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ROLE OF ATLA EXPLAINED

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CONCERNING A LICENCE APPLICATION MADE TO THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) TO OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES TO VIETNAM, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CLARIFIED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HONG KONG AIRLINES WISHING TO APPLY TO THE ATLA FOR LICENCES TO OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES MAY DO SO AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION AND NO PRIOR GOVERNMENT PERMISSION IS REQUIRED.

"THE ATLA IS AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY FOR DETERMINING APPLICATIONS FROM HONG KONG AIRLINES FOR LICENCES TO OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES FROM HONG KONG.

"THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ATLA FOR DETERMINING A LICENCE APPLICATION ARE LAID DOWN IN THE AIR TRANSPORT (LICENSING OF AIR SERVICES) REGULATIONS," HE SAID.

IN BROAD TERMS, THE AUTHORITY MUST HAVE REGARD TO THE CO-ORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AIR SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECT OF ENSURING THE MOST EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC WHILE AVOIDING UNECONOMICAL OVERLAPPING OF SERVICES, HE ADDED.

"THE INDEPENDENT NATURE OF THE AUTHORITY IS MADE CLEAR IN ITS WRITTEN DECISION OF JANUARY 23, 1986 --- IF THE AUTHORITY CONSIDERS THAT A CASE HAS BEEN MADE OUT FOR A LICENCE FOR A PARTICULAR ROUTE, IT WILL GRANT THE LICENCE IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO EXERCISE IT ARE AVAILABLE AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE VIEW WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE WITH REGARD TO DESIGNATING HONG KONG AIRLINES FOR THE ROUTE IN QUESTION," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"APART FROM OBTAINING A LICENCE FROM THE ATLA, AN AIRLINE COULD NOT COMMENCE SCHEDULED SERVICES ON THE ROUTE CONCERNED BEFORE THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC RIGHTS HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL AND IT HAD BEEN DESIGNATED TO OPERATE THE SERVICE.

"AT PRESENT, NO AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS COVERING SCHEDULED SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND VIETNAM EXIST.

"THUS, EVEN IF THE ATLA APPROVED A LICENCE APPLICATION BY A HONG KONG AIRLINE TO SERVE VIETNAM, THE LAUNCHING OF SCHEDULED SERVICES WOULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THE GRANTING OF THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC RIGHTS," HE SAID.

THE FACT THAT HONG KONG AIRLINES ARE MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES FROM THE ATLA FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES TO VIETNAM IN NO WAY INDICATES THAT THERE IS ANY COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE AND TO SEEK THE NECESSARY RIGHTS FOR SUCH SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SWIMMERS GIVEN SAFETY ADVICE ON DANGEROUS FISH

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A GOVERNMENT FISHERIES EXPERT THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING ADVISED PEOPLE TO SWIM ONLY AT GAZETTED BEACHES AS AN IMPORTANT PRECAUTION AGAINST AN ATTACK BY SUCH DANGEROUS SEA CREATURES AS SHARKS, BARRACUDAS AND MORAY EELS.

THE SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR PAUL MAK, SAID THAT SWIMMERS' SAFETY WAS BETTER PROTECTED AT GAZETTED BEACHES.

THIS WAS BECAUSE LIFEGUARDS THERE WOULD SOUND THE ALARM WHEN SEA CREATURES WERE SIGHTED AND IF ANY SWIMMER WAS UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ATTACKED, HE COULD GET IMMEDIATE HELP.

"TRY NOT TO SWIM AT NIGHT BECAUSE YOU WILL LOSE THE SAFEGUARD WHICH YOU GET DURING THE DAY TIME.

"ALTHOUGH THE CHANCE OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THESE SEA CREATURES AT PUBLIC BEACHES IS VERY REMOTE, PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BEST," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER GATHERING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR MAK SAID THERE HAD BEEN THREE CONFIRMED SIGHTINGS OF SHARKS IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, TWO IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND THE OTHER IN SAI KUNG.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAD ALSO BEEN ALLEGED SHARK SIGHTINGS IN MIRS BAY AREA, THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL RECORDS TO CONFIRM THESE.

"THE ONLY FATAL SHARK ATTACK IN THE PAST 10 YEARS OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1979 IN A NON-GAZETTED BEACH AT HOI HA, SAI KUNG.

"ALL THESE HAPPENINGS HAVE INDICATED THAT SHARKS ARE MORE COMMON IN WATERS TO THE EAST AND SOUTH OF HONG KONG," DR MAK SAID.

AT PRESENT, MORE THAN 350 SPECIES OF SHARKS ARE KNOWN IN THE WORLD AND EIGHT ARE CONSIDERED MOST DANGEROUS. THESE ARE THE GREAT WHITE, THE TIGER, THE HAMMERHEAD, THE ATLANTIC MAKO, THE DUSKY, THE WHITE TIP, THE BULL, AND THE LEMON SHARKS.

DR MAK SAID: "SHARKS ARE VERY MOBILE AND HONG KONG IS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SIX OF THE EIGHT MOST DANGEROUS SPECIES, INCLUDING THE GREAT WHITE.

"THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED MANY FISHING OPERATIONS AND THE RECORDS SHOW THAT AT LEAST FOUR SPECIES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT INSIDE HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THEY ARE ALL SMALL-SIZED AND HARMLESS.

"IN MORE DISTANT AND OFFSHORE WATERS, WE HAVE CAUGHT 27 SPECIES AND SIX OF THEM, INCLUDING THE TIGER SHARK, ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS."

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HE POINTED OUT THAT SHARKS ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO THE SMELL OF BLOOD AND VIBRATION IN THE WATER AND A HUNGRY SHARK CLEARLY IS MORE PRONE TO ATTACK HUMANS.

"MY ADVICE FOR SWIMMERS IS THAT APART FROM SWIMMING ONLY IN GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE DAY TIME. THEY SHOULD NOT WEAR SHINY ORNAMENTS BECAUSE FLICKERING LIGHT MAY ATTRACT SHARKS AND THEY SHOULD ALSO CHECK FOR WOUNDS OR BLEEDING BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER. IF THERE IS BLEEDING. GET OUT OF THE WATER QUICKLY.

"IF YOU ENCOUNTER A SHARK IN THE WATER. NEVER PANIC AND NEVER TRY TO OUTSWIM IT BECAUSE YOU CANNOT. REMAIN MOTIONLESS AND DO NOT TREAD WATER AS SHARKS ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO VIBRATION AND ANYTHING STRUGGLING IN THE WATER IS A POTENTIAL PREY.

"FACE THE SHARK HEAD-ON TO PRESENT A MINIMAL TARGET. SHARKS ARE QUITE SHORT-SIGHTED AND CHANCES ARE THAT THEY WILL MISS YOU. IF YOU ARE REALLY DESPERATE. STAB THE SHARK IN ITS MOST VULNERABLE PART. ITS EYES," DR MAK SAID.

NEXT ON THE LIST OF BITER SEA CREATURES ARE BARRACUDA AND MORAY EELS. BOTH OF WHICH HAVE VERY SHARP TEETH.

"THERE ARE 20 DIFFERENT TYPES OF BARRACUDA. FORTUNATELY, MOST OF THEM, INCLUDING THE TWO SPECIES FOUND IN LOCAL WATER, ARE RELATIVELY SMALL AND HENCE MUCH LESS DANGEROUS THAN THE TWO-METRE-LONG GREAT BARRACUDA. FOUND IN THE WEST INDIES, BRAZIL AND FLORIDA, WHICH HUNT BY SIGHT AND SMELL AND ATTACK ANYTHING ENTERING THE WATER," HE SAID.

SO FAR, HE WENT ON, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY REPORT OF AN ATTACK BY BARRACUDA ON LOCAL SWIMMERS.

"TO PREVENT A BARRACUDA ATTACK, THE SAFETY HINTS ABOUT SHARKS ARE ALSO APLICABLE." HE ADDED.

TURNING TO MORAY EELS, DR MAK SAID THAT AS A MARINE BIOLOGIST FOR 15 YEARS, HE HAD NEVER IMAGINED MORAY EELS ATTACKING SWIMMERS UNTIL EARLY LAST MONTH WHEN TWO SWIMMERS WERE BITTEN IN DEEP WATER BAY.

MORAY EELS ARE EEL-LIKE FISH AND ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE COMMON WHITE AND YELLOW EELS IN THAT THEY HAVE VERY SHARP TEETH AND NO PECTORAL FINS.

"MORAY EELS NORMALLY LIVE IN ROCK CREVICES, AMBUSHING PREY AS THEY SWIM PAST. UNDER VERY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY MAY COME OUT OF THEIR LAIR AND SWIM NEAR THE WATER SURFACE.

"DESPITE THE FACT THAT MORAY EELS ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO SWIMMERS, IF PEOPLE ONLY SWIM IN GAZETTED BEACHES AND DO NOT SWIM NEAR ROCK CREVICES, THE CHANCE OF A MORAY EEL ATTACK IS VERY SLIM.

"AFTER ALL, THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS BY SEA CREATURES IS INFINITESTIMALLY SMALL COMPARED WITH OTHER FORMS OF ACCIDENTS ON LAND," DR MAK SAID.

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SPECIAL DB MEETING ON SHEK KONG VBP CENTRE

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10) TO DISCUSS RECENT EVENTS IN THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SECURITY BRANCH AND THE POLICE WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE LATEST SITUATION IN THE CAMP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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BUS SERVICE IN TSEUNG KWAN O ON AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE STANDARD OF BUS SERVICE IN TSEUNG KWAN O AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE REVISED SAI KUNG TOWN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE. WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM JPC
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OVER THE PAST YEARS MORE THAN HALF A MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE BENEFITTED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC). THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF KWUN TONG JPC CLUBHOUSE TO MARK THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF JPC.

"CURRENTLY, THERE ARE SOME 165,000 MEMBERS AND OVER 17,000 LEADERS PARTICIPATING IN JUNIOR POLICE CALL ACTIVITIES. LIKE THEIR PREDECESSORS, THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED," HE SAID.

THE NEW KWUN TONG CLUBHOUSE AT TSUI NAM HOUSE, TSUI PING ESTATE, PROVIDES SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FITNESS TRAINING, A STUDY ROOM, AN OFFICE AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES.

TODAY, JPC MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT EXCEEDS 8,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS AND 500 LEADERS WHICH PROVIDES A FOCAL POINT FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN AREA SUCH AS FIGHT CRIME, ROAD SAFETY, SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND ASSISTING IN CHARITABLE WORK BENEFITTING THE AGED, SICK AND HANDICAPPED.

MR ANNING SAID, "JUNIOR POLICE CALL CANNOT CONTINUE, AND INDEED EXPAND, ON THE EFFORTS OF THE POLICE AND GOVERNMENT ALONE.

"IT IS A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND WHICH CAN ONLY OPERATE WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY."

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER KOWLOON, MR A.J. MULLINS; DISTRICT COMMANDER KWUN TONG, MR A.W. HIGGINBOTTOM; CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, MR DENNIS COLLINS; AND THE FIVE HONORARY PRESIDENTS OF JPC KWUN TONG, MR WONG WAH-SANG, MR LUI CHEE-WOO, MR LAM HANG-FAI, MR EDDIE LAMB AND MR MAU KE-ON.

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GREEN MINIBUSES TO SERVE LAM TIN MTR STATION
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THE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 24 OPERATING BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN AND LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE RENUMBERED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AS NO. 24M TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF LAM TIN MTR STATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

PASSENGERS FROM LAM TIN ESTATE AND THOSE USING THE EXISTING GMB SERVICE WISHING TO CONNECT WITH TRAIN SERVICES MAY STILL USE THE ESCALATOR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ESTATE AND THE STATION.

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HOWEVER, TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS ON ROUTE NO. 24M WILL ALSO OPERATE DIRECT BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN AND LAM TIN STATION WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THESE SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS WILL OPERATE EVERY 10 MINUTES EXCEPT DURING PEAK HOURS WHEN THE FREQUENCY WILL BE SEVEN MINUTES.

COMMENTING ON THE REQUEST FROM RED MINIBUS OPERATORS TO PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD OUTSIDE LAM TIN STATION, WHICH IS PERMITTED AT PRESENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID LEI YUE MUN ROAD WOULD BECOME A BUSY TRUNK ROAD WHEN THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IS OPENED.

FOR SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REASONS, IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO DECLARE THIS ROAD AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT SAI CHO WAN TO ENABLE RED MINIBUSES TO PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS NEAR LAM TIN STATION.

CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ALLOW RED MINIBUSES TO STOP AT THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE OPPOSITE LAM TIN MTR STATION. FACILITIES THERE ARE OF LIMITED CAPACITY AND COULD NOT COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF RED MINIBUSES IN ADDITION TO THE KMB BUSES, TAXIS AND GREEN MINIBUSES WHICH WILL BE USING THIS TERMINUS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID RED MINIBUS OPERATORS HAVE THEIR OWN CHOICES OF OPERATING ROUTES, FREQUENCIES AND FARES, PROVIDED THEY MAKE USE OF THE NON-RESTRICTED AREAS FOR BOARDING AND ALIGHTING PASSENGERS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE RED MINIBUS OPERATORS TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

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A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 6.84 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 7.32 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE $0.57 PER MONTH PER $100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER TOMORROW.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE TOMORROW WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

2.76 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 1988 AND BEFORE APRIL 13, 1988;

3.36 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;

4.32 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;

4.8 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;

5.28 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988;

5.76 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;

6.36 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;

6.84 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;

7.32 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;

7.80 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989;

8.28 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JUNE 22, 1989;

7.80 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JULY 12, 1989; AND

7.32 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1989 AND BEFORE AUGUST 9, 1989.

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BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE:

$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON AUGUST 11, 1989, SEPTEMBER 11, 1989 AND OCTOBER 11, 1989 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON NOVEMBER 10, 1989 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON $1,000, AUGUST 11, 1989 TO NOVEMBER 10, 1989 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT $5.70 PER MONTH	=$17.10
ON $1,000, SEPTEMBER 11, 1989 TO NOVEMBER 10, 1989 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT $5.70 PER MONTH	=$11.40
ON $1,000, OCTOBER 11, 1989 TO NOVEMBER 10, 1989 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT $5.70 PER MONTH	=$ 5.70
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NIGHT ROAD CLOSURES IN WESTERN, WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11 PM AND 5 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 10) FOR TWO NIGHTS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIGDE.

* CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN KA ON STREET AND CHIU KWONG STREET:

* WATER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST:

* HILL ROAD FLYOVER; AND

* WATER STREET EXTENSION.

DURING THE CLOSURES, CHIU KWONG STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON POK FU LAM ROAD ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WATER STREET, DES VOUEX ROAD WEST AND CHIU KWONG STREET TO JOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

MOTORISTS FROM KENNEDY TOWN ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED EITHER VIA DES VOEUX ROAD WEST OR VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, KA ON STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CHIU KWONG STREET TO REJOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

IN WAN CHAI, FLEMING ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR HARBOUR ROAD AND CONVENTION AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONNOCHY ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10), THE SECTION OF TUNG FAT ROAD BETWEEN TUNG KWONG ROAD AND TUNG LUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH PHASE VI OF THE TUNG TAU ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

AS A RESULT, THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS FOR KMB ROUTE 2D ON TUNG FAT ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

A NEW TERMINUS WILL BE REPROVISIONED ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUNG LUNG ROAD OUTSIDE THE TUNG TAU MARKET AND COOKED FOOD STALLS.

CONSEQUENTLY, BUSES ON KMB ROUTE 2D, ON JOURNEYS TO TUNG TAU ESTATE, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOK SIN ROAD AND TUNG LUNG ROAD.

MINIBUSES ON GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) ROUTE 33, ON JOURNEYS TO FU SHAN, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOK SIN ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTE 39M, ON JOURNEYS TO LOK FU, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TAI SHING STREET AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, TUNG KWONG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

VEHICLES ON LOK SIN ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR TUNG FAT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOK SIN ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TAI SHING STREET, TAI TUNG STREET AND TUNG FAT ROAD.

MOREOVER, VEHICLES ON TUNG FAT ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR TUNG LUNG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG FAT ROAD, TUNG KWONG ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD AND TUNG LUNG ROAD.

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LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, SECTIONS OF SHA TIN ROAD (NORTHBOUND) IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED.

ABOUT 800 METRES OF THE FAST LANE SOUTH OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (AUGUST 10 AND 11) FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

ABOUT 300 METRES OF THE SLOW LANE OPPOSITE CITY ONE SHATIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 PM ON AUGUST 23 (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF GANTRY SIGNS ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI WAI IN SHA TIN, THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING MEI TIN ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 10).

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS IN MEI TIN ROAD HEADING FOR TUNG LO WAN SHAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE CHIK WAN STREET AND LOWER SHING MUN ROAD TO REJOIN TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS IN MEI TIN ROAD HEADING FOR TAI PO ARE ADVISED TO USE CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD TO REJOIN TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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