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POLICE CADETS PASSING OUT PARADE

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TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT POLICE CADET GRADUATES WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR TWO-YEAR TRAINING WERE REMINDED THAT "KNOWLEDGE IS A STEP WHICH FEW MAY CLIMB WHILE DUTY IS A PATH WHICH ALL MAY TREAD".

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, WHEN HE TOOK THE SALUTE AT HIS LAST PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN FAN GARDENS TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR ANNING TOLD THE GRADUATES : "YOUR DUTIES WILL BE MANY AND VARIED, AND WILL BE OWED TO YOUR EMPLOYER, YOUR FAMILY AND TO THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SERVE.

"REMEMBER THAT IT IS ON THE YOUTH OF TODAY, THAT THE HOPES OF OUR COMMUNITY REST, AND THE STABILITY, PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SOCIETY LIE," THE POLICE CHIEF SAID.

NOTING THAT TRAINING IN THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN EMPHASISED ON THE VALUES OF SELF-DISCIPLINE, MORALITY, INTEGRITY AND DUTY, MR ANNING POINTED OUT THAT "IN ANY CIVILISED SOCIETY THESE ARE THE VERY PILLARS UPON WHICH THE FOUNDATION OF ORDER RESTS AND, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHICH SERVICE YOU HAVE OPTED TO JOIN, ARE EQUALLY VALUED BY ALL".

"AS YOU STAND HERE TODAY, ON THE THRESHOLD OF YOUR NEW CAREERS, THE FUTURE MIGHT INDEED APPEAR BRIGHT BUT REMEMBER MANY TEMPTATIONS, SUCCESSES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS LIE AHEAD.

"LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS A SMOOTH JOURNEY AND ALTHOUGH SOME OF YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ENJOY CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, WITH PROMOTIONS AND RECOGNITION, ALL WILL NOT BE EQUALLY FORTUNATE."

POINTING OUT THAT THE GRADUATES WERE AMONG THE LAST CADETS AT THE SCHOOL, THE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHOOL MUST CLOSE DUE TO THE FACT THAT GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION POLICIES HAD VIRTUALLY DRIED UP THE POOL FROM WHICH THE POLICE USED TO DRAW CANDIDATES.

HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE COMMANDANT AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS IN PRODUCING WELL TRAINED, CONFIDENT YOUNG MEN WHO MAKE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR JOINING ANY ORGANISATION.

OF THE 248 CADET GRADUATES, 235 HAVE OPTED TO JOIN THE POLICE FORCE, AND ONE EACH TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE PARADE, MR RAYMON URGED YOUNGSTERS TO CONSIDER THE POLICE FORCE AS A CAREER.

"WE HAVE VACANCIES. WE NEED SMART YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN US. THIS WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO US AND A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG.

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"PERHAPS I CAN TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF APPEALING TO ANYBODY WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN THE POLICE AS A CAREER NOT TO HESITATE TO APPLY TO JOIN US."

MR ANNING'S COMMENTS CAME IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE PRESENT MANNING SITUATION WITHIN THE FORCE.

"WE CAN ALWAYS DO WITH MORE POLICEMEN," HE SAID.

"WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RECRUITING DRIVE AT THE MOMENT AND WE HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ENOUGH RECRUITS."

ASKED WHY, IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, CONSIDERATION WAS NOT GIVEN TO RETAINING THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL, THE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHOOL WAS NOT BEING CLOSED OF CHOICE BUT BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN THE EDUCATION POLICIES IN HONG KONG. THE POOL ON WHICH THE SCHOOL DREW FOR RECRUITS HAD DIMINISHED TO A LEVEL WHEN IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.

"THEREFORE WE ARE HAVING TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL."

"IT IS WITH SOME REGRET BECAUSE OVER THE YEARS THE SCHOOL HAS PRODUCED SOME VERY FINE RECRUITS NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR THE OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES IN HONG KONG," MR ANNING POINTED OUT.

COMMENTING ON THE POLICE OPERATION THE PREVIOUS EVENING TO QUELL DISTURBANCES IN THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE, MR ANNING SAID HE HOPED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAD NOTED THE SPEED AT WHICH POLICE WERE ABLE TO RESPOND ONCE THEY HAD BEEN CALLED UPON TO ASSIST THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ORDER HAD BEEN RESTORED VERY QUICKLY AND THIS SHOULD REASSURE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE POLICE ARE ABLE TO RESPOND PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO DISORDER INSIDE CAMPS WHETHER THEY BE THOSE MANNED BY POLICE THEMSELVES OR OTHER AGENCIES.

MR ANNING HAD ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE FORCE WHEN RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ON "THE SO-CALLED IDEA OF VIGILANTE SQUADS".

"THE LAW DOES NOT ALLOW PEOPLE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND USURP THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POLICE FORCE," HE STRESSED.

"YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD POLICE FORCE IN HONG KONG, WELL MANNED, WELL EQUIPPED AND I AM CONFIDENT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING ORDER. IT IS THEREFORE QUITE IMPROPER FOR PEOPLE TO ILLEGALLY TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS."

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REMINDER ON EXPIRY OF ROAD TRAFFIC LAW GRACE PERIOD

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STANDING IN THE GOODS COMPARTMENT OR SITTING ON THE LOAD OF A MOVING GOODS VEHICLE IS DANGEROUS AND WILL BE AN OFFENCE FROM SEPTEMBER 1. A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (SATURDAY).

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS, ALL PASSENGERS OF GOODS VEHICLES MUST BE SEATED AND SEATS PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED AND SECURED TO THE BODYWORK OF THE VEHICLES.

THE REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE PASSED IN 1984, ALLOWED A FIVE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR OWNERS OF GOODS VEHICLES TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ALTERATION TO THEIR VEHICLES. THEY ALSO REQUIRE ALL TYPES OF GOODS VEHICLES TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE SEATING CAPACITY SPECIFIED IN THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT.

GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES OF ANY NEW SEATS PROVIDED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE SO THAT SEATING CAPACITY IN THE VEHICLES REGISTRATION DOCUMENT CAN BE AMENDED.

ANY PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE SEATING REQUIREMENTS IS LIABLE ON FIRST CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS, AND ON SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE FIVE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS WOULD EXPIRE ON AUGUST 24.

OPERATORS IN THE TRANSPORT TRADE, IN PARTICULAR TAXIS, GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES, ARE URGED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

ANY PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MANDATORY FROM AUGUST 25, 1989:

A) ALL VEHICLES

- * MOTOCYCLES AND INVALID CARRIAGES MUST BE FITTED WITH ONE STOP LAMP. ALL OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS MUST BE FITTED WITH TWO STOP LAMPS.
- * ALL WINDSCREENS, WINDOWS AND PARTITIONS MUST BE OF SAFETY GLASS OR SAFETY GLAZING OF A TYPE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. NO ALTERATION OR ADDITION TO ANY WINDSCREEN, WINDOW OR PARTITION CAN BE ALLOWED TO ENHANCE THEIR GLAZING.

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B) GOODS VEHICLES' AND TRAILERS' REAR MARKINGS

- * GOODS VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 13 METRES LONG; AND TRAILERS OVER ONE TONNE UNLADEN WEIGHT WHICH FORM A PART OF COMBINATION VEHICLES WITH OVERALL LENGTH NOT EXCEEDING 13 METRES MUST BE FITTED WITH A REAR REFLECTIVE MARKING OF RED AND YELLOW STRIPES.
- * GOODS VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES AND EXCEEDING 13 METRES LONG AND TRAILERS OVER ONE TONNE UNLADEN WEIGHT AND FORMING A PART OF COMBINATION VEHICLES EXCEEDING 13 METRES LONG MUST BE FITTED WITH A "LONG VEHICLE" REAR REFLECTIVE MARKING.

VEHICLE OWNERS SHOULD OBTAIN THESE MARKINGS FROM A SPECIALIST MANUFACTURER. THEY SHOULD NOT MAKE THE MARKINGS THEMSELVES.

C) TAXIS

- * TAXIMETERS MUST BE ABLE TO SHOW THE SURCHARGE FOR BAGGAGE, ANIMALS OR BIRDS, TUNNEL TOLLS AND FERRY FARES. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT MAKE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC TAXIMETERS MANDATORY, THOUGH MECHANICAL METERS WHICH CANNOT SHOW THE SURCHARGES CANNOT BE USED LEGALLY AFTER AUGUST 24.

DRIVERS AND OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WHO HAVE FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE REGULATIONS MAY CONTACT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON 5-8691166.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR CIVIC EDUCATION CARTOON CONTEST
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A CARTOON COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS.

THE COMPETITION, CO-ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ALSO AIMS AT ENHANCING LOCAL PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN DRAWING.

ENTRIES MUST CARRY A CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE. THE SUBJECTS MAY INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SOCIAL VIRTUES, CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, INDEPENDENT THINKING AND JUDGEMENT, AND SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

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THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE DIVISIONS - PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN.

THE THREE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS. THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIZES FOR NINE OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT MAY ENTER, AND THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM EACH CONTESTANT.

SCHOOLS ARE PARTICULARLY WELCOME TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION WHICH CAN SERVE AS A CIVIC EDUCATION LESSON.

ENTRY FORMS, WHICH PROVIDE DRAWING SPACE AT THE BACK, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ALL THE ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE, BEFORE 5.30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 16.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING MISS TERESA LEUNG ON 5-540271.

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SLOGAN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SLOGAN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION - ORGANISED BY THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD - IS TO PUBLICISE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL WAS, "ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BRINGS CREATIVITY TO THE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; JOINT EFFORTS GIVE A NEW LOOK TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT".

"THE SLOGANS MUST CARRY A MESSAGE ON THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL AND THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION," HE STRESSED.

"EACH ENTRY SHOULD CARRY NOT MORE THAN 16 CHINESE CHARACTERS."

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 2.

VALUABLE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE EIGHT BEST ENTRIES.

THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 4 AND 26.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL.

A NUMBER OF MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

CATCHICK STREET WESTBOUND BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND DAVIS STREET, AND DAVIS STREET BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND HAU WO STREET, WILL BOTH BE CLOSED.

VEHICLES ON CATCHICK STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SMITHFIELD AND HAU WO STREET TO JOIN DAVIS STREET.

HAU WO STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

THE EXISTING GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 23 AT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF HAU WO STREET NEAR SMITHFIELD WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE AT THE OTHER END OF HAU WO STREET.

ALL METERED PARKING SPACES IN THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF HAU WO STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, ALL VEHICLES OVER MORE THAN 3.5 METRES HIGH OR 10 METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER HAU WO STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND DAVIS STREET FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS:

- THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND HAU WO STREET;
- THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DAVIS STREET BETWEEN HAU WO STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET;
- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAU WO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SMITHFIELD TO A POINT ABOUT 105 METRES TO THE WEST;
- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAU WO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DAVIS STREET TO A POINT ABOUT SEVEN METRES TO THE EAST; AND
- THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAU WO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DAVIS STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 36 METRES TO THE EAST.

IN ADDITION, FORBES STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD AND CADOGAN STREET WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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

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NEW BUS ROUTE TO SERVE SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW BUS ROUTE NO. 60R OPERATING BETWEEN CITY ONE, SHA TIN AND CENTRAL (EDINBURGH PLACE) WILL COMMENCE OPERATION ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14).

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE FROM 7.30 AM TO 8.20 AM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS AT A FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES AND WILL CHARGE \$15 PER PASSENGER.

THE BUS WILL TRAVEL VIA NGAN SHING STREET, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, GLOUCESTER ROAD, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY, TAMAR STREET, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, LAMBETH WALK, CHATER ROAD, JACKSON ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND EDINBURGH PLACE.

ITS STOPPING LOCATIONS INCLUDE CITY ONE SHA TIN BUS TERMINUS (OUTER TERMINAL POINT), GLOUCESTER ROAD (OUTSIDE LUK KWOK HOTEL), ADMIRALTY MTR STATION AND EDINBURGH PLACE OUTSIDE CITY HALL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BUILDING ROAD CONNECTIONS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS LINKING TIN SHUI WAI AND YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE TIN SHUI WAI EAST ACCESS AND LONG PING ESTATE LINK WILL BE BUILT AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SHUI WAI.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS, FOOTPATHS, A CYCLE TRACK, A BRIDGE, A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 8.

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RE-ROUTEING OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BECAUSE OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN KAM WA STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES TO THE NORTH WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14). FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH.

VEHICLES LEAVING THE SHAU KEI WAN MARKET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE BOAT YARDS, A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD AND A KUNG NGAM ROAD.

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URBAN CLEARWAY NEAR LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14), THE SLIP ROAD LINKING LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY.

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

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WONG TAI SIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE PLACEMENT OF U-BEAMS ACROSS LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND APPROACHES PROJECT, FROM 12.05 AM TO 6 AM DAILY BETWEEN MONDAY (AUGUST 14) AND AUGUST 23 THE SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN SHEUNG YUEN LING WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO-LANE TRAFFIC TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION.

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