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STANDING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENT IN CIVIL SERVICE  
CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY

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THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED ITS 21ST REPORT, WHICH CONTAINS THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY.

THIS FOLLOWS A REVIEW OF THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE CARRIED OUT BY THE COMMISSION IN 1987 AND 1988.

THE COMMISSION ISSUED A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT IN 1987 TO SOLICIT VIEWS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES ON HOW THE EXISTING SYSTEM COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED. A TOTAL OF 107 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED.

IN THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW, THE COMMISSION ARRANGED TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF 13 STAFF ASSOCIATIONS TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS.

THE COMMISSION COMPLETED THE REVIEW LATE LAST YEAR AND SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR. THE MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION ARE:

- (A) A NON-POLICE DISCIPLINED SERVICES COUNCIL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FULL CENTRAL-LEVEL REPRESENTATION TO ALL THE NON-POLICE DISCIPLINED SERVICES;
- (B) NO MAJOR CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND ADMISSION SYSTEM OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL EXCEPT THAT ITS ADMISSION CRITERIA SHOULD BE MADE MORE PRECISE AND BE WELL PUBLICISED;
- (C) THE NAME OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL SHOULD BE CHANGED TO AVOID THE MISCONCEPTION THAT IT WAS INTENDED ONLY FOR SENIOR OFFICERS;
- (D) THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STAFF SIDE, A SET OF COMPREHENSIVE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE MODEL SCALE I STAFF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL. THESE CRITERIA SHOULD BE ALONG SIMILAR LINES AS THOSE FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL AND SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO BOTH EXISTING MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS.

THE COMMISSION ALSO MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES SHOULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED AND HOW OTHER EXISTING MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND STAFF GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SERVANTS COULD BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE.

THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK OUT A PROGRAMME FOR PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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GOVT WELCOMES CIVIL SERVICE STANDING COMMISSION'S REPORT

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THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE PUBLICATION BY THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF ITS REPORT NO. 21 DEALING WITH THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE RECOMMENDATIONS MARK THE CULMINATION OF A DETAILED STUDY BY THE STANDING COMMISSION TO MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE," HE SAID.

"THEY WILL BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY THE GOVERNMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE EXISTING CENTRAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS, STAFF ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS MIGHT CHANNEL ANY VIEWS THEY MIGHT HAVE ON THE REPORT THROUGH THEIR ASSOCIATION OR DEPARTMENT.

"COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THESE BODIES AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY FORWARD THEIR VIEWS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH BY MAY 1 THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

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NEW CHAIRMAN OF BROADCASTING AUTHORITY APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SIR ROGER LOBO HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER FROM MR ALLEN LEE.

HIS APPOINTMENT WILL COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 9, 1989 AND WILL RUN UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1990.

SIR ROGER'S PREVIOUS RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE INCLUDES APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT AND COMMISSIONER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WOULD NEED SOMEONE OF SIR ROGER'S CONSIDERABLE STATURE AND EXPERIENCE TO DEAL WITH THE DIFFICULT TASKS AHEAD OF IT.

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"ONE OF ITS MOST IMMEDIATE TASKS WILL BE TO ADVISE ON THE CABLE TELEVISION PROPOSALS," SHE SAID.

"IT IS ALSO ENVISAGED THAT THE AUTHORITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE EXTENDED IN FUTURE TO INCLUDE RADIO AND OTHER FORMS OF BROADCASTING.

"IN ADDITION, IT WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW RTHK BOARD OF GOVERNORS."

MISS CHUNG ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MR LEE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY DURING THE PAST 16 MONTHS.

"UNDER MR LEE'S LEADERSHIP, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS IN RECORD TIME CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, INITIATED MANY ESSENTIAL CHANGES AND RESOLVED THE DIFFICULT TASK OF RENEWING THE LICENCES OF THE TWO WIRELESS TELEVISION STATIONS WITH MUCH TACT, FIRMNESS AND PATIENCE," SHE SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, IT HAS FINALISED THE CALLING OF PROPOSALS FOR CABLE TELEVISION, AND REVIEWED THE CODES OF PRACTICE RELATING TO TELEVISION PROGRAMME AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS."

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CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN OF TWO SUB-COMMITTEES SET UP UNDER THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR MARTIN BARROW AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE, AND MR PAUL CHENG AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR JOHN SWAINE WHOSE APPOINTMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APART FROM THE CHAIRMAN, THE STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE 10 MEMBERS, HALF OF WHOM WOULD SERVE ON EACH OF THE TWO SUB-COMMITTEES.

"ACTION IS IN HAND TO APPOINT THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

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"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH."

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY AN INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT DRAWN FROM THE GENERAL CIVIL SERVICE, WITH ITS OFFICE IN SINCERE BUILDING, CENTRAL. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS MR KEN WOODHOUSE.

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CONTROL OVER FERRY SERVICES UNAFFECTED BY TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED (HYF) TO TRANSFER THE FERRY FRANCHISE FROM THE EXISTING PARENT COMPANY TO A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY COMPANY WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1989.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISED FERRY SERVICES. THEREFORE, THE FARES AND STANDARD OF THE FERRY SERVICES PROVIDED BY HYF WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL NOTED THAT THE COMPANY APPLIED FOR A TRANSFER OF ITS FRANCHISE FROM THE PRESENT PARENT COMPANY TO AN EXISTING WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY COMPANY BECAUSE IT INTENDED TO UNDERGO A CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING.

AFTER RESTRUCTURING, THE PARENT COMPANY BECOMES A HOLDING COMPANY, NAMED "HONG KONG FERRY (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED".

THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, FORMERLY NAMED "SEALINK FERRIES LIMITED", IS RETITLED "THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED" AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING THE FRANCHISED AND NON-FRANCHISED FERRY ACTIVITIES AS A SINGLE CORPORATE ENTITY DIVORCED FROM OTHER NON-UTILITY ACTIVITIES OF THE HOLDING COMPANY.

THE COUNCIL ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMPANY'S CORPORATE RE-STRUCTURING WOULD FACILITATE THE FINANCIAL MONITORING OF ITS FRANCHISED FERRY OPERATIONS BECAUSE THE PERFORMANCE OF FERRY SERVICES WOULD BE BETTER IDENTIFIED FROM THE OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE FERRY GROUP.

WITHIN THE FERRY SUBSIDIARY, THE FRANCHISED FERRY OPERATIONS ARM WILL MAINTAIN ITS OWN SEPARATE ACCOUNTS AND WILL CHARGE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO NON-FRANCHISED FERRY ACTIVITIES OR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE GROUP.

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CMB FRANCHISE EXTENDED TO 1993

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LTD (CMB) FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1991 TO AUGUST 31, 1993.

APPROVAL WAS GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS AND SERVICES IN RECENT YEARS, AND ITS SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OVERALL.

CMB HAS BEEN INTRODUCING NEW BUSES AND ADJUSTING ITS ROUTES TO MEET CHANGING DEMAND.

AS A FURTHER MEANS TO IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF ITS OPERATIONS, CMB HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED A COMPUTERISED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL BEGIN OPERATING SHORTLY.

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NEW DRAFT OZP FOR TSUEN WAN WEST GAZETTED

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A NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TSUEN WAN WEST, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 453 HECTARES WHICH INCLUDES TING KAU, SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU, WAS GAZETTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE MAIN PLANNING INTENTION WAS TO CONSERVE THE EXISTING SCENIC LANDSCAPE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND SUBURBAN CHARACTER BY CONFINING URBAN TYPE DEVELOPMENT TO CERTAIN AREAS ONLY.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH A BROAD LAND USE ZONING AND MAJOR ROAD NETWORK FOR THE AREA," HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS AND TO MINIMISE IMPACTS ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, MOST BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE AREA ARE CONTROLLED BY RESTRICTIONS IN PLOT RATIO, SITE COVERAGE AND BUILDING HEIGHT.

THESE CONTROLS, HOWEVER, MAY BE RELAXED UPON APPLICATION TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CHANGING CHARACTER OF SHAM TSENG, ITS EXISTING REMAINING INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE DESIGNATED "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING REDEVELOPMENT FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USES.

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UNDER THIS ZONING ALL DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

SUCH SUBMISSION SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN CONTAINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT WHICH SHOULD EXAMINE ANY POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE CAUSED TO OR BY THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES TO TACKLE THEM.

FURTHERMORE, DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" ARE GOVERNED BY A MAXIMUM DOMESTIC PLOT RATIO OF 5 AND A MAXIMUM NON-DOMESTIC PLOT RATIO OF 9.5.

HOWEVER, WHERE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN VIEW OF INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITIES AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS OF A PARTICULAR SITE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A LESSER DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY THAN THAT OF THE MAXIMUM STIPULATED.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL USES WITHIN THE "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" ZONE CAN REMAIN. HOWEVER, ANY ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING FACTORIES WILL REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT TWO HECTARES HAS BEEN ZONED "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)". THIS INCLUDES A NUMBER OF COMMITTED HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT AND NEAR SHAM TSENG. WITHIN THIS ZONE, A RANGE OF COMMERCIAL USES ARE ALWAYS PERMITTED ON THE LOWER THREE FLOORS OF THE BUILDING.

ABOUT 21.1 HECTARES OF LAND IS ZONED "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)". THE AREA INCLUDES THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TSING LUNG TAU, SUCH AS HONG KONG GARDEN, AND A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT SITES ON THE LANDWARD SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THIS ZONE IS BASICALLY INTENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, BUT COMMERCIAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY USES MAY BE PROVIDED SUBJECT TO PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD. DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THIS ZONE ARE RESTRICTED TO A PLOT RATIO OF 2.1.

"RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" SITES ARE FOUND MAINLY ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TING KAU AND TSING LUNG TAU. DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THIS ZONE ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.4 AND A BUILDING HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED THREE STOREYS INCLUDING CARPORT.

A NUMBER OF EXISTING TRADITIONAL VILLAGES SUCH AS TSING LUNG TAU TSUEN, SHAM TSENG SAN TSUEN, SHAM TSENG KAU TSUEN AND TING KAU TSUEN ARE ZONED "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT" WITH THE AIM OF PRESERVING THE EXISTING VILLAGE CHARACTER AND TO ALLOW ROOM FOR EXPANSION.

A COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN HONG KONG GARDEN AND THE CLUSTER OF ROAST-GOOSE RESTAURANTS IN SHAM TSENG ARE ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USES.

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IN ORDER TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE LOW-DENSITY CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS ZONE ARE RESTRICTED TO THREE STOREYS OVER ONE STOREY OF CARPORT BUT MINOR RELAXATION OF THIS HEIGHT RESTRICTION MAY BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE SEVEN GAZETTED BEACHES WITHIN THE AREA ARE INCLUDED IN THE "OPEN SPACE" ZONE OF THE PLAN.

ABOUT 9.2 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES. THE MAJOR PLANNED PROVISIONS INCLUDE A WATER TREATMENT WORKS AND SERVICE RESERVOIRS IN TSING LUNG TAU AND ANOTHER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN SHAM TSENG.

ABOUT 328.7 HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN THE AREA HAS BEEN ZONED "GREEN BELT" ON THE PLAN WITH THE AIM OF PROTECTING THE EXISTING ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE AND VEGETATION FROM URBAN ENCROACHMENT.

IN THIS ZONE, RECREATIONAL USES ARE ALWAYS PERMITTED BUT BUILDING DEVELOPMENT WOULD REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THIS NEW DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- \* THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TSUEN WAN), FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE NEW PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$120 EACH COLOURED.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT PLAN SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD ON OR BEFORE APRIL 3, 1989.

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TWO SETS OF NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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TWO SETS OF NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE THE NOISE CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1989 AND THE NOISE CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS 1989.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE NOISE CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1989 PRESCRIBE FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS, NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICES, AND SO ON, AND REGULATE THE MANNER OF COMPLETION OF APPLICATION FORMS.

"A FEE OF \$100 WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICATION FOR A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT."

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION IN STAGES COMMENCING LATER THIS MONTH.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE ORDINANCE CAN THEN BE MADE TO THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

A LEAD TIME WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS ARE MADE OBLIGATORY SO THAT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PLAN ITS WORK AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY APPLICATIONS.

"IF ANYPERSON IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION OF THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY, HE CAN APPEAL TO AN INDEPENDENT NOISE CONTROL APPEAL BOARD.

"THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AND THE FORMS TO BE USED ARE CONTAINED IN THE NOISE CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS 1989," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE MAJORITY OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE ARE EXPECTED TO COME INTO FORCE WITHIN THIS YEAR," HE ADDED.

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BILL TO AMEND LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE GAZETTED  
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A BILL SEEKING TO AMEND THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL AMENDMENT IS TO BRING UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ORDINANCE THE WORK DONE BY REGISTERED LIFT OR ESCALATOR CONTRACTORS OR ENGINEERS IN BUILDINGS BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE OTHER AMENDMENT PROVIDES THAT WHERE AN OWNER WITH MORE THAN ONE SERVICE LIFT FAILS TO SEND A PLAN OF THE LIFTS TO THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES IN A SPECIFIED TIME, THE DIRECTOR MAY PROHIBIT THE USE AND OPERATION OF THESE LIFTS.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

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EXTENSION TO KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO.6 PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 350 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AS AN EXTENSION TO THE KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO.6 AND EXTENSION.

THE GRANT WOULD BE MADE BY PRIVATE TREATY TO THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANTILEVERED OVERHANGS AT THE ROOF AND PRAYA LEVEL OF THE PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE ERECTED ON THE PIER.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 2 THIS YEAR.

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## PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR NOVEMBER

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN NOVEMBER 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$8,856 MILLION, WAS 17 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1987 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 8 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1988 WITH NOVEMBER 1987, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" WERE 13 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY 41 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 30 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 25 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS SALES INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987. TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE BY 30 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

"CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE, AND 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY 42 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WERE 39 PER CENT AND 27 PER CENT.

SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR NOVEMBER 1988 ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT FELL BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING DECREASE FOR FUELS WAS 9 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES VALUE AND VOLUME FOR CONSUMER DURABLES REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, AND SALES BY SUPERMARKETS DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR OCTOBER 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1988 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF NOVEMBER 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR OCTOBER 1988 AND WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1987 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987 ARE ALSO GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF NOVEMBER 1988 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234941.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for November 1988 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$8,856 million  
for October 1988 (Revised Figure) = HK\$8,796 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR OCTOBER 1988 AND NOVEMBER 1988

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	October	November	November 1988 compared with		November 1988 compared with		Jan.-Nov. 1988 compared with	
		1988	1988	October	1988	November	1987	Jan.-Nov.	1987
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
	Value	157	158	1	1	23	17	27	22
	Volume	129	127	-2	-1	9	8	14	12
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	143	141	-2	-2	29	26	13	11
	Volume	121	119	-2	-1	15	14	2	2
Fuels	Value	111	101	-10	-9	7	8	8	8
	Volume	121	110	-11	-9	7	7	5	5
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	167	184	16	10	24	15	31	23
	Volume	131	137	6	4	5	4	14	12
Consumer durables	Value	163	163	#	#	27	20	26	20
	Volume	127	127	#	#	12	10	12	11
Other consumer goods	Value	167	168	2	1	19	13	37	30
	Volume	135	133	-3	-2	6	5	23	20
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	164	147	-17	-10	19	15	22	16
	Volume	137	122	-15	-11	5	5	9	7
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	300	283	-17	-6	83	41	69	39
	Volume	210	197	-14	-7	45	30	37	27
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	121	126	5	4	9	8	13	11
	Volume	101	105	4	4	2	2	5	5
Department stores	Value	194	203	9	5	40	25	54	42
	Volume	153	153	#	#	17	12	34	29

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.5$ .

## 1988 THIRD QUARTER CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$9,586 MILLION, WHICH WAS 3.2 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 16.0 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

THIS IS SHOWN BY THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS INCLUDES WORK CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS.

THE INDEX OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WAS 145.5, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100.

THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 WERE 150.3 AND 125.4 RESPECTIVELY.

WITH REGARD TO THE INCREASE OF 16.0 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1987, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO A MARKED INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE COST INCREASES, THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED MIGHT HAVE DECLINED. READERS SHOULD BEAR THIS POINT IN MIND WHEN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$7,305 MILLION. THIS WAS 6.0 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 16.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

APART FROM WORK PERFORMED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS WAS \$2,281 MILLION, WHICH WAS 7.1 PER CENT AND 13.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, \$2,483 MILLION WAS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION).

THIS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 2.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 19.0 PER CENT OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

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AS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS \$4,822 MILLION, WHICH WAS 7.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 15.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

WHEN ANALYSED BY END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (WHICH INCLUDE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$3,412 MILLION AND \$1,109 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THESE REPRESENTED DECREASES OF 5.6 PER CENT AND 2.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, BUT INCREASES OF 18.2 PER CENT AND 29.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS WAS \$866 MILLION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, REPRESENTING DECREASES OF 25.6 PER CENT AND 10.4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$696 MILLION, WHICH WAS 7.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 26.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

OWING TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT AND A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS REFERS TO THE OUTPUT OF THOSE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PROJECTS WHERE THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS.

HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM THEY WORKED.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 3RD QUARTER 1988", WHICH ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G P O BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234860.

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KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE LIT UP

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THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE WAS LIT UP COLOURFULLY THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING IN PREPARATION FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE DECORATIVE LIGHTING, MOUNTED ON A PAI LAU ERECTED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$150,000, WAS SWITCHED ON BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR LAM HANG-FAI.

SET UP OUTSIDE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET, FACING YUE MAN SQUARE, THE PAI LAU IS 20 METRES HIGH AND 10 METRES WIDE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR WAN SAID THE DESIGN OF THE PAI LAU REPRESENTED AN INTEGRATION OF THE FESTIVE SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION AND THE SPIRIT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

"APART FROM FEATURING THE THREE AUSPICIOUS STARS OF 'FORTUNE', 'WEALTH' AND 'LONGEVITY', THE PAI LAU ALSO CARRIES A MESSAGE CALLING ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING," HE SAID.

MR WAN URGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL.

THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OF THE 15 AREA COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG.

THE PAI LAU WILL BE LIT UP BETWEEN 6 PM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY UNTIL FEBRUARY 20.

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SNAKE DESIGN FOR ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL

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THE LABEL IMPRESSION OF THE ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL ISSUING MACHINE WILL BE CHANGED FROM THE DRAGON DESIGN TO THE SNAKE DESIGN ON FEBRUARY 24, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NEW LABEL PAPER BEARING A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND PATTERN WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ON THE SAME DAY.

"BOTH THE LABEL IMPRESSION AND BACKGROUND PATTERN OF THE LABEL PAPER WERE DESIGNED BY MR MICHAEL TUCKER," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS INTERESTED IN COLLECTING THE LABELS, PRE-PACKAGED SETS OF FOUR FIXED VALUES -- 10 CENTS, 60 CENTS, \$1.40 AND \$1.80 -- BEARING THE MACHINE CODES "01" AND "02" WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$3.90 PER SET AT ALL POST OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 24.

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"OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 24," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT ON THAT DAY, HOWEVER, A HAND-BACK SERVICE FOR PRIVATELY-MADE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES.

IN ADDITION, ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST-DAY TREATMENT OF PRIVATELY-MADE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO 17 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

"THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE. CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POST OFFICE WILL CHANGE THE DESIGN OF THE LABELS AND LABEL IMPRESSION EVERY YEAR TO INCORPORATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ANIMAL. THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABEL SERIES WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1998.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 7) TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FULLY ENJOY THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT LARGE CROWDS WERE EXPECTED TO GATHER AT VANTAGE POINTS IN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE DEPLOYED FOR CROWD CONTROL AND TRAFFIC DUTIES.

SPECTATORS ARE URGED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND BE CONSIDERATE AND COURTEOUS TO CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY IN CROWDED PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED SPECTATORS TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE WATERFRONT AREAS.

HE WARNED THAT OFFICERS ON PATROL WOULD NOT TOLERATE ILLEGAL PARKING AND WAITING IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC FLOW.

"ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE," HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR (IEC) WILL BE PEDESTRIANISED.

SPECTATORS CAN ENTER THE PEDESTRIANISED SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY FROM HING FAT STREET DOWN-RAMP IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TONG SHUI ROAD DOWN-RAMP IN NORTH POINT ONLY.

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COMMENCING 6 PM ON THAT DAY, A NUMBER OF ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, HUNG HOM, CENTRAL, WAN CHAI AND THE PEAK AREA WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN PHASES. TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED.

THE ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AND WHEN IT IS SAFE TO ALLOW NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW.

DUE TO THE ROAD CLOSURES, MOST OF THE PARKING SPACES IN THE AFFECTED AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO USE THE CARPARKS IN THOSE AREAS ARE ADVISED TO DO SO BEFORE THE CLOSURES ARE ENFORCED.

THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THAT THEIR CARS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE ROAD CLOSURES.

MEANWHILE, THE HARCOURT ROAD AND FENWICK PIER STREET FLYOVERS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

STARTING FROM 7 AM ON FEBRUARY 6 (MONDAY) MOTORISTS HEADING FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND CAN USE HARCOURT ROAD (OR UNDER THE ADMIRALTY COMPLEX), THE U-TURN UNDERNEATH COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD OR CLUB STREET.

THOSE TRAVELLING ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WEST-BOUND FOR QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL SHOULD USE INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC FROM WAN CHAI NORTH TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED THROUGH FLEMMING ROAD FLYOVER, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLOSURE WOULD LAST UNTIL 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 9 (THURSDAY).

"THOSE TEMPORARY DIVERSIONS WILL BE CLEARLY SIGNED AND TRAFFIC POLICEMEN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MOTORISTS," HE ADDED.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 7) FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO GO TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM, ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TO ALLOW THEMSELVES PLENTY OF JOURNEY TIME.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHINA MOTOR BUS (CMB) SERVICES

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- \* FROM 6.30 PM, BUSES ON ROUTE 21 ON JOURNEYS TO MACAU FERRY WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI.
- \* FROM 6.30 PM, BUSES ON ROUTES 8, 11A AND 40 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM WAN CHAI WILL OMIT WAN CHAI FERRY AND OPERATE ON A CIRCULAR BASIS.
- \* THE FREQUENCY OF SERVICE ON ROUTE 15 WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES SUBJECT TO PASSENGER DEMAND.
- \* ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL OPERATE ON ROUTES 8, 38, 40, 40M, 70 AND 72.
- \* ROUTE 780 WILL BE CURTAILED AT 5.25 PM.
- \* EMPTY BUSES WILL BE OPERATED AT THE FOLLOWING BUS TERMINI TO CATER FOR PASSENGER DEMAND AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY: NORTH POINT FERRY BUS TERMINUS; MORETON TERRACE BUS TERMINUS; ADMIRALTY MTR STATION BUS TERMINUS; CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) BUS TERMINUS; AND THE PEAK BUS TERMINUS.
- \* FROM 7 PM TO 8.30 PM, THE BUS STOP FOR ROUTES 20, 21, 80, 81M, 102 AND 106 ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL WILL BE SUSPENDED.

CMB BUS SERVICES WILL RESUME NORMAL ROUTEING WHEN CLOSED ROADS ARE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS (KMB) SERVICES

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DIVERSION AND RELOCATION OF TERMINAL FACILITIES FOR KMB BUS SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSIM SHA TSUI FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

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- \* ROUTES 1, 1A, 1K, 2, 2K, 6, 6A, 7, 8A, 9, 26, 81C, 202 AND A1 WILL BE DIVERTED.
- \* ROUTES 5, 5C AND 8 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED FROM STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS TO TERMINATE AT GRANVILLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.
- \* ROUTES 2C AND 28 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO TERMINATE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.
- \* ROUTE 5A WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM AT KOWLOON CITY AND FROM 6.25 PM AT THE STAR FERRY.
- \* ROUTE 208 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 5.30 PM AT BROADCAST DRIVE AND FROM 6 PM AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

#### CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

FROM 6.30 PM, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 110 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 104 AND 105 AND AIRBUS ROUTE A2 ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND. THEIR BUS STOP ON HARBOUR ROAD OPPOSITE HARBOUR VIEW CENTRE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

#### MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR) SERVICES

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MTR SERVICES WILL OPERATE ACCORDING TO THE NORMAL SUNDAY TIMETABLE. PASSENGERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR STATION RE-ARRANGEMENTS AT TSIM SHA TSUI, JORDAN AND WAN CHAI.

#### KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) SERVICES

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AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY, ADDITIONAL TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED FROM THE KOWLOON KCR STATION AT 8.43 PM; 9 PM; 9.17 PM; 9.52 PM, 10.13 PM AND 20 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT.

#### FERRY SERVICES

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- \* ADDITIONAL FERRY SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BY THE STAR FERRY TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.
- \* THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI COMPANY WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FERRY SERVICES FROM CENTRAL TO JORDAN, FROM NORTH POINT TO HUNG HOM AND FROM NORTH POINT TO KOWLOON CITY BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

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THE SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED AS NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON PASSENGER DEMAND.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY SERVICES  
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ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET AND ALSO BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO COPE WITH PASSENGER DEMAND.

GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) SERVICES  
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ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND AT HMS TAMAR WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6.30 PM.

ROUTES 1, 2, 3 AND 3A WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT A TEMPORARY GMB STAND OUTSIDE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CENTRAL.

ROUTES 6, 7, 10, 11, 24M, 25, 25A, 31 AND 36 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM 6.30 PM.

IN KOWLOON, THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMB WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

- \* ROUTE 1 (STAR FERRY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND ROUTE 1M (TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE.
- \* THE EXISTING TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 3 (TSIM SHA TSUI TO TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN) AT HANKOW ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE SERVICE WILL BE REVISED TO OPERATE FROM LOCK ROAD.
- \* ROUTE 6 (WHAMPOA GARDENS TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE LINKING WHAMPOA GARDENS WITH JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE.
- \* ROUTE 7 (KOWLOON CITY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED.
- \* ROUTE 8 (HO MAN TIN ESTATE TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE.
- \* ROUTE 31M (MONG KOK MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED.

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THREE LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THREE LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 27.

THEY INCLUDE ONE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL AND TWO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE LOT FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, CINEMA AND GODOWN) PURPOSES IS LOCATED AT WANG HOI ROAD, KOWLOON BAY.

THE AREA OF THE LOT IS ABOUT 4,121 SQUARE METRES. THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 27,700 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1993.

ONE OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOTS IS LOCATED IN AREA 43, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,550 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF AT LEAST 558 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

THE OTHER PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,673 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED IN AREA 37 IN TUEN MUN.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 19,152 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1993.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO PRIVATE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED 104 RESIDENTS OF A PRIVATE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN KWAI CHUNG TO FAMILIARISE HERSELF WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE SERVICES THERE.

THE HOME IS ONE OF THE PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME.

A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WOULD BE ISSUED TO THESE HOMES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION STANDARDS.

MRS WONG WAS IMPRESSED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE HOME. SHE POINTED OUT THAT SERVICES OF PRIVATE HOMES WERE USEFUL TO THE COMMUNITY AND PROPER RESIDENTIAL CARE REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN WELFARE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

ENDORSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WAS LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR IN PREPARATION FOR LEGISLATIVE CONTROL IN MID-1990.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ASSIST OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

THE REGISTRATION STANDARDS INCLUDE MANPOWER, SPACE, SAFETY AND FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE HOME FOR ITS SPIRIT OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE AND ITS SUPPORT IN ENHANCING SERVICE STANDARDS.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED MANY ENQUIRIES FROM OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS ON THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME AND THAT THE REACTION WAS ENCOURAGING.

SHE ALSO APPEALED TO OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHO WISH TO JOIN THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME TO WRITE TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION OFFICE OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AT 21ST FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG OR TELEPHONE 5-773942.

MRS WONG ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF HER VISIT TO PRESENT NEW YEAR LAI-SEE TO RESIDENTS OF THE PRIVATE HOME. IN TURN, SHE WAS GIVEN A HANDICRAFT SOUVENIR MADE BY THE ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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EPCOM MEMBERS VISIT EPD

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF FROM THE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

AFTER A GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE EPD, GIVEN BY ITS DIRECTOR, DR STUART REED, MEMBERS LEARNT ABOUT WORK BEING DONE IN SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THESE WERE AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT, EFFECTS OF WATER POLLUTION ON BATHING BEACHES AND ON SEAFOOD, PLANNING AGAINST NOISE, AND CLEANING UP INDUSTRIAL AIR POLLUTION BLACK SPOTS.

BEFORE WINDING UP THEIR VISIT, THE EPCOM MEMBERS ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS WITH DR REED AND HIS OFFICERS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 6) TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 9, THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER :

- \* FENWICK PIER STREET FLYOVER;
- \* HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER; AND
- \* MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN CHATER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (EXCEPT FOR THOSE VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE FURAMA INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL).

DURING THE CLOSURE, CLUB STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; AND CHATER ROAD BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND MURRAY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

DRIVERS TRAVELLING FROM WAN CHAI NORTH TO CENTRAL ARE ADVISED TO USE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER, FLEMING ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY TO REJOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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DRIVERS ON GLOUCESTER ROAD ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL AND COTTON TREE DRIVE TO REJOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL OR PROCEED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL, COTTON TREE DRIVE, LAMBETH WALK, CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD TO REJOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, OR TO DRIVE VIA FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL SHOULD USE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND QUEENSWAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, SEVERAL WESTBOUND BUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED.

BUS ROUTES 20, 104 AND 105 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

BUS ROUTES 70, 80, 81M AND 780 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL, COTTON TREE DRIVE, LAMBETH WALK, CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD.

BUS ROUTE 103 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL, COTTON TREE DRIVE, LAMBETH WALK AND MURRAY ROAD.

AIRBUS ROUTE A2 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARCOURT ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL, COTTON TREE DRIVE, COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN VICTORIA STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WHITTY STREET TRAM SERVICE RE-INTRODUCED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TRAM SERVICE BETWEEN WHITTY STREET AND NORTH POINT IS RE-INTRODUCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SERVICE WAS SUSPENDED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOR CARRYING OUT TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS TO A NEW TRAM DEPOT IN WHITTY STREET.

IN ADDITION, TRAFFIC SIGNALS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THE JUNCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO REGULATE TRAM AND OTHER VEHICLE MOVEMENTS NEAR THE NEW WHITTY STREET TRAM TERMINUS.

EASTBOUND MOTORISTS ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND TRAFFIC SIGNS THERE.

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