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GOVERNOR URGES COMMUNITY EFFORT IN YEAR OF OX

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THE WHOLE COMMUNITY MUST BE INVOLVED IN MEETING THE NEW CHALLENGES IN THE YEAR AHEAD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY.

WE SHALL NEED TO KEEP OUR ECONOMY IN GOOD SHAPE, TO MOVE STEADILY TOWARDS A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING IN PUTONGHUA AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR 1 500 GUESTS, IN CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF THE OX.

THE OX, THE GOVERNOR SAID, SYMBOLISED PERSEVERANCE, DETERMINATION AND STEADFASTNESS.

THESE QUALITIES ARE THE HALLMARKS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG= THEY HAVE ENABLED HONG KONG TO EMERGE FROM THE PAST TWO UNSETTLING YEARS WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF VIGOUR, HE SAID.

HE WISHED THE PEOPLE ALL GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND EVERY SUCCESS IN THE YEAR OF THE OX.

HE THEN PROPOSED A TOAST TO A HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR, WHICH HE REPEATED IN CANTONESE.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, LATER MINGLED WITH THE GUESTS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, AND OFFICIALS OF THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES.

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STEPS TAKEN TO EASE HOSPITAL CROWDING

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A NUMBER OF SHORT TERM MEASURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) CHAIRED BY DR THE HON HARRY FANG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE MDAC CONSIDERED A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON OVERCROWDING IN HOSPITALS, SET UP IN FEBRUARY 1984 TO LOOK FOR WAYS REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN HOSPITALS.

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ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE MEASURES EMPLOYED IN SO FAR AS RESOURCES PERMIT TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN HOSPITALS ARE :

- (A) TO REDISTRIBUTE BEDS AMONG DISCIPLINES, SO AS TO BETTER UTILISE THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THOSE DISCIPLINES WHERE SERVICES ARE UNDER HEAVY DEMAND;
- (B) TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL STAFF, SUCH AS PLASTER ARTISANS, OR PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS OBSERVATION BEDS AND FOLLOW-UP CLINICS AT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT;
- (C) TO IMPRESS THE PROBLEM UPON CLINICIANS TO IMPOSE TIGHTER SUPERVISION AND PROVIDE MORE GUIDANCE FOR JUNIOR STAFF IN THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT;
- (D) TO PERFORM MORE MINOR OPERATIONS AT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND OUT-PATIENT CLINICS; AND
- (E) TO REDESIGNATE MORE NON-REGIONALISED BEDS IN SUBVENTED DISTRICT HOSPITALS TO THE REGIONALISED SYSTEM THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HOSPITAL MANagements.

THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FELT THAT IT WAS TOO SOON TO PREDICT WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE MEASURES COULD BE MATCHED WITH RESULTS, AND THAT THE FULL IMPACT COULD ONLY BE SEEN AFTER ALL THE MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT FOR SOME TIME.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED THAT THIS REPORT ON OVERCROWDING BE MADE AVAILABLE TO W.D. SCOTT AND CO. PTY. LTD., THE CONSULTANT FIRM RECENTLY APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.

THE CONSULTANT FIRM IS ALSO REQUIRED TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM OF CROWDING IN HOSPITALS, INCLUDING ANY LONG-TERM MEASURES WHICH MAY COMPLEMENT THE PRESENT EXERCISE.

THE MDAC WAS FIRST SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1973. ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE :

- (A) TO KEEP UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

/(B) TO ADVISE .....

- (B) TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES HAVING REGARD TO ALL FACTORS WHICH AFFECT THE PROGRESS OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS A TOTAL OF TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS EACH.

THE MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BODIES, NURSING PROFESSION, SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

- (1) PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA
- (2) PROFESSOR DAVID TODD
- (3) DR W.H.P. LEWIS
- (4) DR HENRY F.K. LI
- (5) DR E.H. PATERSON
- (6) THE HON PETER C. WONG
- (7) MR ANTHONY Y.W. HO
- (8) PROFESSOR W.I.K. DAVIES
- (9) DR C.H. LEONG
- (10) MISS DORA WEI

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN IS THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, WHILE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IS IN PERMANENT ATTENDANCE.

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TALKS WITH UK ON BARRACKS PROPOSED  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS TODAY (TUESDAY) DECIDED TO RECOMMEND DISCUSSIONS BE HELD WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH THE KOHIMA BARRACKS PROJECT AND ALSO THAT THE LYEMUN SITE SHOULD, AS PLANNED, REVERT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1987.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF A REVIEW OF THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME PROVIDED FOR IN THE 1981 DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT (DCA).

IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER THE MATTER NOW BECAUSE THE SITE FORMATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT KOHIMA AND DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT STAGE ARE REQUIRED.

ANY EFFECT ON THE SIZE OF THE GARRISON IN THE FUTURE IS A QUESTION WHICH WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL DISCUSSION WITH HMG.

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WRECK REPORT SENT TO AG  
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A WRITTEN REPORT PREPARED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WHO CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION OF A WRECK SUSPECTED TO BE THAT OF THE +BARQUENTINE OSPREY+ HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE REPORT HAD RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, WHO HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IT BEFORE PASSING IT ON TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF THE ILLEGAL ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF 205, 207, 209, 211, 205A AND 211A, AND THE ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS FROM FLAT A, B, C, 8TH FLOOR OF 205A AND 8TH FLOOR OF 211A, HAI TAN STREET, KOWLOON.

THE PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES AND EXTENSIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MARCH 11 WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY.

A BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID NINE ILLEGAL ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES AND ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS FROM FLAT A, B, C, ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF 205A AND THE 8TH FLOOR OF 211A WERE AFFECTED.

THE CLOSURE APPLICATION WAS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN 1983 AND 1984, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL ROOF STRUCTURES AND EXTENSIONS AS A RESULT OF THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDERS, HE SAID.

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE, AND TAKE A MONTH TO COMPLETE. CLOSURE ORDERS WILL THEN BE LIFTED FOR THE FLAT A, B, C, 8TH FLOOR OF 205A AND 8TH FLOOR OF NO. 211A HAI TAN STREET.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHAN MUN-WA ON OCTOBER 5, 1983 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

CHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HIS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BROTHER, CHAN KAM-MING ON FEBRUARY 18, 1983.

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URBAN COUNCIL SENDS RARE DUCKS TO THAILAND

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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY SHIPPED 12 WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS, A RARE AND HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES, TO BANGKOK.

CATHAY PACIFIC FLEW THE DUCKS TO BANGKOK FREE OF CHARGE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WHICH FINANCES AND ADMINISTERS THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, WHERE THE BIRDS WERE REARED, PAID FOR THE SHIPPING CRATES AND THE NECESSARY EXPORT DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATION.

+THE SHIPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION BY BOTH ORGANISATIONS TO A WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PROJECT AIMED AT SAVING THIS THREATENED SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

THE FORMER RANGE OF THE WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK WAS FROM ASSAM AND BURMA THROUGH THAILAND AND INDO CHINA TO SUMATRA AND JAVA. HABITAT DESTRUCTION ON A MASSIVE SCALE, AND OVER-HUNTING, COMBINED TO CAUSE A CATASTROPHIC DECLINE IN NUMBERS, AND THIS SPECIES IS NOW EXTINCT IN MANY AREAS WHERE IT USED TO BE FOUND, INCLUDING THAILAND.

THE 12 DUCKS FLOWN TO BANGKOK WERE HATCHED AND REARED AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS DURING 1984. THEIR PARENTS ARE ON BREEDING LOAN FROM THE WILDFOWL TRUST IN ENGLAND, WHOSE HONORARY DIRECTOR IS SIR PETER SCOTT.

THE WILDFOWL TRUST IS CO-ORDINATING WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PROJECT 406, WHICH AIMS TO PROPAGATE THIS RARE DUCK IN CAPTIVITY IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO BE ABLE TO REINTRODUCE THE BIRDS IN AREAS OF THEIR FORMER RANGE WHERE THEY NO LONGER OCCUR.

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IT IS AS PART OF THIS PROJECT THAT THESE 12 BIRDS ARE BEING SENT TO THE ROYAL FOREST DEPARTMENT OF THAILAND, WHICH MAINTAINS CAPTIVE BREEDING STATIONS FOR THE EVENTUAL REINTRODUCTION OF WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS INTO THEIR WILD HABITAT.

+WITH ONLY APPROXIMATELY 200 PAIRS REMAINING IN THE WILD, AND SOME 100 BIRDS AT PRESENT IN CAPTIVITY, THE 12 DUCKS REARED AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT RECRUITMENT TO THE TOTAL WORLD POPULATION, AND THEIR FLIGHT TO BANGKOK IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PROJECT 406,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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#### PEDESTRIAN LINK IN WAN CHAI

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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER O'BRIEN ROAD IN WAN CHAI, TO PROVIDE THE MAIN PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND ENTRANCES TO THE M.T.R.'S WAN CHAI STATION.

WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE ON WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND THE EXPECTED OPENING IN MID-1985 OF THE ISLAND LINE, PEDESTRIAN FLOW BETWEEN THE RECLAMATION AREA AND THE STATION'S ENTRANCES IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY.

PROVISION WILL ALSO BE MADE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FOOTBRIDGE FOR A DIRECT LINK TO A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE SECTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD, WHERE THE STATION'S ENTRANCES WILL BE LOCATED, WILL BE PEDESTRIANISED WHILE THE SECTION BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED THE \$11.3 MILLION CONTRACT TO FRANKI CONTRACTORS LIMITED FOR WORK ON THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF ESCALATORS AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF GLOUCESTER ROAD AND AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MTR STATION.

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CAS RESCUE UNIT PRAISED FOR GOOD WORK

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT WAS CONTINUING TO IMPROVE IN CAPABILITY AND EXPERTISE, THE INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IN THE U.K., SQUADRON LEADER G.J. BLACKBURN, SAID RECENTLY.

REPORTING ON HIS THIRD BIENNIAL INSPECTION OF THE CAS UNIT, SQUADRON LEADER BLACKBURN SAID THAT DURING THE FIVE EXERCISES IN WHICH HE TOOK PART WITH THE MRU BETWEEN DECEMBER 2 AND 8 LAST YEAR, THE MEMBERS SHOWED THEMSELVES TO BE +VERY PROFESSIONAL+.

THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISES, WHICH INCLUDED TESTS ON NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, ROCK CLIMBING, STRETCHER LOWERING, NIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND OVERNIGHT EXPEDITION, THE UNIT IMPRESSED HIM AS BEING +A HIGHLY MOTIVATED, ENTHUSIASTIC AND WELL-ORGANISED TEAM+.

+THIS WAS MY THIRD INSPECTION OF THE MRU, AND IT HAD BEEN GRATIFYING TO NOTICE THE IMPROVEMENT IN CAPABILITIES AND EXPERTISE WITH EACH SUBSEQUENT VISIT,+ HE SAID.

+PERSONNEL ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND LED BY SOME HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES WILLING TO DEVOTE A LOT OF THEIR OWN FREE TIME TO THE MRU, AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN THEMSELVES ABOUT THEIR VOLUNTARY TASK.+

+THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HAVE AN ASSET IN THE MRU, AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT IN THE COMING YEARS - GIVEN THE CURRENT BACKING - THEY WILL GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.+

LAST YEAR THE MRU RESPONDED TO 74 STAND-BY AND CALL-OUT OPERATIONS.

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STUDIES SHOW PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS SAFE

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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF SOME PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY REITERATED THAT ALL ESTATE BLOCKS WERE STRUCTURALLY SAFE.

AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS CONCLUDED BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONALS AND CONSULTANTS AFTER DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE BUILDINGS' PERFORMANCE TO DATE, THEIR STRUCTURAL DESIGN AND ESTABLISHED LOADING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CONCRETE WAS ONE OF THE VARIOUS FACTORS WHICH HAD A BEARING ON THE STRUCTURAL STRENGTH OF A BUILDING.

/+STRUCTURAL SURVEYS .....

+STRUCTURAL SURVEYS ON ESTATE BLOCKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAVE FORMED PART OF THE AUTHORITY'S ON-GOING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+WORKS IN THIS ASPECT INCLUDE VISUAL INSPECTION AND GRADING, CONCRETE CORING AND ULTRA SONIC TESTING.

+EXTENSIVE LABORATORY TESTINGS ARE MADE ON THE CONCRETE CORES OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO DETERMINE THEIR CEMENT CONTENT, CRUSHING STRENGTH, SURFACE PH, OVERALL PH, CHLORIDE CONTENT, DENSITY AND DEPTH OF CARBONATION.

+THE LAST NAMED TEST, FOR EXAMPLE, MEASURES THE DETERIORATION OF THE OUTSIDE SURFACE DUE TO INVASION BY AGGRESSIVE ATMOSPHERIC COMPOUNDS.+

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCURATE RESULTS WHICH WOULD HELP TO DETERMINE HOW MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS SHOULD BEST PROCEED, UP TO DATE TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCE EQUIPMENT WERE USED DURING INSPECTIONS AND SURVEYS, FOLLOWED BY EXTENSIVE COMPUTER ANALYSES.

THE TESTS WERE DONE ON BEAMS, WALLS AND FLOORS. THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS HAVE ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING, ITS RIGIDITY AS A WHOLE AND STATE OF LOADING.

+TO CARRY OUT LIMITED TESTS ON JUST ONE PART OF A BUILDING CAN GIVE A MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING.+

AS REGARDS THE ON-GOING MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MAJOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS WERE CARRIED OUT WHERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE ALL ESTATE BLOCKS WERE KEPT IN GOOD SHAPE AT ALL TIMES.

+THIS INCLUDES COMPLETE RENOVATION OF FLATS, THE COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF DRAINAGE AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS DETAILED DAY TO DAY MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSING STOCK.

+THE AUTHORITY ALSO PLACES GREAT STRESS ON A PLANNED PROGRAMME OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.+

ROADS DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES

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SEVERAL ROADS ON TSING YI ISLAND AND ONE IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 1).

THE ROADS ON TSING YI ISLAND ARE:

\* TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BETWEEN  
TSING YI ROUNDABOUT AND CHEUNG WAN STREET;

\* TSING YI ROAD BETWEEN TSING YI ROUNDABOUT  
AND A POINT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 METRES WEST  
OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHING HONG ROAD;

\* TSING YI ROUNDABOUT.

IN TSUEN WAN, A SECTION OF ABOUT 35 METRES OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YAN CHAI STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS.

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NOTE TO TV NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BROADCAST THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR MORNING TRAFFIC BULLETINS.

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CLEARWAY FOR 16 DAYS

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 1), THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR 16 DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK:

\* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KAI CHIU ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE GARDEN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

\* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LEE GARDEN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KAI CHIU ROAD TO A POINT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTIONS, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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### SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

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STUDENTS WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THAT ENTRIES FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE MARCH 3, TO THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS BETWEEN 14 AND 22 YEARS OF AGE.

ENTRIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS - 'A' DIVISION FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND 'B' DIVISION FOR THOSE IN POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

THE WINNER OF DIVISION 'A' WILL RECEIVE A \$1 500 CASH COUPON AND THE WINNER OF DIVISION 'B' WILL RECEIVE A \$3 000 CASH COUPON.

IN ADDITION, TEN OTHER ENTRIES EACH FROM 'A' AND 'B' DIVISIONS WILL BE AWARDED CONSOLATION PRIZES OF CASH COUPONS OF \$300 AND \$600 RESPECTIVELY.

JUDGING OF ENTRIES WILL TAKE PLACE IN EARLY MARCH.

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### VANS HELP GET PEOPLE TO VOTE

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VEHICLES BROADCASTING ELECTION MESSAGES HAVE BEGUN TOURING THE 19 DISTRICTS TO URGE PEOPLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

DECORATED WITH POSTERS, THE BROADCASTING VEHICLES WILL VISIT FOUR DISTRICTS EACH DAY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM, TOURING HOUSING ESTATES, MARKET PLACES AND COMMERCIAL AND SHOPPING CENTRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE AIM WAS TO TOUR BUSY AND POPULATED AREAS TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH MESSAGES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTIONS.

+THE ELECTION THEME SONG 'A VOICE' WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST TO ATTRACT PEOPLE'S ATTENTION,+ HE SAID.

CNTA STAFF WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE POSTERS REMINDING PEOPLE TO TURN OUT AND VOTE ON POLLING DAY.

ON ELECTION DAY --- MARCH 7 --- THE BROADCASTING VEHICLES WILL TOUR ALL 19 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, WHEN POLLING STATIONS ARE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN MONG KOK AND NORTH POINT FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 1) TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK.

IN MONG KOK, BUTE STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR THREE MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE SECTION OF BUTE STREET BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS HEADING TOWARDS LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT VIA SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, ARGYLE STREET AND NATHAN ROAD.

IN NORTH POINT, A 40-METRE SECTION AT THE NORTHERN END OF OIL STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR A WEEK ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

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PROHIBITED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 1), THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF THE SECTION OF PO HEUNG STREET BETWEEN NAM SHING STREET AND HEUNG SZE WUI STREET IN TAI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT= AND ALL VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING A LENGTH OF EIGHT METRES.

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