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URBAN SQUATTERS ON UNSAFE HILLSIDES TO BE CLEARED

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ALL RESIDENTS OF URBAN SQUATTER HUTS ON UNSAFE HILLSIDES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED AND REHOUSED WITHIN 20 MONTHS.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, UNDER ITS SQUATTER CLEARANCE PROGRAMME, HAS CLEARED AND REHOUSED ALMOST 38,000 SQUATTERS FROM POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SLOPES.

ANOTHER 8,000 SQUATTER HUT RESIDENTS LIVING ON UNSAFE HILLSIDES ARE EXPECTED TO BE REHOUSED UNDER THE 1989-90 CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE 10,000 OR SO PEOPLE REMAINING ON UNSAFE SLOPES IN THE URBAN AREA WILL BE CLEARED UNDER THE 1990-91 CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES.

THROUGH THE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES OVER THE PAST YEARS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFEGUARD SQUATTERS FROM LANDSLIDE HAZARDS.

IN MAY 1982, 26 SQUATTER HUT RESIDENTS DIED IN A SEVERE RAINSTORM. MANY OF THE VICTIMS LIVED IN FLIMSY WOODEN HUTS WHICH WERE STRUCK BY DEBRIS FROM SMALL LANDSLIDES OR WHICH FOUNDATIONS WERE SWEEPED AWAY BY DEBRIS-LADEN FLOOD WATER.

LATER IN 1982, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE (GCO) CARRIED OUT A STUDY WHICH SHOWED THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN 50,000 SQUATTERS LIVING ON STEEP HILLSIDES IN THE URBAN AREA WHICH WERE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO LANDSLIPS DURING HEAVY RAINFALL. EVEN SMALL LANDSLIPS IN CROWDED SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS COULD CAUSE CASUALTIES.

THESE SLOPES COULD NOT BE RECTIFIED UNDER THE GCO'S LANDSLIP PREVENTIVE MEASURES PROGRAMME BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THE SQUATTER HUTS NEEDED TO BE CLEARED BEFORE THE NECESSARY LARGE SCALE WORKS COULD BE CARRIED OUT.

IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE GCO RECOMMENDED TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT THAT SQUATTERS BE CLEARED FROM SUCH SLOPES, BUT THESE CLEARANCES COULD OBVIOUSLY ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE CAPACITY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING PROGRAMME.

SUBSEQUENTLY, LARGE SCALE CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT ON STEEP HILLSIDES SUCH AS LAM TIN AND SHAU KEI WAN. THESE AREAS, WHICH WERE HIT BADLY BY THE MAY 1982 RAINSTORM, WERE CLEARED FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

SINCE CLEARANCES BEGAN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER PREVENTION TEAMS HAVE EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED NEW SQUATTER HUTS FROM BEING ERECTED ON HILLSIDES.

IN THE MEANTIME THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO UNDERTAKE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES IN SELECTED LOCATIONS.

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THESE SCHEMES INCLUDE LOCALISED SLOPE IMPROVEMENT.

OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, 66 SUCH SCHEMES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$129 MILLION. IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, ABOUT \$33 MILLION WILL BE SPENT TO CARRY OUT 15 ADDITIONAL SCHEMES.

THE GCO IS OF THE OPINION THAT SQUATTER HUT RESIDENTS REMAINING ON STEEP HILLSIDES ARE IN DANGER FROM LANDSLIP HAZARDS DURING HEAVY RAINSTORMS, ALTHOUGH SUCH HAZARDS HAVE BEEN GREATLY REDUCED IN RECENT YEARS.

TO PROVIDE WARNING OF THE POSSIBLE OCCURRENCE OF LANDSLIPS ON STEEP HILLSIDES, SO THAT SQUATTER HUT RESIDENTS CAN BE ALERTED TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S TEMPORARY SHELTERS, THE GOVERNMENT IS OPERATING THE LANDSLIP WARNING SYSTEM AS USED IN PREVIOUS WET SEASONS.

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#### VOTER REGISTRATION EXHIBITION IN TAI PO

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AN EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT PLACES IN TAI PO NEXT MONTH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT EIGHT VENUES.

THESE ARE: TAI WING LANE IN TAI PO MARKET (SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3), TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (SEPTEMBER 4 TO 8), TAI PO CENTRE (SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10), FU SHIN COMMUNITY HALL (SEPTEMBER 11 TO 15), TAI PO RAILWAY STATION (SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17), KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL (SEPTEMBER 18 TO 22), TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE (SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24), AND TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL (SEPTEMBER 25 TO 30).

RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER AT THE MOBILE REGISTRATION POINTS AT TAI WING LANE, TAI PO CENTRE AND TAI PO RAILWAY STATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT NEW RESIDENTS OF TAI PO ARE THE TARGET OF THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS EMPLOYED COMMUNITY ORGANISERS TO CONDUCT HOUSEHOLD VISITS BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30 TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION IF THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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VOLUNTEERS COMMENDED FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

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TWELVE SOCIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS AND FOUR VOLUNTEER GROUPS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) COMMENDED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE VOLUNTEERS WERE PRAISED FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NEEDY IN THE DISTRICT AND EACH WAS PRESENTED A SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD AND A GIFT COUPON AT A CEREMONY TODAY.

THE LIST OF WINNERS IS:

PRIMARY STUDENTS SECTION: SO WING-CHI, AGED 11. LEUNG LAI-YEE, 11; AND LEUNG PUI-LIN, 12.

SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS SECTION: LAU MEI-LING, 15; CHEUNG WAH-SAN, 18; AND WONG KAI-CHEONG, 22.

WORKING PEOPLE SECTION: CHAN HON-WAI, 21; YAU CHOI-FUNG, 23; AND NG KWONG-SIU, 26.

NON-WORKING PEOPLE SECTION: LUI LEE-YAU, 75; AU WOON, 73; AND CHOW SIU-LING, 73.

GROUP SECTION: WONG CHUK HANG WOMEN'S CLUB; THE OUTREACHING VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE WAH HONG HOSTEL; THE HANG FAI CLUB OF THE ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE; AND THE YUK HAI CLUB OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION'S WONG CHUK HANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE.

THE WINNERS WERE SELECTED BY A SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD SCHEME ADJUDICATING PANEL COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS INITIATED IN 1983-84 BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND HAS BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT AIMING AT GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO HAVE RENDERED COMMENDABLE VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY, CITY POLYTECHNIC, MR MAK HOI-WAH, WAS INVITED TO OFFICIATE AT TODAY'S PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY. HE ALSO GAVE A TALK ON "VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES".

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; THE SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR PAUL CHEUNG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR WONG KING-CHEUNG.

THE WINNERS AND OTHER NOMINEES FOR THE AWARDS WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-DAY CAMP AT THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION IN POK FU LAM.

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THE CAMP, WHICH CLOSED WITH THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, IN VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED GROUP DISCUSSIONS, A TALENT SHOW AND VARIOUS SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND GROUP GAMES.

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#### BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGN IN YAU TSIM

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A FOUR-MONTH CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE LAUNCHED IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER.

A DISTRICT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE CAMPAIGN ALSO AIMS AT HELPING OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO ACQUIRE PRACTICAL SKILLS IN MANAGING THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE CAMPAIGN CONSISTS OF A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE TRAINING COURSE, AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE SAFETY AT HOME AND A SEMINAR ON THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE TRAINING COURSE, TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER, IS FREE OF CHARGE AND WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENINGS SO THAT MORE RESIDENTS CAN ATTEND.

PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING LAWYERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS AND BUILDING SURVEYORS, WILL SPEAK ON THE FUNCTIONS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, TENDERING PROCEDURES, MAINTENANCE OF LIFTS, INSURANCE AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUE.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. ENROLMENT IS OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, PROFESSIONALS, THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM, REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$80,000 TO SPONSOR THE EXERCISE.

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NEW TIMETABLE FOR RENT OFFICERS AT DISTRICT OFFICES

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THE ATTENDANCE OF RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT THE SOUTHERN AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICES TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON TENANCY MATTERS WILL BE CHANGED FROM FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, RENT OFFICERS WILL BE POSTED AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY MORNINGS OF THE MONTH INSTEAD OF EVERY TUESDAY MORNINGS.

AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RENT OFFICERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS INSTEAD OF THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY AFTERNOONS OF THE MONTH.

THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, RUN BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH FREE ADVICE ON TENANCY MATTERS SUCH AS RECOVERY AND EVICTION FROM PREMISES, LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN TENANCY DISPUTES, AND RENT INCREASES AND ALTERATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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WHITEHEAD VBP CENTRE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29).

THEY WILL ASK IF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE HAS AFFECTED THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN SHA TIN AND CAUSED POLLUTION TO THE TOLO HARBOUR.

ON OTHER ISSUES, A MEMBER WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER SETTING UP DISTRICT WORKING GROUPS TO REVIEW THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

MEANWHILE, THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS RECENT COMMENTS BY THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE DOCTORS AND ESTATE DOCTORS ASSOCIATIONS ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL TREATMENT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS AS WELL AS REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ENGLISH POLICE OFFICERS IN HK UNDER 'SWOP COP' SCHEME

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THREE NEW ARRIVALS FROM ENGLISH POLICE FORCES HAVE JOINED THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FOR TWO YEARS' SECONDMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR THREE HONG KONG OFFICERS. THEY BRING TO SIX THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM POLICE OFFICERS SERVING IN HONG KONG IN THE "SWOP COP" EXCHANGE SCHEME.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN EXPANDED AS A RESULT OF ITS SUCCESS FROM A BIENNIAL TO AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

THE THREE UK OFFICERS ARE MR TREVOR BRYDGES FROM THE LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE; MR BILL KING OF BEDFORDSHIRE AND MR ALLAN WILSON OF WEST MERCIA.

NOW IN THEIR NEW EXCHANGE POSTS IN ENGLAND ARE MR PAUL TO, METROPOLITAN POLICE; MR JIMMY LEE, BEDFORDSHIRE; AND MR PATRICK TSANG, WEST MERCIA.

ALL THREE OF THE BRITISH NEWCOMERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR FAMILIES, EXPRESSED PLEASURE TO BE JOINING THE POLICE IN HONG KONG AND WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW CHALLENGES OF WORKING AS DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS IN HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR BRYDGES, WHO IS DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, HO MAN TIN, ALREADY HAS EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITH A CLOSELY KNIT CHINESE COMMUNITY.

TWENTY YEARS A LONDON POLICE OFFICER, HE CAME TO HONG KONG FROM THE CENTRAL LONDON REGION BASED AT BOW STREET POLICE STATION, WHICH INCLUDED THE SOHO "CHINATOWN".

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"I AM PLEASED TO BE POSTED TO A KOWLOON DIVISION." MR BRYDGES SAID. "I ENJOYED WORKING WITH LONDON'S CHINESE COMMUNITY AND FOUND THEM VERY CARING AND FRIENDLY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES HERE AND THE EXPERIENCE I CAN CONTRIBUTE AND LEARN.

"THIS IS A LARGE AND DIVERSE POLICE FORCE AND I AM CERTAIN I SHALL GO BACK WITH EXPERIENCE THAT WILL BE USEFUL TO MY OWN FORCE.

"I MET PAUL TO AT MY FAREWELL PARTY AND HE'S SETTLING DOWN WELL."

MR BRYDGES COMES FROM THE HORSE RACING TOWN OF EPSOM IN SURREY, SOUTH ENGLAND. WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "HAPPY VALLEY WITHOUT THE HIGH RISES".

MR KING, NOW DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, TIN SUM, WAS SUB-DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AT DUNSTABLE, A BEDFORDSHIRE MARKET TOWN OF ABOUT 60,000 POPULATION.

A POLICE OFFICER FOR 21 YEARS, MR KING WILL FIND A DIFFERENT SCENE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM THAT SURROUNDING DUNSTABLE.

"THE MAIN PROBLEM WE HAVE THERE IS PUBLIC DISORDER RELATED TO ALCOHOL ABUSE." HE SAID. "I KNOW THAT WON'T BE A PRIME CONCERN IN TIN SUM."

MR KING COMES TO THE FORCE WITH SEVERAL READY MADE FRIENDS. MR CYRIL LEY OF POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL WAS MR KING'S DIRECTOR OF STUDIES AT AN INTERMEDIATE TRAINING COURSE IN 1974; MR BILL FULLERTON ALSO OF PTS STAFF, WAS HIS DRILL AND WEAPONRY INSTRUCTOR IN THE GRENADE GUARDS AND MR JOHN HUI WAS HIS COURSE INSTRUCTOR AT A JUNIOR COMMAND COURSE AT BRAMSHILL POLICE STAFF COLLEGE.

"I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM ALL AGAIN," HE SAID.

MR WILSON WAS SUB-DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AT SHREWSBURY, THE COUNTY TOWN OF SHROPSHIRE NEAR THE ENGLISH BORDER WITH WALES. HE JOINED THE POLICE AS A CADET IN 1964.

MAIN POLICING PROBLEMS FOR HIM TOO WERE FOOTBALL CROWDS, STREET VIOLENCE AND ROWDYISM.

"THIS PLACE IS HOT AND BUSY," HE REMARKED. "BUT IT'S VERY ORDERLY AND I KNOW THAT THERE IS NO DRUNKENNESS OR ROWDYISM."

"I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING WORK AS WESTERN DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AND HOPING I CAN CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING AS WELL AS LEARN FROM BEING HERE.

"PATRICK TSANG IS NOW BASED IN OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE, AND FINDING IT VERY DIFFERENT FROM KOWLOON EAST EMERGENCY UNIT.

"WE ARE ALL VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. WE'VE BEEN LOOKED AFTER VERY WELL AND HAVE RECEIVED EXCELLENT HOSPITALITY."

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STATISTICS ON POLICE RAIDS IN JULY

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SUSTAINED POLICE ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ESTABLISHMENTS LED TO THE ARREST OF 1,526 PEOPLE IN 4,199 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN JULY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 263 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 404 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 880 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 3,479 RAIDS IN KOWLOON, AND 365 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 293 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED 18 PEOPLE IN 23 OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 128 PEOPLE IN 3,122 RAIDS AND SEIZED A TOTAL OF 255 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 124 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 702 PEOPLE. ABOUT \$600,000 TABLE MONEY WERE SEIZED IN THE OPERATIONS.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 953 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 696 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IN JULY. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 50 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 17 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 628 GRAMS OF OPIUM, 13 GRAMS OF CANNABIS AND 60,000 TABLETS OF PART 1 POISON.

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NUMBER OF OVERLOADED VEHICLES ON THE DECLINE

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SINCE POLICE STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST OVERLOADED GOODS VEHICLES ON THE TOLO HIGHWAY LAST YEAR, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF OVERLOADED VEHICLES.

DESPITE A YEARLY 16 PER CENT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FLOW, THE OVERALL TREND WAS DECLINING AT ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT A YEAR ON THE HIGHWAY, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS FOR OVERLOADING OFFENCE IS 12,421 IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARING WITH 13,651 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "STUDIES BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENTS HAVE SHOWN THAT EXCESSIVE VEHICLE WEIGHTS WOULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE ROADS.

"OVERLOADING IS ALSO ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS."

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TRAFFIC POLICE ARE NOW USING PORTABLE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT AND WEIGH BRIDGES TO CHECK THE WEIGHTS OF SUSPECTED OVERLOADED VEHICLES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID POLICE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OVERLOADED VEHICLES WOULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A WEIGH STATION IN SHA TIN BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

LOCATED AT THE TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR MA LIU SHUI. THE WEIGH STATION IS THE FIRST OF FOUR TO BE OPERATED BY TRAFFIC POLICE.

THE WEIGH STATION WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO CHECK ALL GOODS VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLES WEIGHT OF OVER 5.5 TONS PLYING ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST DRIVERS OR PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERLOADING THE RESPECTIVE GOODS VEHICLES. OFFENDERS WILL BE PENALISED WITH A FIXED PENALTY OF \$450 OR BE SUMMONED TO COURT.

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#### PHASED RESPONSE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH ALARM CALLS

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WITH 180,000 POLICE MAN HOURS BEING LOST A YEAR IN ATTENDING FALSE INTRUDER ALARM CALLS THE FORCE WILL NEXT MONTH INTRODUCE A PHASED RESPONSE SYSTEM WHEN ALARM BELLS RING.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1 A FORCE-WIDE WATCH WILL BE MAINTAINED THAT WILL IDENTIFY AND TRACK ALARM SYSTEMS WITH FREQUENT FAULTS CAUSING A WASTAGE OF ALREADY HARD PRESSED POLICE TIME.

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS WILL USE STATISTICS TO PERSUADE THE OWNERS OF PREMISES WITH FREQUENT FALSE ALARM CALLS TO IMPROVE OR CORRECT THEIR SYSTEMS.

"WE DON'T WANT TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF RESPONSE TO INTRUDER ALARMS," SAID MR ADRIAN STEARNS, CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT, IN CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU. "BUT WE HAVE TO DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE.

"WE AIM TO GET THE SUPPORT OF OWNERS OF INTRUDER ALARMS AND SECURITY COMPANIES IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO FAULTY OR SUB-STANDARD ALARM SYSTEMS AND GETTING THEM IMPROVED."

POLICE ATTENDED AN AVERAGE OF 120 FALSE ALARM CALLS A DAY LAST YEAR.

THE NEW STEPS FOLLOW A STUDY ON ALARM CALLS BY THE BUREAU'S INTRUDER ALARM INSPECTION UNIT, SET UP IN LATE 1986.

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CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF POLICE RESPONSE TO PREMISES WHERE ALARM SYSTEMS REMAINED FAULTY AFTER INSPECTION AND WARNING. BUT THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH ACTION.

A SYSTEM OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS FOR FINING OWNERS OF NUISANCE ALARMS WAS ALSO REJECTED AS TOO TIME CONSUMING AND NON-COST EFFECTIVE.

"INSTEAD WE WILL BE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO HELP OWNERS OF FAULTY ALARMS WITHOUT TAKING ACTION AGAINST THEM," MR STEARNS SAID.

THE THREE PHASE SYSTEM OF RESPONSE WILL START WITH ALL SYSTEMS AT ZERO ON THE CHART OF STATISTICS. BUT AFTER THEN THE PHASED RESPONSE WILL GO INTO ACTION AS DETAILS EMERGE OF PREMISES WITH FREQUENT FALSE ALARMS.

PREMISES ON THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE SYSTEM WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BY EMERGENCY UNIT PATROL VEHICLES OR BEAT OFFICERS TO CHECK THE PREMISES. AT LEAST ONE OFFICER WILL REMAIN AT THE PREMISES UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF A KEY HOLDER. PROVIDED ONE CAN BE CONTACTED, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR. ASSUMING THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF FORCIBLE ENTRY. IN WHICH CASE NORMAL REPORTING PROCEDURES WILL APPLY.

ANY PREMISES WITH SYSTEMS MONITORED BY A COMMERCIAL CENTRAL STATION WILL RECEIVE LEVEL ONE RESPONSE PROVIDING THE SYSTEM MAINTAINS AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD WITH RESPECT TO FALSE CALLS.

BUT SHOULD A SYSTEM BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THREE OR MORE FALSE CALLS IN A MONTH OR FIVE OR MORE FALSE CALLS IN ANY SIX MONTH PERIOD THE RESPONSE WILL BE REDUCED TO LEVEL TWO. IN WHICH BEAT OFFICERS WILL BE DEPLOYED AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. THE KEY HOLDER WILL BE INFORMED BUT THE POLICE WILL NOT WAIT AT THE PREMISES UNTIL THE KEY HOLDER'S ARRIVAL.

IF A SYSTEM'S RECORD DETERIORATES FURTHER SO THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE OR MORE FALSE CALLS IN A MONTH OR 10 OR MORE IN SIX MONTHS THE RESPONSE WILL BE REDUCED TO LEVEL THREE IN WHICH NO BEAT OFFICER OR EMERGENCY UNIT CAR WILL BE SPECIFICALLY DEPLOYED TO ATTEND THE PREMISES. ALTHOUGH OFFICERS IN THE VICINITY MAY CHECK THE PREMISES IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES.

OWNERS OF PREMISES WILL BE INFORMED BY REGISTERED MAIL OF ANY CHARGE IN THEIR LEVEL OF RESPONSE AND THE REASONS FOR IT.

DISTRICT CONTROLLERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPLOYING DUTIES ACCORDING TO THE RESPONSE LEVEL OF ALARM SYSTEMS.

MR STEARNS SAID THAT MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF ALARMS RESPONDED TO ORIGINATED FROM SECURITY COMPANIES. ALTHOUGH MOST ALARM HOLDERS DID NOT USE THE SERVICES OF SECURITY FIRMS.

A PERSISTING PROBLEM ON THE ATTENDANCE OF ALARMS WAS CAUSED THROUGH NON-AVAILABILITY OF KEY HOLDERS.

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"SOME KEY HOLDERS SIMPLY DO NOT ARRIVE AT A SCENE. OTHERS MAY EVEN BE OUT OF HONG KONG WITHOUT INFORMING US THAT THEY ARE UNAVAILABLE. IN A RECENT INCIDENT A KEY HOLDER TOOK FOUR DAYS TO EMERGE, HAVING BEEN TO CHINA."

UNDER THE PHASED SCHEME ANY KEY HOLDER WHO ARRIVES AT THE PREMISES AND REQUESTS POLICE ASSISTANCE WHEN POLICE HAVE ALREADY LEFT OR HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED WILL RECEIVE NORMAL MANPOWER DEPLOYMENT AND THE PHASED SYSTEM WILL BE DISREGARDED.

MR STEARNS SAID: "WE WILL TELL THE USER AND THE SECURITY COMPANIES OF ANY SYSTEMS WE CONSIDER TO HAVE PROBLEMS. WE WON'T TAKE ACTION IN CASES WHERE THERE IS NO FAULT OF THE OWNER. BUT WE WILL MONITOR PREMISES TO SEE IF REMEDIAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN."

MR STEARNS SAID THAT BY THE NEW PHASED RESPONSE SYSTEM OWNERS OF ALARMS WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING ADVICE ON IMPROVING OR CORRECTING FAULTY SYSTEMS.

"PEOPLE DON'T WANT FAULTY SYSTEMS IF THEY ARE PROPERLY ADVISED. THE SECURITY COMPANIES ARE KEEN TO SEE THE PHASED SYSTEM INTRODUCED.

"OUR OBJECT IS TO SAVE TIME, NOT TO WITHDRAW RESPONSE. THIS IS NOT A CONFLICT WITH THE PUBLIC.

"FROM THE FORCE POINT OF VIEW IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT ALL AREAS FORCE-WIDE GIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPONSE."

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#### A NEW CLINIC TO SERVE TSING YI RESIDENTS

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A CLINIC WILL BE BUILT ON TSING YI ISLAND TO SERVE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SITUATED AT TSING LUK STREET, THE CLINIC WILL HAVE FOUR CONSULTING ROOMS, TWO TREATMENT ROOMS, A MINOR SURGERY ROOM, NURSING OFFICES, AND A DISPENSARY WITH SHROFF AND RECEPTION.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE PATIENTS WAITING AREA, TOILETS, PARKING SPACES, STORAGE AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1991.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 22.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN, MONG KOK  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR TING KAU VIADUCT WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29) TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 6.

CLOSURE OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED AT NIGHT (8 PM TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY) AND FOR 24 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 3. ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE TIME.

IN MONG KOK, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THESE ROADS ARE:

- THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FUK TSUN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG MI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FUK TSUN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG MI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ANCHOR STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG MI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ANCHOR STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG MI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TONG MI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FUK TSUN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT SEVEN METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TONG MI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ANCHOR STREET AND A POINT ABOUT SEVEN METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TONG MI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MONG KOK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MONG KOK ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG MI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29), CERTAIN ROAD SECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

THE ROAD SECTIONS ARE: THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAM KON PO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHA TIN CENTRE STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAM KON PO STREET AND WANG POK STREET; AND THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WANG POK STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, SECTIONS OF TOLO HIGHWAY, LAM KAM FLYOVER, TAI PO TAI WO ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD AND TAI WO IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN BETWEEN TUESDAY AND OCTOBER 3.

THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NORTH OF ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON TUESDAY.

THE SLOW LANE OF TAI PO TAI WO ROAD EASTBOUND CONNECTING TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND AND TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON SEPTEMBER 4 TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SLOW LANE OF TAI PO TAI WO ROAD WESTBOUND CONNECTING TAI PO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON SEPTEMBER 11 TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SLOW LANE OF LAM KAM FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND CONNECTING TAI PO ROAD TAI WO AND TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 18.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SOUTHBOUND NEAR LAM KAM FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

THE SLOW LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE TO TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 19.

THE SLOW LANE OF LAM KAM FLYOVER NORTHBOUND CONNECTING TOLO HIGHWAY AND TAI PO ROAD TAI WO WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SLOW LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND TO LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

THE SLOW LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST TO TAI PO ROAD TAI WO NORTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 26.

THE OUTER-MOST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NORTH OF ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON OCTOBER 2 TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN SHA TIN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY, THE UNNAMED ROAD EAST OF RAVANA GARDEN FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD TO A POINT 130 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, INCLUDING THE ROUNDABOUT ALONG THIS SECTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE UNNAMED ROAD EAST OF RAVANA GARDEN FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MA ON SHAN ROAD TO A POINT 220 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24 HOURS DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS, ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNNAMED ROAD EAST OF RAVANA GARDEN CONNECTING TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND MA ON SHAN ROAD, INCLUDING THE ROUNDABOUT ALONG THIS ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI URBAN CLEARWAY.

ALL NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29), THE RIGHT-TURN FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND INTO TONKIN STREET SOUTHBOUND WILL RESUME NORMAL OPERATION UPON THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TONKIN STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF PRATAS STREET BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND SHUN NING ROAD WILL REVERT TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND OPERATION.

CONSEQUENTLY, BUSES ON KMB ROUTES NO. 35A AND 36A WILL RESUME OPERATION VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TONKIN ROAD AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO THE TERMINUS AT THE SHAM SHUI PO FERRY.

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