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\$244 MILLION PAID OUT LAST FINANCIAL YEAR AS SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PAID OUT NEARLY \$244 MILLION DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1977-78 AS NON-CONTRIBUTORY SOCIAL SECURITY CASH BENEFITS TO NEEDY FAMILIES, THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY.

A TOTAL OF 225,000 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THE BENEFITS, IN THE FORM OF EITHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, DISABILITY ALLOWANCE OR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS THIS YEAR WAS EXPECTED TO RISE TO \$335 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 37.2 PER CENT.

LAST MONTH ALONE, HE SAID, \$21.1 MILLION WERE PAID OUT, COMPARED WITH \$18.5 MILLION IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

TOTAL PAYMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976-77 AMOUNTED TO \$237.3 MILLION, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PAYMENT THIS YEAR WAS DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN PAYMENT RATES AND THE NEWLY-INTRODUCED SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS, HE SAID, PROVIDE NEW BENEFITS AND COVER MORE PEOPLE IN NEED OF WELFARE ASSISTANCE.

THEY INCLUDE THE OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT, THE LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT AND THE DISREGARDED INCOME PROVISION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS, AND THE EXTENSION OF THE DISABILITY AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCES SCHEME TO COVER THOSE UNDER INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

+THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$49 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OF THE \$244 MILLION DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR, \$143.8 MILLION WERE PAID OUT AS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 534,911 PAYMENTS, AND ANOTHER \$100.1 MILLION AS DISABILITY AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCES IN 848,888 PAYMENTS.

HE SAID : +AT PRESENT, THE DEPARTMENT'S 26 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS ARE HANDLING 48,000 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 18,000 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES AND 63,000 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES.

+MOST PEOPLE RECEIVE THEIR DISABILITY AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCES THROUGH BANK AUTOPAY SYSTEM, WHILE THE MAJORITY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH POST OFFICES.

+OTHER PLACES FOR COLLECTION ARE TREASURY OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS,+ HE ADDED.

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GOVERNMENT STARTS +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ SCHEME
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF CONCERTS TO BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY IN EACH DISTRICT OF HONG KONG AS PART OF ITS +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ SCHEME.

FOR SATURDAY (MAY 27), THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HAS ARRANGED TEN CONCERTS FOR TSUEN WAN SCHOOL CHILDREN.

FIVE ENSEMBLES WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES IN WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN TEN SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, EACH LASTING ONE HOUR. ABOUT 8,000 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THESE CONCERTS WAS TO GIVE CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES OF ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AND TO LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS AS WELL AS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A HONG KONG-WIDE MUSIC TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SEPTEMBER.

HE SAID THE MUSICIANS TAKING PART IN THE CONCERTS WERE INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND MEMBERS OF TWO LOCAL MUSIC SOCIETIES.

THE VENUES OF THE CONCERTS ON MAY 27 AND THE STARTING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ENSEMBLES OF WESTERN INSTRUMENTS

- * HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL, 31 LO TAK COURT, TSUEN WAN, AT 10 A.M.
- * HOI PA STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN, AT 11.30 A.M.
- * SUN WUI KU CHENG NATIVE ASSOCIATION TAK SIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHEK YAM ESTATE SCHOOL NO. 3, KWAI CHUNG, AT 10 A.M.
- * ALLIANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHEK LEI ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AT 11.30 A.M.

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ENSEMBLES OF CHINESE INSTRUMENTS

- * TSUEN WAN CHIU CHOW PUBLIC SCHOOL, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN, AT 10 A.M.
- * TSUEN WAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 37-41 TAK WAH STREET, TSUEN WAN, AT 11.30 A.M.
- * SHEK YAM SALESIAN A.M. PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOCK 1, SHEK YAM ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AT 10 A.M.
- * KAI YAM SCHOOL, BLOCK 3, SHEK YAM ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AT 11.30 A.M.
- * SHEK LEI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOCK 10, SHEK LEI ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AT 10 A.M.
- * LAI CHACK TAM SHIU HONG MEMORIAL SCHOOL, BLOCK 3, SHEK LEI ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AT 11.30 A.M.

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DOMESTIC MARKET FOR HK'S FURNITURE INDUSTRY

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN SAID THIS EVENING THAT HONG KONG HAS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE DOMESTIC MARKET FOR MODERN FURNITURE.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS, HE SAID THAT ALMOST 50,000 NEW HOMES ARE FORECAST FOR 1978 AND 60,000 FOR 1979. +ADD TO FURNITURE REQUIRED FOR THESE UNITS REPLACEMENT ITEMS FOR SOME OF THE HOUSEHOLDERS IN THE 770,000 UNITS NOW IN USE, AND YOU HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC MARKET+.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD NOTICED THE POTENTIAL OF OUR LOCAL MARKET AND HAD EXPORTED \$200 MILLION WORTH OF FURNITURE TO HONG KONG IN 1977 -- NOT VERY MUCH LESS THAN OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF FURNITURE WHICH LAST YEAR WERE VALUED AT \$260 MILLION.

+TO HAVE A LARGE DOMESTIC MARKET IS AN UNUSUAL SITUATION FOR ANY HONG KONG INDUSTRY TO BE IN, AND THIS NEW FEDERATION IS WELL PLACED TO CO-ORDINATE THE MANY ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NECESSARY IF THE INDUSTRY IS TO CAPITALISE FURTHER ON IT+.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT IF THEY WERE TO DO THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE READY TO ACCEPT NEW MATERIALS, NEW DESIGNS, NEW SKILLS AND NEW TOOLS.

+THIS IS NOT EASY FOR AN INDUSTRY WHICH IS OLD-FASHIONED, TRADITIONAL, CRAFT-BASED AND IN ITS OWN WAY SUCCESSFUL IN MANY RESPECTS+. BUT IN REMINDING HIS AUDIENCE THAT TIME DOES NOT STAND STILL, HE SAID THAT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE MARKET PLACE MIGHT ALSO FORCE THEM INTO LINES OF PRODUCTION OTHER THAN THOSE THEY ARE NOW IN.

HE GAVE A REASSURANCE TO THE INDUSTRY, WHICH HE SAID HAD SERVED HONG KONG SO WELL FOR SO LONG, THAT THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE POLYTECHNIC STAND READY TO PROVIDE WHATEVER HELP IT IS IN THEIR POWER TO PROVIDE.

MR. JORDAN DID NOT OVERLOOK THE TRADITIONAL SKILLS WHICH HAVE MADE HONG KONG'S ROSEWOOD, BLACKWOOD AND RATTAN FURNITURE SO POPULAR AT HOME AND ABROAD.

HE SAID THESE SKILLS HAVE LONG HELD AN IMPORTANT AND HONOURED PLACE AMONG THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CRAFTS AND THAT THERE IS STILL A MARKET FOR SUCH FURNITURE, ALTHOUGH NOT A MASS ONE.

BUT FOR THE MASS MARKET MR. JORDAN SAID: +HERE THE NEEDS ARE DIFFERENT. TODAY'S CONSUMER LOOKS FOR ATTRACTIVE, BUT FUNCTIONAL STYLING, AND FOR PIECES OF A SIZE SUITABLE FOR MODERN APARTMENTS+.

THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS INCLUDES THREE MAJOR FURNITURE ASSOCIATIONS AND 125 INDEPENDENT COMPANIES. MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

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NEW HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMEN ELECTED

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, WAS TODAY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE 23RD TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT AN ELECTION HELD AT THE KUK'S OFFICE IN CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

HE REPLACES MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, THE KUK'S CHAIRMAN FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS WHO DID NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION THIS TERM.

MR. WONG WAS ELECTED BY 64 VOTES TO 46 OVER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT.

THE ELECTORATE CONSISTED OF 111 COUNCILLORS WHO COMPRISED THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE KUK.

IN ELECTIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF VICE CHAIRMEN, MR. LAU WONG-FAT WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN AND MR. PETER YEUNG WAS ELECTED BY 61 VOTES TO 49 VOTES POLLED BY THE FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN MR. TSANG LIN TO FILL THE SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S POST.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, 15 ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE KUK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE CHOSEN FROM AMONG SPECIAL COUNCILLORS AND RURAL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMEN.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE: MR. WONG MO-YUEN, MR. LAM WAI-KEUNG, MR. LIU CHING-LEUNG, MR. LAU HON-KIT, MR. TANG TONG-KENG, MR. CHUNG PUN, MR. TANG TAK-KAU, MR. LAM CHAK-MAN, MR. NG TAM-HING, MR. LI CHEONG, MR. FUNG PAK-TAI, MR. HO SAN-KUEN, MR. LAM PAK-PING, MR. LAI KAM-MAN, AND MR. CHAN LAU-FONG.

TODAY'S ELECTIONS WERE HELD BY SECRET BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WAS THE RETURNING OFFICER.

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OPERATION OF DESALTER TO BE PHASED OUT
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OPERATION OF THE LOK ON PAI DESALINATION PLANT WILL BE PHASED OUT OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

IN MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER CONSIDERING THE PRESENT WATER STORAGE AND THE LONG-RANGE WEATHER FORECAST BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. T.H. TOMLINSON, SAID TODAY: +THE PRESENT STORAGE IS QUITE GOOD, AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAS FORECAST A SUMMER RAINFALL OF BETWEEN 1800 AND 2200 MM AND THE WHOLE YEAR RAINFALL OF BETWEEN 2250 AND 2750 MM.+

A SCHEDULE OF PLANNED MAINTENANCE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE DESALTER IS +OPERATION READY+ SHOULD THE EXPECTED RAINFALL FAIL TO MATERIALISE, AND IF DESALTED WATER AGAIN BECOMES NECESSARY.

SINCE WATER RESTRICTIONS WERE IMPOSED IN JUNE LAST YEAR THE PLANT HAS PRODUCED A TOTAL OF 50 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR SHEK LEI ESTATE
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NEW POST OFFICE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN SHEK LEI ESTATE, THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL OPEN AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 29).

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT ONE NEXT DOOR WHICH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER BUSINESS ON SATURDAY (MAY 27).

THE EXISTING BUSINESS HOURS (9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER 12-205286 ARE UNCHANGED.

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P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT RETITLED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN RETITLED +THE LANDS, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT+.

ACCORDINGLY, THE DIRECTOR'S TITLE IS +DIRECTOR OF LANDS, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING+.

THE TITLES OF FOUR OTHER POSTS HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE. THEY ARE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, NOW RETITLED CHIEF TOWN PLANNER= SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER, NOW SENIOR TOWN PLANNER= PLANNING OFFICER, NOW TOWN PLANNER= AND ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER, NOW ASSISTANT TOWN PLANNER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE CHANGE WAS INTRODUCED, WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 15, THIS YEAR, BECAUSE THE OLD TITLE DID NOT TRULY REFLECT THE OVERALL FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+THE NEW TITLE DOES SO,+ HE SAID.

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MORE DISABLED FOUND JOBS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S JOB PLACEMENT UNIT FOUND JOBS FOR 47 DISABLED PEOPLE LAST MONTH.

AMONG THEM WERE 19 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, NINE BLIND, EIGHT DEAF, FIVE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, FOUR MENTAL RETARDATEES, ONE FORMER T.B. PATIENT AND ONE EX-LEPER. THEIR AGE RANGES FROM 17 TO 51.

THEY ARE NOW ENGAGED AS CLERKS, TYPISTS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, CLEANSING AND IRONING WORKERS IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE UNIT, MR. CHAN SHIU-WING, SAID TODAY THE FIGURE SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 15 OVER THAT OF MARCH, AND THIS IN PART REFLECTED AN ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE OF EMPLOYERS.

+WE HOPE MORE PROPRIETORS OF FACTORIES AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS WOULD OFFER A WIDER RANGE OF JOBS TO FIT THE QUALIFICATION AND CAPABILITY OF THE DISABLED, WHO COULD BE VERY LOYAL AND RELIABLE EMPLOYEES,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

THOSE WHO FOUND JOBS LAST MONTH ARE EITHER PAID AT A MONTHLY RATE AVERAGED AT \$650 OR AT A DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$18 TO \$28.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

RETIREMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE
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THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. W.D. LEIGHTON,
WILL SOON RETIRE AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE,
MR. P.E.J. DAVY, WILL PRESENT A FAREWELL GIFT TO MR. LEIGHTON
ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE
DIRECTOR OF MARINE'S OFFICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS,
102 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, AT NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE
PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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CHIEF OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE RETIRING
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MR. J.A. WALLACE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE EARLY NEXT MONTH AFTER 13 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. WALLACE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1965 AS A WATERWORKS MECHANICAL ENGINEER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AFTER HAVING SERVED IN MALAYSIA AS A SUPERINTENDING MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE IN FEBRUARY 1966 AND TWO MONTHS LATER BECAME CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

HIS POST WAS RE-TITLED PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER IN 1970.

AT A FAREWELL PARTY THIS AFTERNOON, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, SAID THAT MR. WALLACE'S RISE TO THE HIGHEST RANK IN HIS DISCIPLINE IN THE GOVERNMENT WAS INDEED RAPID.

+AS HEAD OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN BUILDING UP AN EFFICIENT ORGANISATION THAT NOW MAKES A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS,+ HE SAID.

DURING HIS TENURE, MR. MCDONALD ADDED, THE PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE HAD INCREASED BY MORE THAN 100 PER CENT FROM 2,425 TO 5,155 POSTS.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EFFORTS, THE QUEEN AWARDED HIM THE M.B.E. EARLY THIS YEAR.

AT TODAY'S PARTY MR. MCDONALD PRESENTED MR. WALLACE WITH A FAREWELL GIFT, A CHINESE LACQUER CHEST, ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM SATURDAY (MAY 27) SEVERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND KENNEDY TOWN ON THE ISLAND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THESE AREAS.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY, THE SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD BETWEEN SHING FUK STREET AND TEXACO ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC, WHILE GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, AN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY :-

- * SHA TSUI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO A POINT 50 FEET WEST OF THE JUNCTION WITH WO TIK STREET=
- * TAI HO ROAD FROM A POINT 82 FEET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TSUI ROAD UP TO YEUNG UK ROAD=
- * YEUNG UK ROAD FROM TAI HO ROAD UP TO THE JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD=
- * MA TAU PAR ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YEUNG UK ROAD UP TO A POINT 115 FEET ALONG ITS LENGTH=
- * TEXACO ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TSUI ROAD UP TO A POINT 213 FEET SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD= AND
- * KWAI FUK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TEXACO ROAD UP TO A POINT 65 FEET ALONG ITS LENGTH.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.

LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING AND PRACTISING DRIVING INSTRUCTION IN THE SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD BETWEEN SHING FUK STREET AND TEXACO ROAD.

IN KENNEDY TOWN, WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY, AN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF VICTORIA ROAD AND BELCHER'S STREET BETWEEN KA WAI MAN ROAD AND SANDS STREET FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

MOREOVER, THE SECTION OF SMITHFIELD ROAD BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND, WHILE HAU WO STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF CATCHICK STREET BETWEEN SMITHFIELD ROAD AND CADOGAN STREET AND THE SECTION OF CADOGAN STREET BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND CATCHICK STREET.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUS DRIVERS ARE ADVISED TO OPERATE ALONG BELCHER'S STREET, HOLLAND STREET, KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA AND CATCHICK STREET TO MAKE USE OF THE NEW PLB STAND IN SMITHFIELD ROAD BETWEEN CATCHICK STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL THESE AREAS TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE SILVER STRAND AREA IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 27).

THIS IS TO ENABLE STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT WORK ON WATER MAINS IN THE AREA.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE THE NORTHEASTERN SIDE OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN SHAW BROTHERS STUDIO AND HANG HAU ROAD, INCLUDING A KUNG WAN, SILVER STRAND AREA AND SILVER STRAND BEACH.

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