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PRIME MINISTER ARRIVING IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY
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THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FROM GUANGZHOU FOLLOWING HER VISIT TO CHINA.

MRS THATCHER, ACCOMPANIED BY MR THATCHER, WILL BE GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LADY YOUDE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN CHAPPLE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO.

MRS THATCHER WILL THEN PROCEED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. NO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER ON SUNDAY.

THE FOLLOWING DAY (MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27), MRS THATCHER WILL ATTEND A NUMBER OF FUNCTIONS BEGINNING WITH A MEETING WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

LATER IN THE DAY, SHE WILL VISIT HMS TAMAR WHERE SHE WILL MEET BRITISH SERVICE PERSONNEL AND HONG KONG CHINESE SEAMEN, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO STANLEY FORT TO MEET THE 1ST BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IN THE AFTERNOON, MRS THATCHER WILL SPEAK AT A LUNCHEON AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL WHERE SHE WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER THE SAME AFTERNOON.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, MRS THATCHER WILL OPEN THE CASTLE PEAK +A+ POWER STATION AT TAP SHEK KOK, AND VISIT MODERN TERMINALS LTD AT KWAI CHUNG.

SHE WILL ALSO VISIT AN ESTATE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN TSUEN WAN. SHE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND SOME ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL RETURN ON THE RAILWAY TO CENTRAL.

THE PRIME MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR LONDON THE SAME EVENING.

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SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF DBS

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PEOPLE WHO CRITICISE DISTRICT BOARDS FOR NOT HAVING +EXECUTIVE POWERS+ MAY NOT REALLY KNOW THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND THE OBJECTIVE OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+IN A PLACE AS COMPACT AND SMALL AS HONG KONG, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE UNDESIRABLE FOR 18 DISTRICT BOARDS TO HAVE THEIR OWN FINANCIAL BUDGETS EACH PURSUING ITS OWN AND SEPARATE POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

+IT THEREFORE MAKES MUCH BETTER SENSE TO MANAGE CENTRALLY OUR MAIN PROGRAMMES, BE THEY FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL.+

SIR SZE-YUEN MADE THIS REMARK IN A TELEVISED APPEAL, THROUGH RTHK'S +ACCESS+ PROGRAMME, TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOT TO GIVE UP THEIR CIVIC RIGHT DURING THURSDAY'S URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE REITERATED THAT DISTRICT BOARDS WERE ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION OF LOCAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND HOSPITAL BEDS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, AND THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS.

DISTRICT BOARDS WERE ALSO A CONVENIENT FORUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GATHER VIEWS ON PROPOSED NEW MEASURES AND POLICIES.

IN SHORT, HE SAID, THE ADVICE OF DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE FORMULATION OF PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF THOSE PEOPLE RESIDING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

+I THEREFORE BELIEVE THEIR WORK IS VERY IMPORTANT,+ HE SAID.

+FOR THE YEAR 1982-83, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE APPROVED AN ALLOCATION OF NEARLY \$30 MILLION FOR THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS. UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARDS ORDINANCE, THE DISTRICT BOARDS MAY, WHERE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, UNDERTAKE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN A DISTRICT.

+WITH THESE FUNDS AT THEIR DISPOSAL, THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO ORGANISE WORTHWHILE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY-INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, DISTRICT ARTS OR SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL AGES AND WALKS OF LIFE,+ SIR SZE-YUEN ADDED.

SIR SZE-YUEN SAID THAT AS A REGISTERED ELECTOR HIMSELF AND A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY, HE WOULD CERTAINLY VOTE ON POLLING DAY AS HE DID IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

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HE SAID IT WAS A GOOD THING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH DISTRICT BOARDS TO FACILITATE INPUT FROM PEOPLE IN THE DISCUSSION OF LOCAL PUBLIC ISSUES, AND TO GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE BOARDS.

+I ALSO THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY REGISTERED VOTER TO VOTE ON POLLING DAY BECAUSE THE MORE VOTERS THERE ARE, THE MORE REPRESENTATIVE THE ELECTED MEMBERS WILL BE,+ HE SAID.

SIR SZE-YUEN REMINDED VOTERS THAT POLLING STATIONS WOULD BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

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AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH UNHCR ON CARE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
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AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE CHARGE DE MISSION OF THE UNHCR IN HONG KONG AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY TO COVER THE UNHCR'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, WHICH COVERS THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1982, THE UNHCR WILL PAY FOR THE COST OF FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, RELIEF ITEMS AND UTILITY CHARGES INCURRED IN ACCOMMODATING REFUGEES IN THE GOVERNMENT-RUN CLOSED CENTRES INTRODUCED ON JULY 2.

THE UNHCR ALREADY MEETS THESE CHARGES IN GOVERNMENT RECEPTION AND DEPARTURE CENTRES, WHICH ARE ALSO COVERED UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT. THE UNHCR ALSO MEETS THE RECURRENT COSTS OF RUNNING THE TWO REMAINING OPEN CENTRES (KAI TAK AND JUBILEE).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT LAY IN THE UNHCR'S COMMITMENT TO FUND A PROPORTION OF THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE NEW CLOSED CENTRES AT CHI MA WAN, HEI LING CHAU, TAI LAM AND TAI TAM GAP.

HE SAID THAT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1979 THE UNHCR'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE BASIC CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN COVERED BY AN UNDERSTANDING DRAWN UP FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNHCR AND THE GOVERNOR ON AUGUST 14, 1979, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE REFUGEE INFLUX. SINCE 1979 THE LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE HAS SPENT ABOUT \$120 MILLION ON REFUGEES AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT \$96 MILLION.

THE MAJOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN HONG KONG HAVE ALSO SPENT ABOUT \$41 MILLION ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE REFUGEES, WHICH HAVE INVOLVED OVER 400 WORKERS IN THE VARIOUS AGENCIES.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY VISITS FACTORIES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ALEX PURVES VISITED GARMENT AND JEWELLERY FACTORIES IN HUNG HOM TODAY (TUESDAY).

AT FOUR SEASONS GARMENTS IN KAISER ESTATE, HOK YUEN STREET, THEY WERE GREETED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR SADY KING.

FOUR SEASONS GARMENTS IS A LOCALLY OWNED COMPANY, PRODUCING SILK, COTTON AND WOOLLEN GARMENTS FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA.

MR BREMRIDGE ALSO VISITED CONTINENTAL JEWELLERY (MFG) LTD LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING AND WAS SHOWN AROUND THE WORKSHOP BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR CHARLES CHAN.

CONTINENTAL JEWELLERY, ANOTHER LOCALLY OWNED COMPANY, PRODUCES EARRINGS, RINGS, NECKLACES AND PENDANTS FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

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DISTRICT BOARD PRAISED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR ITS HARD WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

MR BARNES WAS SPEAKING AT THE DINNER HELD BY THE BOARD THIS EVENING TO MARK THE LAST MEETING OF ITS FIRST TERM.

THE BOARD WAS THE SECOND TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE URBAN AREA, FOLLOWING THAT IN KWUN TONG.

MR BARNES SAID THESE TWO BOARDS HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THOSE ESTABLISHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

+YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES AND THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS, MEETING BASIC NEEDS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN BOTH HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS,+ HE SAID.

A DISTRICT BOARD, HE STATED, SHOULD USE +ALL THE MEANS IN ITS POWER+ TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WORKING IN THE DISTRICT AND SHOULD GET ITSELF ACCEPTED AS A +KIND OF NUCLEUS AROUND WHICH LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WOULD REVOLVE+.

+THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR DISTRICT BOARD HAVE BESTOWED CONFIDENCE AND YOU HAVE LAID THE BEST POSSIBLE FOUNDATION FOR THE BOARD IN ITS SECOND TERM WHEN IT WILL INCLUDE ELECTED MEMBERS AND THEY WILL BENEFIT MUCH FROM THE FINE EXAMPLES YOU HAVE SET,+ MR BARNES SAID.

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WATER SUPPLY TO NORTHEASTERN NT DOUBLED
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THE NEWLY-COMPLETED EXTENSION TO THE TAI PO TAU TREATMENT WORKS WILL DOUBLE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO NORTHEASTERN NEW TERRITORIES TO 110 000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO TAU TREATMENT WORKS EXTENSION TODAY (TUESDAY), SAID THAT THE \$12 MILLION EXTENSION WAS THE THIRD AND FINAL ONE TO THE TREATMENT PLANT.

+THE GROWTH OF THIS PLANT REFLECTS THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE SHEUNG SHUI AND TAI PO AREAS,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST STAGE, COMPLETED IN 1968, SUPPLIED 27 000 CUBIC METRES OF TREATED WATER PER DAY TO THESE AREAS.

INCREASING DEMAND SOON REQUIRED AN EXPANSION OF THE PLANT AND OUTPUT WAS DOUBLED IN 1972 BY INSTALLING ADDITIONAL FILTERS AND A SECOND CLARIFIER.

SUPPLY OF WATER WAS EXTENDED TO MORE CONSUMERS BY UPGRADING THE DISTRIBUTION MAINS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICE RESERVOIRS.

SINCE 1972, MR TOMLINSON SAID, THE POPULATION AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND TAI PO AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS HAD CONTINUED TO GROW.

STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN THE LATE 1970S REVEALED THAT FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE TREATMENT PLANT WAS REQUIRED TO MEET THE ACCELERATED INCREASE IN WATER DEMAND IN THESE AREAS, HE ADDED.

MR TOMLINSON THEN PRESSED THE BUTTON TO OFFICIALLY BRING THE NEW EXTENSION WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF 55 000 CUBIC METRES INTO SERVICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG WAI-LAM AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, PRESENTED BANNERS TO MR TOMLINSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SECRETARY FOR CNTA TO GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE

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THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE COMING URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY, MR ALBERT LAM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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CARNIVAL FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN SHA TIN

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A COLOURFUL AND VARIED ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND EVER ORGANISED IN SHA TIN, WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH.

ITS MAJOR FEATURES ARE A LASER SHOW, LANTERN EXHIBITIONS, LANTERN RIDDLES, LION DANCES, CHINESE DANCES AND SINGING PERFORMANCES TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 2 -- THE EVENING FOLLOWING THE FESTIVAL, TRADITIONALLY KNOWN AS THE +MOON-CHASING NIGHT+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID ATTENDANCE WOULD BE LIMITED TO 2 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WOULD BE ISSUED WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE \$60 000 PROGRAMME.

+THE 30-MINUTE LASER DISPLAY ALONE WILL COST \$20 000, BUT IT IS A WORTH-WHILE ITEM AS VIRTUALLY EVERY SHA TIN RESIDENT CAN ENJOY IT FROM HIS DOORSTEP,+ HE SAID.

THE MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL IS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICE AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES. THE INITIAL PLANNING WORK BEGAN IN JULY.

ALL ENTRIES FOR A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION NOW UNDER WAY WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 2.

ADDITIONALLY, EACH OF THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN WILL PREPARE A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED LANTERN FOR DISPLAY AT THE CARNIVAL.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL ALSO STAGE A SHOW THE SAME EVENING FEATURING WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, INCLUDING LI LUNG-KI AND THE JENNY CHUNG SISTERS.

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JING YING DANCE TROUPE REHEARSAL

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THE HONG KONG JING YING DANCE TROUPE WHICH WILL TAKE PART IN THE HONG KONG GALA EVENINGS 'ON-THE-ROAD' TO BE LAUNCHED IN BRITAIN WILL STAGE A DRESS REHEARSAL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 7.30 PM IN QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK.

THE TROUPE, CONSISTING OF 16 MEN AND WOMEN, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

+THE 45-MINUTE SHOW WILL FEATURE TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCES INCLUDING LANTERN DANCE, RIBBON DANCE, BOW DANCE, LION DANCE AND FLOWER-DRUM DANCE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+BESIDES, A PIPA SOLOIST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE WILL PERFORM A NUMBER OF PIPA PIECES INCLUDING THE FAMOUS 'AMBUSH',+ HE ADDED.

THE TROUPE, LED BY A RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MISS CHENG KUK-LAN, WILL LEAVE FOR BRITAIN ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND RETURN ON OCTOBER 15.

THEY WILL STAGE PERFORMANCES AT THE ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN MANCHESTER, THE MUSIC HALL AND ASSEMBLY ROOM IN EDINBURGH, THE ALBANY HOTEL IN BIRMINGHAM AND FINALLY AT THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN LONDON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE REHEARSAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 7.30 PM AT THE HALL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL IN SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR RACE MEETINGS
AT HAPPY VALLEY

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STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 22), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR BOTH DAY AND NIGHT RACE MEETINGS AT HAPPY VALLEY THROUGHOUT THE RACE SEASON.

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TWO HOURS BEFORE THE RACES START:

MORRISON HILL ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND, AND THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

LEIGHTON ROAD FROM MORRISON HILL ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, AND BROADWOOD ROAD FROM WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TO LINK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ON WAY EASTBOUND.

SHAN KWONG ROAD FROM KING KWONG STREET TO HONG KONG SANATORIUM AND HOSPITAL, VILLAGE ROAD FROM SHAN KWONG ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD FROM VILLAGE ROAD TO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL ALL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

SPORTS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE AREA.

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WATER CUT IN WAN CHAI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KENNEDY ROAD, SPRING GARDEN LANE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND ST. FRANCIS STREET.

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