANAGE FACILITIES AND PROMOTE SPECTATOR OPPORTUNITIES- WHILST THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, PROVIDING THE BASIC AND VERY NECESSARY 'GRASS-ROOT' FOUNDATIONS FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF RECREATION AND CULTURE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

NOTING THAT, IN THE FIELD OF THE ARTS IN PARTICULAR, HONG KONG HAS CHANGED ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION IN RECENT YEARS, MR WIGGHAM SAID: +MUCH OF THE CREDIT MUST GO TO THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES: FOR THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF A GROWING RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT AS MUCH AS ANYTHING BY THE GROWTH IN DEMAND FROM THE POPULATION.+

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ANOTHER CONTRACT SIGNED FOR EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT

THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH THE SIGNING OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT TO BUILD A 665-METRE SEAWALL OFF QUARRY BAY.

ON COMPLETION, THE AREA BETWEEN THE SEAWALL AND THE EXISTING WATERFRONT WILL BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE ABOUT 18 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE ROAD PROJECT AS WELL AS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND CARGO HANDLING USES.

THE CONTRACT WHICH COSTS \$28.8 MILLION WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MR TSANG NAI-LOK OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S PORT WORKS DIVISION AND MR R. BENNETT OF THE DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS OF FRANCE.

SPEAKING AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY MR TSANG SAID THE WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD START NEXT WEEK AND TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TODAY'S SIGNING FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE CALL FOR TENDERS EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR RECLAIMING THREE HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN WATSON ROAD AND OIL STREET IN NORTH POINT.

MR TSANG SAID: +STAGE ONE OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT CONSISTS OF BUILDING A TWO-KILOMETRE ELEVATED ROAD ALONG THE COAST BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND HEALTHY STREET WEST IN NORTH POINT.+

A SECTION OF THIS ROAD WILL BE BUILT OVER THE RECLAMATION WHICH ALSO PROVIDES FACILITIES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF WATER FRONTAGE AND SEA ACCESS TO THE COASTAL AREA.

MEANWHILE, REPROVISIONING WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE RECLAMATION OF THE NORTH-EASTERN CORNER OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NORTH POINT PASSENGER FERRY PIER, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

WORK ON THE NEW NORTH POINT VEHICULAR FERRY PIER ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ONE IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

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CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRE TO GET VIDEO EQUIPMENT
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SOPHISTICATED VIDEO EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TESTS TO CHILDREN IN ORDER TO DETECT ANY ABNORMALITY WILL SOON BE INSTALLED AT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ARRAN STREET CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC.

THE EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO PRODUCE VIDEOTAPE RECORDINGS TO BE USED AS TEACHING MATERIAL IN TRAINING CHILD ASSESSMENT WORKERS. A GREAT DEMAND FOR THESE WORKERS IS ENVISAGED WITH THE OPENING OF MORE SUCH CLINICS IN HONG KONG.

INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A DONATION OF \$54 570 FROM THE KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB WHICH ALSO DONATED TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC.

THE CLINIC, ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER 1977, IS THE FIRST IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE CHILD ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 12 YEARS OLD WITH PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR LOCAL PAEDIATRICIANS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS, SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, HEALTH NURSES AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHOSE WORK IS RELATED TO CHILD CARE.

THE CLINIC IS UNIQUE IN THAT SPECIALISTS FROM VARIOUS ASSESSMENT FIELDS, INCLUDING PAEDIATRICIANS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND NURSES ARE ALL HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF TO GIVE A TEAM APPROACH IN TREATING PROBLEMATIC CHILDREN.

THE SPECIALISTS EXAMINE A DISABLED CHILD THOROUGHLY AND THEN ASSESS THE NATURE AND DEGREE OF HIS HANDICAP AND INNER POTENTIALS.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION PLACEMENT OF THE CHILDREN ARE MADE AND COUNSELLING TO THEIR PARENTS IS GIVEN.

SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE CLINIC SPECIALISTS THERE HAVE ASSESSED OVER 1 000 CHILDREN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PRESIDENT OF KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB, MR DAVID ODELL WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR \$54 570 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARRAN STREET CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC TO THE CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN, DR LILLIAN KO IN CHARGE OF THE CLINIC AT A CEREMONY ON THURSDAY (APRIL 17).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION AT 1 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 17) AT SALISBURY ROOM, PENINSULA HOTEL.

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JURY LIST
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THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR SIMON HERBERT MAYO, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WOULD BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON APRIL 22, 1980.

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSES DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 30 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

AV 987	CC 6638	AJ 709	CC 1118	CC 2800
CC 208	CC 1001	CC 1772	CD 1	CC 8887
CC 6682	CD 66	CC 3399	BZ 8888	CC 3882
CC 1961	CC 8988	CC 88	CC 3168	CC 8149
CC 450	CC 8868	CC 21	CC 2208	CC 2268
CC 1828	CC 3300	CC 4200	CC 7387	AA 484

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 52ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WING WO STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL INCLUDING MAN YEE LANE, CENTRAL FIRE STATION, PIER ROAD AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET.

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