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OVERALL REVISION OF TRAFFIC LEGISLATION

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HONG KONG'S ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION WILL BE REVISED COMPLETELY AND THE FIRST STEP IN THIS EXERCISE WAS TAKEN TODAY WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO PUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES INTO EFFECT.

THE PRESENT ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1957 AND A SERIES OF SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WERE MADE BETWEEN 1957 AND 1964. THIS LEGISLATION WAS BASED LARGELY ON PRACTICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THAT TIME, BUT SINCE 1957 THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES IN WAYS OF DEALING WITH MOTORING OFFENCES, IN METHODS OF TRAFFIC CONTROL, SAFETY MEASURES AND IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT, SAID THE STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENT ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY ILL-ADAPTED TO CURRENT ROAD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND IT HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH CHANGING CONDITIONS BY ADDING MORE AND MORE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS.

+IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT HONG KONG SHOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF SOME OTHER COUNTRIES AND SHOULD OVERHAUL AND UPDATE THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

A WIDE RANGE OF OPINION FROM ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN TRANSPORT MATTERS WAS COLLECTED BY A WORKING PARTY AND ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WERE EXAMINED CAREFULLY.

THE WORKING PARTY FOUND THAT A MAJOR DEFECT IN THE EXISTING LEGISLATION WAS THAT RELATED SUBJECTS WERE SCATTERED AMONG 13 SETS OF REGULATIONS AND, APART FROM SPECIFIC CHANGES IN CONTENT, THE REGULATIONS NEEDED TO BE REARRANGED IN ORDER THAT RELATED SUBJECTS COULD BE GROUPED TOGETHER AND FOLLOW A LOGICAL SEQUENCE. THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION SHOULD COMPRISE AN ORDINANCE AND SEVEN SETS OF REGULATIONS COVERING THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES, THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, SAFETY EQUIPMENT, DRIVING LICENCES, TRAFFIC CONTROL, PARKING AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

+ALTHOUGH THE STRUCTURE OF THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ALTERED AND SIMPLIFIED, CHANGES IN THE ACTUAL CONTENT HAVE BEEN MADE ONLY WHERE THERE IS GOOD REASON. THEREFORE MUCH OF WHAT IS IN THE BILL IS BASICALLY UNALTERED FROM THE PRESENT LEGISLATION,+ MR SCOTT NOTED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS TO BE ALTERED IN ONE IMPORTANT RESPECT: GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES - LIGHT, MEDIUM AND HEAVY (LESS THAN 5.5 TONNES, 5.5 TONNES AND ABOVE BUT LESS THAN 24 TONNES, AND 24 TONNES AND ABOVE, RESPECTIVELY).

+THE CHANGE WILL ENABLE CLOSER CONTROL OF THE MOVEMENTS OF VEHICLES AND IMPROVE SAFETY,+ MR SCOTT EXPLAINED.

/+IT HAS .....

+IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE DRIVING TESTS AND LICENCES SPECIFICALLY FOR DIFFERENT SIZES OF GOODS VEHICLES RATHER THAN ALLOWING A DRIVER WHO HAS BEEN TESTED ON A RELATIVELY SMALL VEHICLE TO TAKE OUT THE LARGEST OF GOODS VEHICLES.+

GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE CLASSIFIED BY THEIR GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT, INSTEAD OF THE UNLADEN WEIGHT AS AT PRESENT, AND THIS WILL BE OF ADVANTAGE IN DEALING WITH OVERLOADED VEHICLES BECAUSE IN WEIGHING THE VEHICLE WITH ITS LOAD, THERE WILL BE IMMEDIATE EVIDENCE AS TO WHETHER AN OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS PROVISIONS FOR AN IMPROVED METHOD OF LICENSING THE OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND BUSES WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROLS UNDER THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES ORDINANCE.

AT PRESENT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT CAN IMPOSE SPECIFIC OPERATING CONDITIONS BY WAY OF A LETTER ISSUED TOGETHER WITH AN OPERATOR'S ORDINARY VEHICLE LICENCE, BUT THIS IS A CLUMSY SYSTEM TO ADMINISTER, PARTICULARLY WHEN APPLIED TO A FLEET OF VEHICLES.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT OPERATORS OF NON-FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUS SERVICES, MAXICAB SERVICES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES OR PRIVATE BUSES SHOULD HAVE, IN ADDITION TO THE VEHICLE LICENCE, A PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE WHICH WOULD HAVE ALL THE LICENSING CONDITIONS IN ONE DOCUMENT. SUCH LICENCES ARE A COMMON FEATURE OF SIMILAR TRANSPORT LEGISLATION OVERSEAS.

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE BEING MADE WITH REGARD TO TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

IN 1977 THE ENGLISH CRIMINAL LAW ACT ABOLISHED THE OFFENCE OF +DANGEROUS DRIVING AND CAUSING DEATH THEREBY+ AND SUBSTITUTED THE OFFENCES OF +CAUSING DEATH BY RECKLESS DRIVING+ AND +RECKLESS DRIVING+. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD FOLLOW THIS EXAMPLE, AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE BILL.

THE PRESENT LEGISLATION ON SPEED LIMITS WHEREBY THE LIMITS ARE DETERMINED BY THE DISPOSITION OF STREET LIGHTS WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD PROVISION IMPOSING A GENERAL SPEED LIMIT OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR THE TERRITORY, EXCEPT ON ROADS SIGNPOSTED TO INDICATE A HIGHER LIMIT OR IN SOME CASES A LOWER ONE.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A NUMBER OF MINOR BUT DESIRABLE CHANGES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AGE AT WHICH A CHILD MAY RIDE A BICYCLE WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION IS INCREASED FROM EIGHT TO 11 YEARS. THE COURTS MAY REQUIRE A PERSON CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING OFFENCES TO SUBMIT HIMSELF TO A DRIVING TEST. AND CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES. THE REGULATIONS TO BE MADE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE WILL CONTAIN MORE DETAILED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING LEGISLATION.

MR SCOTT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS BILL OR THE REGULATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

/+MUCH WORK .....

+MUCH WORK WILL BE REQUIRED IN PREPARING FOR THE CHANGE. NEW LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND PASSENGER SERVICE VEHICLES, NEW DRIVING TESTS FOR GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS, THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW ROAD SIGNS, REVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFENCES DEALT WITH BY FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, A NEW EDITION OF THE HIGHWAY CODE AND THE PREPARATION OF EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ARE AMONG THE TASKS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT.+

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AFTER THIS BILL IS ENACTED AND THE REGULATIONS ARE MADE, ABOUT 18 MONTHS WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION.

MR SCOTT SAID THE BILL COULD BE DESCRIBED AS THE CAPSTONE OF A SUBSTANTIAL LEGISLATIVE PYRAMID WITH THE MAIN SUPPORTING STRUCTURE BEING THE SEVEN SETS OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

+THE PUBLICATION OF THE BILL MARKS THE COMPLETION OF A LONG AND COMPLEX TASK DONE WITH GREAT CARE AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING THE LEGISLATION HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR AIM OF PROVIDING A WELL ORGANISED AND MORE EASILY UNDERSTOOD LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC,+ HE SAID.

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ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE, RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982.

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

/WHEN INTERPRETING .....

WHEN INTERPRETING THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, BUT THAT INDUSTRY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO ITS OVERALL EXPORT VALUE. FURTHERMORE, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODCUTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.

IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND METAL PRODUCTS , WHICH TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 86 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982.

THE LARGEST INCREASES BY ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS ($579 MILLION), PLASTIC PRODUCTS ($236 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL ($137 MILLION), AND TEXTILES ($136 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE : BEVERAGES (124 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (25 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (22 PER CENT), PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTED MATERIALS (21 PER CENT), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (20 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY $56 MILLION AND $16 MILLION WERE RECORDED FOR METAL PRODUCTS AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS RESPECTIVELY.

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE : PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (-41 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (-26 PER CENT), ELECTRICITY (-19 PER CENT), AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (-17 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

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Value of domestic exports for merchandise,
reclassified by industrial origin for the 1st quarter of 1981 and of 1982

(HK$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports		
	1st qtr. 1981	1st qtr. 1982	% change
Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing			
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	13 521	13 092	- 3
Ocean and coastal fishing	37 655	38 618	3
Mining and Quarrying	286	312	9
Manufacturing			
Food	187 053	206 526	10
Beverages	3 050	6 846	124
Tobacco	38 134	38 578	1
Textiles (including knitting)	2 812 079	2 948 468	5
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	4 204 883	4 342 200	3
Leather and leather products	107 669	106 131	- 1
Footwear	83 536	104 665	25
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	125 520	119 689	- 5
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	211 005	255 386	21
Chemicals and chemical products	165 385	196 597	19
Products of petroleum and coal	178	105	-41
Rubber products	19 987	20 296	2
Plastic products	1 177 984	1 414 146	20
Non-metallic mineral products	64 200	47 712	-26
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	1 021 737	966 138	- 5
Machinery, except electrical	162 213	198 451	22
Electrical machinery and appliances (incl. electronics)	3 110 730	3 689 968	19
Transport equipment	40 073	33 340	-17
Professional and optical equipment	1 693 935	1 740 409	3
Other manufacturing industries	641 483	867 328	35
Electricity	35 492	28 754	-19
Miscellaneous items			
(e.g. small postal packages, developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	106 252	120 208	13
Total	16 064 038	17 503 965	9

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding.

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PROPOSED SITES FOR HELICOPTER LANDING FACILITIES
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THREE SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES FOR HELICOPTERS.

SUBJECT TO FINAL INVESTIGATIONS, THE ROOF OF HUNG HOM CAR PARK COULD BE DEVELOPED AS A HELIPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION COULD BE USED AS THE SITE FOR A HELIPAD FOR DOMESTIC SERVICES.

THE DISTRICT BOARDS OF KOWLOON CITY AND WAN CHAI WILL BE CONSULTED AT THEIR NEXT MEETINGS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF HELICOPTER SERVICES OPERATING FROM THESE SITES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES HAD APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE LACK OF CIVIL HELICOPTER FACILITIES FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS.

+THERE IS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SCHEDULED SERVICES TO MACAU AND AN INDICATION OF POTENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES TO CHINA,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING STUDIES OF VARIOUS POTENTIAL SITES IT APPEARS THAT THE ROOF OF HUNG HOM CAR PARK MAY BE SUITABLE FOR A HELIPORT FROM OPERATIONAL, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL POINTS OF VIEW.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MACAU HELICOPTER AIRWAYS LIMITED, A COMPANY REGISTERED IN MACAU, PROPOSED TO DEVELOP THE CAR PARK ROOF AS A HELIPORT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE FOR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU.

THE COMPANY HAS NOW BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL DETAILING THEIR PROPOSED STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS TO THE CAR PARK, TO INCLUDE FIRE PROTECTION AND OTHER SAFETY SYSTEMS, AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDY BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

+AS THE FACILITY WOULD BE OPERATED AS A LICENSED HELIPORT, IT WOULD BE OPEN TO OTHER POTENTIAL USERS AT A FEE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NON-SCHEDULED DOMESTIC HELICOPTER SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A CENTRALLY LOCATED HELIPAD WAS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, FOR PURPOSES SUCH AS THE TRANSPORT OF COMPANY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO WORK SITES, NEWS REPORTING BY THE PRESS AND BROADCAST MEDIA AND FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SURVEYS, FILM-MAKING AND OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES.

HE ADDED THAT A CENTRALLY LOCATED HELIPAD WAS ALSO NEEDED BY THE SECURITY FORCES TO REPLACE THE HARCOURT ROAD HELIPAD WHICH WAS CLOSED IN 1979.

/+RECENT STUDIES .....

+RECENT STUDIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THE ADVANTAGES OF THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AS A LOCATION FOR A HELIPAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED.

A SITE WHICH MAY POSSIBLY BE SUITABLE AND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS SITUATED IN FRONT OF THE AREA DESIGNATED FOR THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BUT NOISE WOULD RULE OUT ITS USE ONCE THE ACADEMY WAS OPENED AT THE END OF 1985.

+SO A PERMANENT SITE JUST WEST OF THE WAN CHAI PASSENGER FERRY TERMINAL WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED AS A PERMANENT HELIPAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THE IDEA IS THAT IT WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN A NEW PIER STRUCTURE.+

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NEW BRIDGE FOR YUEN LONG

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED ROADWORKS IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

THIS IS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE NEW BRIDGE, SITUATED NEAR THE EASTERN ROUNDABOUT OF THE NEW TOWN, WILL FORM AN IMPORTANT SECTION OF A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF YUEN LONG, CONNECTING THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE NEWLY FORMED INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVER TO THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE NULLAH AT TAI KUI ROAD.

WORK WILL START IN OCTOBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR PARK

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THE WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR WILL SOON BE TURNED INTO A PUBLIC RECREATION AREA FOR BOATING AND CANOEING.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOATING COMPLEX TO THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR.

IT WILL INCLUDE A BOAT PAVILION WITH LOOK-OUT AREA, SNACK AREA AND TOILET FACILITIES, A CANOE SHED AND A CATAMARAN SHED.

IN ADDITION, A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH A WOODEN ARBOUR WILL BE BUILT TO THE NORTH-WEST OF THE RESERVOIR.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAN PO KONG AND WAN CHAI

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN SAN PO KONG, THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 18):

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD EASTBOUND INTO TSEUK LUK STREET SOUTHBOUND;

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD WESTBOUND INTO TAI SHING STREET NORTHBOUND;

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM TAI YAU STREET NORTHBOUND INTO CHOI HUNG ROAD EASTBOUND; AND

* THE LEFT TURN FROM TSEUK LUK STREET NORTHBOUND INTO CHOI HUNG ROAD WESTBOUND.

HOWEVER, THE RIGHT TURN BAN FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD EASTBOUND INTO TAI YAU STREET SOUTHBOUND WILL BE LIFTED.

MEANWHILE, ON HONG KONG ISLAND THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF KENNEDY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WAN CHAI GAP ROAD TO A POINT 55 METRES FURTHER NORTH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR ROAD WORKS. THE CLOSURE WILL ALSO START FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ONE LANE TWO WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE ADJACENT LANE.

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FLUTE PLAYER WINS FIRST LADY MACLEHOSE PRIZE FOR MUSIC

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A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD FLAUTIST, CHAN KWOK-CHIU, CURRENTLY STUDYING AT THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, HAS WON THE FIRST ANNUAL LADY MACLEHOSE PRIZE.

THE PRIZE, IN THE FORM OF A TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP, IS NAMED IN HONOUR OF THE WIFE OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, AND WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING SECOND YEAR MUSICIAN ATTENDING THE CONSERVATORY.

THE FUND FOR THE PRIZE THIS YEAR AMOUNTS TO $15 000 AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE PRIZE WILL ENABLE THE SELECTED STUDENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOLS AND MUSIC FESTIVALS IN EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA.

THIS YEAR'S WINNER WILL LEAVE ON SATURDAY (JULY 17) FOR A SIX-WEEK STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

CHAN KWOK-CHIU, WHO COMES FROM A FARMING FAMILY IN TAI PO, BEGAN FLUTE LESSONS WHILST AT THE TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL.

HE WAS A PRIZE WINNER AT THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL GAVE UP MUSIC TEMPORARILY.

ENCOURAGED BY HIS TEACHER, TIMOTHY WILSON, KWOK-CHIU APPLIED FOR AND WAS AWARDED A JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC TWO YEARS AGO.

KWOK-CHIU, WHO VISITED AUSTRALIA LAST YEAR AS A MEMBER OF THE JING YING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, IS VERY EXCITED AT THE PROSPECT OF SPENDING PART OF HIS SUMMER VACATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE WILL ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL AT CANTERBURY, KENT, FOR THREE WEEKS, AND THE CANFORD SUMMER SCHOOL, IN DORSET, FOR A FURTHER TWO WEEKS. ONE WEEK OF HIS TRIP WILL BE DEVOTED TO ATTENDING CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS.

KWOK-CHIU, WHO HOPES TO PERFORM PROFESSIONALLY WHEN HE GRADUATES FROM THE CONSERVATORY IN A YEAR'S TIME, PLAYS THE ER-HU AND CHINESE FLUTE IN ADDITION TO STUDYING THE FLUTE.

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MINI-SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE SECOND ALL HONG KONG MINI-SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THREE AGE-GROUP TEAMS WILL KICK-OFF TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE PLAYED AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI FOLLOWING A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY CONDUCTED BY CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID MAK; THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR YUEN BOR; AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR HORACE HO.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 228 MATCHES PLAYED BETWEEN JULY 17 AND SEPTEMBER 11 IN A NUMBER OF PITCHES IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND. ALTOGETHER 72 TEAMS WILL BE PLAYING IN THE GAMES.

ON HONG KONG, THE MATCHES WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK AND SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND, AND IN FA HUI, MACPHERSON, ARGYLE STREET AND KWAI CHUNG PLAYGROUNDS IN KOWLOON.

THE THREE AGE-CATEGORIES ARE: 15 YEARS AND BELOW, BETWEEN 16 AND 17; AND BETWEEN 18 AND 19.

MATCHES ARE TO BE PLAYED IN THE EVENING ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS; AND ALSO IN THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN PEAK AREA

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE PEAK AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 19) TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 20) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE NOS. 100 AND 110-116, PEAK ROAD, THOSE ALONG HOMESTEAD ROAD, MOUNT KELLETT ROAD, CRAIGMIN ROAD, PLUNKETT'S ROAD, BLUFF PATH, GOUGH HILL ROAD, POLLOCK'S PATH, PLANTATION ROAD AND SEVERN ROAD.

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