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HONG KONG SETTING OUT TO ACHIEVE
COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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HONG KONG IS NOW AT THE STARTING POINT IN SETTING OUT TO ACHIEVE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

MR. TONY BENNETT WAS ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB IN KOWLOON.

+IN SETTING ABOUT THIS TASK, WE CAN TO SOME EXTENT BENEFIT BY THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INTRODUCED ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS,+ HE SAID.

+BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THAT OUR AIM WILL BE TO PRODUCE MEASURES TO SUIT THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF HONG KONG, AND NOT SIMPLY TO FOLLOW METHODS WHICH HAVE BEEN PRODUCED ELSEWHERE IN RESPONSE TO DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAN WE HAVE HERE.

+WE DO NOT PROPOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FOLLOW THE APPROACH ADOPTED IN SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHERE 'BLANKET' CONTROLS ARE LAID DOWN, SETTING PERMITTED EMISSION LEVELS WHICH APPLY TO ALL MUNICIPAL INSTALLATIONS, FACTORIES, ETC., REGARDLESS OF THE LOCATION.

+THE 'ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT' APPROACH NOW BEING FORMULATED FOR HONG KONG AIMS TO MATCH THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTANTS EMITTED IN THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF THE TERRITORY WITH THE CAPACITY OF EACH OF THESE AREAS TO ABSORB AND DISPERSE THESE POLLUTANTS.+

MR. BENNETT SAID HONG KONG COULD NOT AFFORD TO RUSH IN WITH DRASTIC ANTI-POLLUTION CONTROLS WHICH WOULD PUT LARGE NUMBERS OF UNDERTAKINGS OUT OF BUSINESS.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE DO NOT INTRODUCE SOME FORM OF CONTROL OVER POLLUTION WHERE THIS IS NEEDED, THIS CAN DETERIORATE TO THE POINT WHERE IT PUT PEOPLE OUT OF BUSINESS BY ITSELF.

+SO, IN INTRODUCING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WE ARE TREADING CAREFULLY RATHER THAN RUSHING IN,+ MR. BENNETT POINTED OUT.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAD RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR MEASURES TO PREVENT THE POLLUTION SITUATION FROM DETERIORATING AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT CAUSING ANY SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION OR EXPENSE TO EXISTING INDUSTRIES.

+I THINK THAT IT HAS ALSO BEEN RECOGNISED THAT IT IS MORE SENSIBLE, AND CONSIDERABLY LESS EXPENSIVE TO INDUSTRY, TO PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS INTO AN OPERATION THAN TO WAIT UNTIL THE POLLUTION SITUATION BECOMES CRITICAL AND THEN HAVE TO SUDDENLY INSTALL POLLUTION CONTROLS ONTO AN EXISTING OPERATION,+ MR. BENNETT SAID.

HE SAID SUCH CONTROLS WERE EXPECTED TO BE REQUIRED IN ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF AREAS, AND THEN IN RESPECT OF ONLY VERY LIMITED CATEGORIES OF LIQUID EFFLUENTS.

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WHILE THE OBJECT OF SUCH A MEASURE WAS TO PREVENT WATER POLLUTION FROM BECOMING ANY WORSE THAN IT WAS AT PRESENT IN HONG KONG -- AND, IN +BLACK SPOT AREAS+, TO IMPROVE IT -- THE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THIS WERE EXPECTED TO AFFECT ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

MR. BENNETT SAID THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN ENSURING THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE PLANNING OF NEW DEVELOPMENT.

THIS WAS THE MEANS BY WHICH INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES COULD BE EXPANDED AND NEW FACTORIES, HOMES AND COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE PROVIDED WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AGAINST DETERIORATION BY BUILDING IN THE NECESSARY SAFETY FACTORS AT THE OUTSET.

+THIS IS, IN THE LONG RUN, THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.+

WHILE ENGAGED AT PRESENT IN DISCUSSIONS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE EFFECTIVE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT WAS ALSO BECOMING MORE AND MORE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY FORMULATING PROCESSES.

THIS WAS A TREND WHICH WOULD ALSO BE REFLECTED, HOPEFULLY, IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN THE COMING YEARS.

IN HELPING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, CAREFUL PLANNING AND A FRESH LOOK AT OPERATIONAL PROCESSES COULD SOMETIMES EVEN SAVE MONEY.

NEW PROCESSES COULD INTRODUCE SAVINGS, AND SUBSTANCES PREVIOUSLY DISCHARGED AS WASTE COULD BE FOUND TO HAVE COMMERCIAL VALUE, MR. BENNETT SAID.

+I AM NOT SAYING THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS GOOD FOR YOU BECAUSE IT WILL MAKE MONEY,+ MR. BENNETT DECLARED, +BUT IT IS CERTAINLY LESS EXPENSIVE, AND MORE BENEFICIAL IN THE LONG RUN, TO INTRODUCE IT CAREFULLY NOW THAN TO HAVE TO APPLY RESTRICTIVE MEASURES QUICKLY LATER IN RESPONSE TO SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.+

MR. BENNETT SAID THAT WHERE ACTIVITIES WHICH CAUSED POLLUTION WERE DESIRABLE AND BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN THEMSELVES, THE AIM SHOULD, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, BE TO ALLOW THESE ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE TO FLOURISH -- BUT IN A WAY THAT DID NOT UNACCEPTABLY POLLUTE THE ENVIRONMENT.

+THIS IS NOT BY ANY MEANS AN EASY TASK, AND IN EXTREME CASES IT MAY HARDLY BE POSSIBLE AT ALL -- HOWEVER, WITH CAREFUL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, THE SEEMINGLY OPPOSING FACTORS CAN IN MOST CASES BE RECONCILED,+ MR. BENNETT SAID.

+RATHER THAN TALKING SIMPLY OF POLLUTION CONTROL, WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH MANAGING OUR ENVIRONMENT,+ HE ADDED. RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL IN A PIECEMEAL FASHION WITH INDIVIDUAL FORMS OF POLLUTION, HONG KONG NEEDED TO MANAGE THE USE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS A WHOLE.

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SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE 1978

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THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE 1978, WHICH IMPROVES AND CONSOLIDATES EXISTING LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE SHIPPING AND CONTROL OF PORTS IN HONG KONG, WILL COME INTO FORCE ON DECEMBER 29, 1978.

THE NEW ORDINANCE REPRODUCES EXISTING PROVISIONS IN THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE IN A FORM WHICH CLARIFIES THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE'S POWERS TO CO-ORDINATE NAVIGATION AND MOORING OF VESSELS, TO CONTROL SHIP-BREAKING, SHIP REPAIRING AND CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES- AND GENERALLY TO ADMINISTER THE WATERS OF HONG KONG WITH MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY.

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH COMPRISES 81 SECTIONS, REPEALS AND REPLACES CERTAIN PARTS OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE. IT RE-ENACTS MOST OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS BUT THE OPPORTUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO INTRODUCE SOME AMENDMENTS AND OTHER NEW PROVISIONS IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND REVISED POLICY.

AMONG THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INNOVATIONS ARE THE APPLICATION TO ALL VESSELS OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA AND THE PROVISION OF A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY- THE POWER TO REFUSE CERTAIN VESSELS PERMISSION TO ENTER OR LEAVE HONG KONG WATERS AND TO CONTROL VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE WATERS OF HONG KONG INCLUDING THE CONTROL OF THEIR NAVIGATION, MOVEMENT AND MOORING.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE PROHIBITION OF LAID-UP SHIPS FROM MOORING AND ANCHORING AT ANY PLACE WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR MORE CLEARLY DEFINITIVE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND IMPROVED MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT, PROVISIONS RELATING TO CARGO HANDLING AND TO THE REPAIR AND BREAKING UP OF VESSELS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (CARGO HANDLING REGULATIONS) 1978.

THESE REGULATIONS EXTEND THE PRESENT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING (CARGO HANDLING) REGULATIONS TO CARGO HANDLING ON VESSELS.

THIS REQUIREMENT IS IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AS THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING ORDINANCE COVERS ONLY THE SAFETY ASPECT OF CARGO HANDLING ON LAND, AT DOCKS AND QUAYS, BUT NOT ON VESSELS THEMSELVES.

THE MAIN BODY OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (CARGO HANDLING) REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 29, 1978, BUT THOSE PROVISIONS WHICH RELATE TO THE TESTING AND EXAMINATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JULY 1, 1979.

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THIS IS TO ALLOW TIME FOR LOCAL CARGO HANDLING OPERATORS TO HAVE THEIR EXISTING EQUIPMENT TESTED, EXAMINED AND MARKED WITH THE APPROPRIATE SAFE WORKING LOADS.

OTHER REGULATIONS UNDER THE ORDINANCE — THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL REGULATIONS 1978, THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (TYPHOON SHELTERS) REGULATIONS 1978, AND THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINALS) REGULATIONS 1978 — ALSO COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 29, 1978.

THE ORDINANCE MAKES ALL REPAIRS TO AND BREAKING UP OF VESSELS EXCEEDING 50 METRES IN LENGTH SUBJECT TO THE PERMISSION AND CONTROL OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

OTHER SECTIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT AND THE CARRYING OUT OF WORK IN DANGEROUS CONDITIONS AND EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR TO APPOINT INSPECTORS WHO MAY BOARD ANY VESSEL AND CARRY OUT SUCH INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OIL POLLUTION OFFENCES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$20,000 TO \$200,000 BUT THE IMPRISONMENT PROVISION UNDER PREVIOUS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN DELETED.

THE HIGHER MAXIMUM FINE IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF SUCH OFFENCES AND THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE FROM OIL POLLUTION AND IS COMPARABLE TO SIMILAR FINES PRESCRIBED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE OMISSION OF AN IMPRISONMENT PROVISION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW SECTION PROVIDING FOR DEFENCES ARE MADE TO KEEP IN LINE WITH THE CORRESPONDING U.K. LEGISLATION. LOCAL SHIP AGENTS ARE ALSO OMITTED FROM THOSE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT OF OIL POLLUTION OFFENCES.

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PROPOSAL TO TIGHTEN UP EXISTING LAW ON THE GRANTING OF BAIL
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO TIGHTEN UP THE EXISTING LAW ON THE GRANTING OF BAIL TO ACCUSED PERSONS.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 4) BILL 1978 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AIMS AT LIMITING THE SCOPE FOR FRESH APPLICATIONS BY ACCUSED PERSONS ONCE A HIGH COURT JUDGE HAS REFUSED BAIL.

IT ALSO ENABLES THE GRANT OF BAIL TO ACCUSED PERSONS BY DISTRICT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES TO BE REVIEWED BY A HIGH COURT JUDGE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND PENDING SUCH REVIEW, THE ACCUSED PERSON TO BE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 48 HOURS IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN RELEASED.

EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LAW ANY MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT JUDGE OR HIGH COURT JUDGE MAY GRANT BAIL TO AN ACCUSED PERSON AND THAT THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR THE CROWN TO APPEAL AGAINST IT.

BUT AN ACCUSED PERSON WHO IS REFUSED BAIL MAY MAKE ANY NUMBER OF FRESH APPLICATIONS FOR BAIL TO THE SAME MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT JUDGE OR HIGH COURT JUDGE, AND CAN ALSO +SHOP AROUND+ TO OTHER HIGH COURT JUDGES.

+THOUGH THE EXISTING LAW HAS, BY AND LARGE, WORKED WELL THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH BAIL HAS BEEN GRANTED IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CAUSED CONCERN DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AND RECENTLY THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE ESCAPE WHILST ON BAIL OF TWO OF THE ACCUSED IN A MAJOR DRUGS CONSPIRACY CASE DEMANDS SOME TIGHTENING-UP OF THE EXISTING LAW,+ HE ADDED.

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YUNG SHUE WAN FISHERMEN ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER PAYING EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO YUNG SHUE WAN FISHERMEN HABITUALLY ENGAGED IN INSHORE FISHING IN WATERS AROUND PO LO TSUI, NORTH LAMMA, THE SITE OF THE NEW GENERATING STATION.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR. VICTOR YUNG SAID ONLY INSHORE FISHERMEN BASED AT YUNG SHUE WAN WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE ALLOWANCES.

HE SAID A TEAM OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WOULD BE STATIONED AT THE NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 TO DECEMBER 21 TO REGISTER FISHERMEN WISHING TO MAKE CLAIMS.

THE SIZE OF THE ALLOWANCES WOULD DEPEND ON THE VALUE OF THE ANNUAL CATCH OBTAINED IN WATERS AROUND PO LO TSUI.

EACH ELIGIBLE FISHERMAN WOULD RECEIVE A PORTION OF AN AMOUNT ASSESSED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO VESSEL SIZE AND FISHING METHOD.

MR. YUNG SAID THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SURVEYING INSHORE FISHING AROUND PO LO TSUI FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

HE ADDED THAT TWO STAKE-NET FISHERMEN ENGAGED IN FISHING AT PO LO TSUI FOR MANY YEARS WOULD ALSO RECEIVE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES BECAUSE THEY WERE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT.

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\$36.4 MILLION PWD CONTRACT AWARDED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$36.4 MILLION CONTRACT TO ASIA STONE CO. LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY OF 200,000 CUBIC METRES OF MANUFACTURED SAND ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE SAND WILL BE PRODUCED IN THE ASIA STONE CO. LTD. QUARRY AT LAM TEI, TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY AT A CEREMONY HELD IN MURRAY BUILDING.

MR. DICK PILLING, CHIEF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER (MATERIALS), AND MR. C.A. MAUNDER OF THE P.W.D.'S GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MR. T.W. CHOW, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AND MR. K.Y. NG, DIRECTOR, FOR THE COMPANY.

THE COMPANY WILL ORDER THE NECESSARY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT IMMEDIATELY AND PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THIS IS THE SECOND P.W.D. CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF MANUFACTURED SAND. THE FIRST WAS SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO.

MR. PILLING SAID THE MANUFACTURED SAND WOULD BE ACCURATELY CLASSIFIED AND SIZED TO MEET BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

+IT WILL BE SUITABLE FOR PLASTERING WORK WHILE THE SAND BEING SUPPLIED UNDER THE PREVIOUS CONTRACT IS MORE SUITABLE FOR USE IN CONCRETE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+AS THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE SAND FINER AND, AT THE SAME TIME, REDUCING ITS DUST CONTENT IS MORE EXPENSIVE, THE PRICE WILL BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER.+

MR. PILLING POINTED OUT THAT THE SALE OF MANUFACTURED SAND HAD NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED JUST TWO YEARS AGO.

THE NEW PRODUCT FIRST WENT ON SALE IN THE NORTH POINT SAND DEPOT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 1, 1976.

SINCE THEN, SALES HAVE GONE UP FROM 76,000 CUBIC METRES IN THE FIRST YEAR TO 140,000 CUBIC METRES IN THE SECOND YEAR.

WHILE HAPPY ABOUT THE INCREASE MR. PILLING WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURTHER GROWTH IN THE USE OF THIS MATERIAL AS +MANUFACTURED SAND PLAYS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PART IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY+.

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MANUFACTURED SAND IS BASICALLY MADE BY CRUSHING GOOD QUALITY GRANITE AND EMPLOYING SPECIAL SCREENS AND CLASSIFICATION PLANT TO GIVE THE REQUIRED GRADING CHARACTERISTICS.

THE PRESENT SUPPLY IS SELLING FOR \$36.8 PER CUBIC METRE, INCLUDING THE COST OF MECHANICAL LOADING, COMPARED WITH \$40.50 PER CUBIC METRE, INCLUDING LOADING, FOR MARINE SAND.

+BESIDES BEING CHEAPER, THE PRODUCT OFFERS CERTAIN DISTINCT ADVANTAGES OVER MARINE SAND,+ MR. PILLING SAID.

+IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF CONSISTENT GRADING. IT CONTAINS NO SALT, SHELLS OR OTHER DELETERIOUS MATTER AND ITS COLOUR IS CONSISTENT -- MAKING IT AN IDEAL SUBSTITUTE FOR MARINE SAND.+

MANUFACTURED SAND IS SOLD THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT SAND DEPOTS IN NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON BAY.

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QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 12.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT QUARRY BAY TO ACCOMMODATE PART OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WHILE THE REMAINDER WILL BE DESIGNATED MAINLY AS AN OPEN SPACE, WITH A SMALL SECTION USED AS PART OF A PROPOSED CARGO HANDLING AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ALL PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS, FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

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MTR WORK TO AFFECT KWAI CHUNG ROADS
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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A NUMBER OF FOOTPATHS AND CARRIAGEWAYS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE KWAI HING AND KWAI FONG STATIONS AND AN OVERHEAD STRUCTURE FOR THE TSUEN WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION.

THE STREETS TO BE AFFECTED ARE THE KWAI FONG HOUSING ESTATE SERVICE ROAD TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF BLOCK 3 AND TO THE NORTH OF THE ESTATE MARKET= KWAI FOO ROAD BETWEEN BLOCKS 5 AND 2 OF THE KWAI FONG HOUSING ESTATE= LAI KING HILL ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD= THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN SLIP ROADS BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG AND KWAI ON ROADS= KWAI ON ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD= AND HING FONG ROAD FROM TAI WO HAU TO KWAI CHUNG ROADS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE AREAS AFFECTED MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FU WAH CENTRE, 312 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN= THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG= OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON ANY DAY EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE ROAD CLOSURE AND WISHING TO MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST SEND THE CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST BE LODGED WITHIN A YEAR OF THE DATE OF A ROAD CLOSURE OR OF COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERNATION ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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POPULAR EDUCATIONIST RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS WITH GOVT.

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MR. N.M. HO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL) AND A POPULAR FIGURE IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION CIRCLE, IS RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE WILL BE GOING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

IN A CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, PRESENTED HIM WITH A COLOUR TELEVISION AS A MEMENTO ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. TOPLEY SAID: +THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR. HO HAS PROVED TO BE A CAPABLE TEACHER AND AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR.

+HIS WORK HAS ALWAYS REFLECTED HIS STRONG SENSE OF LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY, AND HIS COMPETENT MANNER HAS COMMANDED THE RESPECT AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH HIM.+

MR. HO RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND ENGLAND. HE OBTAINED HIS B.A. DEGREE IN JULY, 1949 FROM THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, AND HIS TEACHER'S DIPLOMA (MANCHESTER) THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1950, AND WORKED HIS WAY UP TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ON JUNE 12, 1966. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK ON AUGUST 23, 1971, AND ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HAD ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

MR. HO WAS AWARDED THE O.B.E. EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

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PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION POPULAR IN HONG KONG
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PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS POPULAR IN HONG KONG AND OF SOME 3,100 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR EACH PLACE WAS OVER-SUBSCRIBED FIVE AND A HALF TIMES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MR. DANIEL WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS JOINT OPEN DAY.

+A PREVOCATIONAL LEAVER NOT ONLY HAS A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION, BUT ALSO WELL VERSED IN, AND HAS AN APTITUDE FOR, TECHNICAL SUBJECTS,+ HE SAID.

EVERY YEAR ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL LEAVERS HAVE GONE ON TO FULL-TIME COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, MR. WATERS SAID.

ABOUT ANOTHER 38 PER CENT HAVE GONE INTO APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED WITH PART-TIME DAY STUDIES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHILE ANOTHER 24 PER CENT CHOSE TO GO ON TO FURTHER STUDIES IN ANOTHER TYPE OF SCHOOL.

+INDUSTRIALISTS ARE KEEN TO EMPLOY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL LEAVERS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, MR. WATERS SAID : +AT THE PRESENT TIME, THREE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR ARE IN THE PIPELINE, THIS MEANS THAT BY 1980 WE SHALL HAVE A TOTAL OF 13 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.+

HE ADDED THAT A FURTHER NINE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS MIGHT BE REQUIRED, NOTING THAT THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION WAS ESPECIALLY POPULAR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. WATERS SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS NOW CONSIDERING PLANS TO ENABLE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM 3 IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO GO ON TO FORMS 4 AND 5 IN THE SAME TYPE OF SCHOOLS.

+IT IS GENERALLY FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE CURRICULA IN FORMS 4 AND 5 SHOULD LEAD TO THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE UPPER FORMS AND THERE SHOULD BE A STRONG EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS,+ HE SAID.

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+REVOLUTION+ IN THE BLIND WELFARE SCENE
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A BLIND WOMAN SOCIAL WORKER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SPOKE OF A +REVOLUTION+ IN THE LOCAL BLIND WELFARE SCENE THAT HAD TRANSFORMED THE LIVES OF BLIND PEOPLE OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES.

ADDRESSING THE FIFTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON WORK FOR THE BLIND AT LEE GARDENS HOTEL, MISS LUCY CHING, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BLIND WELFARE UNIT, SAID THAT 30 YEARS AGO, PARENTS FACED WITH THE TRAUMATIC PROBLEM OF A BLIND CHILD WERE PRACTICALLY ON THEIR OWN.

BLIND PEOPLE AT THAT TIME GREW UP DEPRIVED, RESENTED, UNEDUCATED AND SEEN ONLY AS A FAMILY BURDEN, SAID MISS CHING IN HER TALK ON +EMPLOYMENT OF BLIND WOMEN+.

TODAY, SHE SAID, THEY WORK AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FAMILY INCOME, LIVE NORMAL LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES.

MISS CHING SAID THAT OVER THESE DECADES, THROUGH CONCERTED EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR, THE BLIND HAVE BEEN GRADUALLY PROVIDED WITH MORE FACILITIES IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ASSISTED IN FINDING JOBS.

SINCE 1968, SHE SAID, THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND JOBS FOR 400 VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE -- ONE-THIRD OF WHOM ARE WOMEN -- AND THEY WORK AS CLERKS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS, CLEANING WORKERS, MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS.

+I AM A BLIND WOMAN MYSELF, AND I THINK WE CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT WE HAVE PROVED OURSELVES TO BE HARDWORKING, CAPABLE OF BEING SELF-SUPPORTING AND OF REAL USE TO THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH WE ARE A PART,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHING POINTED OUT THAT EDUCATION HAD BEEN THE MAINSPRING OF THE PAST YEARS' IMPROVEMENTS -- EDUCATION OF THE BLIND TO DO JOBS, AND OF THE COMMUNITY TO BE MORE TOLERANT AND UNDERSTANDING AND TO ACCEPT THAT BLIND PEOPLE ARE NOT A RACE APART TO BE FEARED AND AVOIDED.

+BLIND PEOPLE ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO HAPPEN TO BE BLIND, AND WHO LIVE AND LAUGH, FALL IN LOVE AND GET MARRIED, AND NEED TO WORK FOR THEIR LIVING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE,+ SHE SAID.

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE OPENED IN TUEN MUN

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) A NEW CONCEPT IN TOWN PLANNING HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS FOR WELFARE SERVICES IN NEW HOUSING ESTATES.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI HING CHRISTIAN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE CENTRE IN TUEN MUN, MR. SWEETMAN SAID WHENEVER A NEW HOUSING ESTATE WAS PLANNED, THE FUTURE DEMAND OF ITS RESIDENTS FOR WELFARE SERVICES WAS ASSESSED AND INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE ESTATE.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, WELFARE SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE THE RESIDENTS MOVE INTO THE NEW ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW YOUTH CENTRE, PARTLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS RUN BY THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO SERVE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TAI HING ESTATE - THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

MR. SWEETMAN SAID THE ESTATE WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE A POPULATION OF OVER 54,000 AND YOUNGSTERS MOVING IN WOULD NATURALLY CREATE A DEMAND FOR WHOLESOME GROUP ACTIVITIES.

+WITH THE OPENING OF THE YOUTH CENTRE, THEY WILL BE GUIDED BY THE EXPERTISE OF ITS WORKERS WHO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS INTEREST GROUPS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AIMED AT TRAINING THEM TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND DEVELOPING THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIALS,+ HE SAID.

HE PRAISED THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR ITS WORK IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THE NEW YOUTH CENTRE WHICH ALREADY HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 400 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT.

IN RECENT YEARS, HE NOTED, THE SOCIETY HAS OPENED THE LING OI YOUTH CENTRE, THE LING ON DAY NURSERY AND THE HON LOK RECREATION CENTRE ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL POSTAL BOOKING OPENS TODAY

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A POSTAL BOOKING SERVICE FOR TICKETS TO TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES OPENS TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS, THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR, MR. BENJAMIN TANG, SAID THE SERVICE WAS SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN URBAN AREAS AND THOSE OUTSIDE TSUEN WAN TO MAKE ADVANCE BOOKINGS.

MR. TANG WENT ON: +IT COVERS ALL PERFORMANCES EXCEPT CANTONESE OPERA, CHIU CHOW OPERA AND THE POPULAR MUSIC CONCERT. THE LATTER IS ADMISSION FREE.+

THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS HAD A GREAT NUMBER OF BOOKING FORMS PRINTED FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEAD OFFICE AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

SAID MR. TANG: +PEOPLE MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE SHOULD SEND IN THEIR CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO 'THE FIRST TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE', TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLETED BOOKING FORMS.

+THEY SHOULD REACH THE FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE AT TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE, 93, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON DECEMBER 20.+

LATE BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, HE SAID.

TICKETS TO ALL PERFORMANCES AND PRESENTATIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM DECEMBER 20 AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AT 10, CHUNG ON STREET, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.

BOOKING ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 12-420747 AND 12-420324.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSUEN WAN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION

SEWAGE DISPOSAL IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED SOON.

TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION NEAR TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

COMMENTING ON THIS PROJECT FOR THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR. WONG WAN-MING, CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE WORKS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT WITH THE PROGRESSIVE INCREASE IN POPULATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA, NEW FACILITIES WERE NOW NECESSARY.

+THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE PUMPING FACILITIES TO CONVEY SEWAGE TO THE PROPOSED SCREENING PLANT AT PILLAR ISLAND, KWAI CHUNG, FOR TREATMENT BEFORE BEING DISCHARGED INTO DEEPER WATER IN THE RAMBLER CHANNEL,+ HE SAID.

THE ENGINEERING WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AND 100 METRES OF TWIN 1800 MM DIAMETER PIPES LINKING THE SEWAGE SYSTEM IN TEXACO ROAD TO THE PROPOSED PUMPING STATION.

CONSTRUCTION WILL COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE SEVERAL SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE STATION FOR THE RACES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND SUNDAY.

THESE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.31 P.M., 12.57 P.M. AND 1.12 P.M. TOMORROW AND AT 11.49 A.M., 12.40 P.M., 1.05 P.M. AND 1.29 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS TO CONVEY PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE-COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION TOMORROW AND FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS ON SUNDAY. IN ADDITION, K.C.R. WILL RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE-COURSE STATION AT 4.31 P.M., 6.42 P.M. AND 7.16 P.M. TOMORROW TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A K.C.R. SPOKESMAN ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING TO THE RACE-COURSE BY PRIVATE CARS TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM STATION MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

HE ALSO REMINDED PEOPLE GOING ON PICNIC ON THESE TWO DAYS OF THE SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT OF THE TIMETABLES ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEYS TO THE URBAN AREA.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS BETWEEN THE PERIODS FROM 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M. TOMORROW AND SUNDAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TOMORROW (SATURDAY) -- FROM KOWLOON STATION: 11.09 A.M., 12.11 P.M., 1.22 P.M., 2.20 P.M., 3.07 P.M., 3.54 P.M., 5.07 P.M., 5.38 P.M., 6.56 P.M., 7.46 P.M., 8.32 P.M., 9.21 P.M., AND 11 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 10.52 A.M., 11.51 A.M., 12.49 P.M., 1.43 P.M., 3 P.M., 3.38 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.48 P.M., 6.28 P.M., 7.25 P.M., 8.27 P.M. AND 9.28 P.M.

SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) -- FROM KOWLOON STATION: 9.56 A.M., 10.25 A.M., 11.13 A.M., 12.15 P.M., 1.12 P.M., 2.02 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.57 P.M., 5 P.M., 6.29 P.M., 7.15 P.M., 7.54 P.M., 8.35 P.M., 9.45 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION: 10.10 A.M., 11.05 A.M., 11.57 A.M., 12.52 P.M., 1.58 P.M., 2.53 P.M., 3.39 P.M., 4.23 P.M., 5.24 P.M., 6.35 P.M., 7.50 P.M., 8.33 P.M. AND 9.25 P.M.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE EXTENDED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EXISTING 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE IN JARDINE'S BAZAAR, CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARDS BY ABOUT 164 FEET FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE NEW RESTRICTION, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS ALONG THIS SECTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE NEW PROHIBITED ZONE.

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