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IMPROVED NOISE PREVENTION, ABATEMENT CONTROLS SOUGHT
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A DRAFT NOISE CONTROL BILL, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE EXISTING CONTROLS FOR THE PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT OF NOISE IN HONG KONG, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS AND COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, OR THE OMELCO OFFICE AT JACKSON ROAD, WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NOISE CONTROL BILL WAS THE LAST OF FOUR SETS OF COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE AND THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WERE ENACTED IN 1980 AND THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1983.

HE SAID THE NOISE CONTROL BILL WAS AIMED AT CONSOLIDATING EXISTING LAW RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOISE AND EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF LEGISLATIVE CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE.

+IT ALSO ENABLES THE INTRODUCTION OF DETAILED CONTROL CRITERIA, MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES AND OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS WHICH WILL BE CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS AND TECHNICAL MEMORANDA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BILL'S PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF NOISE:

NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PREMISES AND PUBLIC PLACES:

THIS FORM OF NOISE, ALSO KNOWN AS GENERAL NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, INCLUDES NOISE WHICH IS PRODUCED IN DOMESTIC PREMISES BY SOURCES SUCH AS TELEVISION SETS OR DOGS, AND NOISE PRODUCED IN PUBLIC PLACES BY HAWKERS, LOUDSPEAKERS ETC.

SUCH NOISE IS AT PRESENT CONTROLLED BY THE POLICE UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE AND THESE EXISTING PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED, LARGELY UNCHANGED, INTO THE BILL.

CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND PILING:

AT PRESENT, NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IS CONTROLLED UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE. THE EXISTING CONTROLS ARE SUCH THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE, BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM OR ON A SUNDAY OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY, TO CARRY OUT ANY WORK USING POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT WITHOUT A PERMIT.

THE PERMIT SYSTEM, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPLY TO PILING, THE CARRYING OUT OF WHICH DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS IS AN OFFENCE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED BY AN ORDER MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

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THE BILL INCORPORATES SIMILAR PROVISIONS TO THOSE OUTLINED ABOVE, WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CHANGES.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE PERMIT SYSTEM FOR NIGHT WORK AND WORK ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE RETAINED. HOWEVER, THE SCHEME OF CONTROL WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER PRESCRIBED CONSTRUCTION WORK WHICH MAY NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE THE USE OF POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT MANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE POWERED EQUIPMENT ARE AS NOISY AS WORK THAT DOES AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL AT NIGHT AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING SUCH WORK WILL BE MADE AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BILL.

IN RESPECT OF NOISE FROM PILING, THE BILL PROPOSES A MORE REALISTIC APPROACH AND RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN PERCUSSIVE AND NON-PERCUSSIVE PILING.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT NON-PERCUSSIVE PILING, SUCH AS HAND-DUG CAISSONS, WILL BE TREATED AS ORDINARY CONSTRUCTION WORK AND CAN THEREFORE TAKE PLACE DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS WITH A VALID PERMIT. THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO ANCILLARY WORKS SUCH AS THE POURING OF CONCRETE TO FORM A PILE, DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH PERCUSSIVE PILING OPERATIONS.

IN THE CASE OF PERCUSSIVE PILING, SUCH AS THE DRIVING OR SINKING OF A PILE BY DROP OR DIESEL HAMMER, THE CURRENT PROHIBITION ON SUCH WORK DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS WILL BE RETAINED.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IS THAT PERCUSSIVE PILING WILL IN FUTURE ALSO REQUIRE A PERMIT DURING THE NON-RESTRICTED HOURS. SUCH A PERMIT MAY LIMIT NOISY PERCUSSIVE PILING TO CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY WHERE NOISE SENSITIVE BUILDINGS, SUCH AS SCHOOLS, ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, AND WHERE QUIETER PILING METHODS ARE NOT PROPOSED.

A FURTHER PROVISION WHICH HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE BILL WILL ENABLE REGULATIONS TO BE MADE TO CONTROL PARTICULAR TYPES OF WORK AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

AS REGARDS THE PERMIT SYSTEM, THE BILL INTRODUCES THE CONCEPT OF +TECHNICAL MEMORANDA+ WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WHICH CONTAIN THE TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT SHOULD BE ISSUED AND WHAT CONDITIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PERMIT.

NOISE FROM

NOISE FROM PLACES OTHER THAN CONSTRUCTION SITES, DOMESTIC PREMISES
OR PUBLIC PLACES:

THE BILL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE COMPREHENSIVE CONTROLS TO DEAL WITH NOISE EMANATING FROM PLACES SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL, TRADE OR BUSINESS PREMISES. NOISE FROM ANY PLACE OTHER THAN CONSTRUCTION SITES, DOMESTIC PREMISES OR PUBLIC PLACES WILL BE CONTROLLED BY MEANS OF +NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICES+.

IT IS INTENDED THAT NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICES WILL BE SERVED ON OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS OF PREMISES IF THE NOISE EMITTED IS CAUSING A NUISANCE TO ANY PERSON, OR IF IT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL CRITERIA SET OUT IN THE RELEVANT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE MAY REQUIRE THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER TO BRING HIS NOISE EMISSIONS INTO A STATE OF COMPLIANCE BY A CERTAIN DATE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WILL BE AN OFFENCE.

NOISE FROM PRODUCTS:

VARIOUS NEW PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE BILL TO CONTROL NOISE FROM INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS, ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT OR MACHINERY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT VERY FEW ITEMS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL UNDER THESE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR USE ONLY WHEN TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES MAKE OTHER FORMS OF CONTROL INAPPROPRIATE.

THESE PROVISIONS WILL MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO MANUFACTURE, IMPORT OR SELL A PRESCRIBED PRODUCT IF IT IS INTENDED FOR USE IN HONG KONG AND DOES NOT COMPLY WITH NOISE STANDARDS SET OUT IN REGULATIONS.

POWERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE BILL TO MAKE REGULATIONS REQUIRING PARTICULAR ITEMS TO BE FITTED WITH NOISE CONTROL DEVICES OF A CERTAIN STANDARD. TO ASSIST WITH ENFORCEMENT, THE BILL WILL GIVE THE AUTHORITY THE POWER TO REQUIRE LABELLING SO THAT THE CLAIMED NOISE LEVEL OF PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

A MANUFACTURER OR IMPORTER MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ITEM AVAILABLE FOR NOISE TESTING OR INSPECTION OR TO HAVE IT TESTED AT SOME NOMINATED PLACE. IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH REQUESTS WILL BE MADE ONLY WHEN THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT NOISE MADE BY A CERTAIN PRODUCT EXCEEDS A PRESCRIBED LEVEL AND RANDOM CHECKS WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES COMPLEMENTARY CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS ALREADY IN USE WHEN THE ABOVE PROVISIONS COME INTO FORCE. THE OBJECT IS TO PREVENT PRODUCTS FROM BECOMING EXCESSIVELY NOISY IN ACTUAL USE, SUCH AS THROUGH LACK OF MAINTENANCE.

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IT WOULD ALSO BE AN OFFENCE TO USE A PRESCRIBED PRODUCT WHICH DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE NOISE STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN REGULATIONS FOR SUCH ITEMS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WERE APPLIED IN A FAIR AND REASONABLE MANNER, A PROCEDURE HAD BEEN INCLUDED TO ALLOW AN APPEAL TO BE MADE AGAINST THE SERVICE OF A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE OR THE SERVICE OF NOTICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TESTING OF PRODUCTS.

APPEALS WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE AGAINST THE REFUSAL TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR PERCUSSIVE PILING OR AGAINST THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH A PERMIT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WOULD BE ENFORCED BY A NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHOULD BE THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

HE ADDED THAT THE BILL DID NOT INCORPORATE PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLING NOISE FROM AIRCRAFT, NOR DID IT DEAL WITH OCCUPATIONAL NOISE LIKELY TO DAMAGE THE HEARING OF WORKERS INSIDE THEIR WORKPLACE.

+THESE MATTERS ARE DEALT WITH RESPECTIVELY BY THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) ORDINANCE 1986 AND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS ALSO A PROVISION WHICH EXPLICITLY STATES THAT THE CROWN SHALL BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK TO BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW
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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AT THE GROUND FLOOR PLAZA OF THE HONG KONG BANK BUILDING IN CENTRAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD TO COINCIDE WITH ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

SIR S.Y. WILL TAKE A TRAM DECORATED WITH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGES FROM THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS DEPOT AT SHARP STREET EAST, WAN CHAI, TO CENTRAL TO PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE JOURNEY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE PATRONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE STAGED ON THE GROUND FLOOR PLAZA OF THE HONG KONG BANK BUILDING IN CENTRAL AT 10.15 AM TOMORROW.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO COVER THE TRAM RIDE FROM WAN CHAI BY SIR S.Y. AND THE OFFICIATING PARTY. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE HONG KONG TRAMWAY DEPOT AT SHARP STREET EAST AT 9.45 AM.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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WORKING GROUP'S REPORT STUDIED AT ACTA MEETING
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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS (ACTA), AT ITS MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY), CONSIDERED THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP. THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP LAST MONTH TO EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND TO SUGGEST INTERIM MEANS TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF FURTHER COLLAPSES OF TRAVEL AGENTS.

MEMBERS OF ACTA DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT AND GENERALLY ENDORSED THE MEASURES UNDER STUDY. THE COMMITTEE ADVISED THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS WORK AND REPORT BACK TO ACTA WITH FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS ALSO REPORTED TO THE MEETING THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE, 3 500 CLIENTS AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF AUSTRAVEL CO LTD HAD LODGED PROOF OF DEBT TO A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16 MILLION.

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SAFETY OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SET UP
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A SAFETY OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS.

IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS BEGINNING FROM JANUARY THIS YEAR:

AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (CHAIRMAN)
MR D.V. LINDSAY
MR PETER NIE
MR POON TO-CHUEN
MR WONG YUM-YIN
THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE WAS TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AS SAFETY OFFICERS UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

TO QUALIFY FOR REGISTRATION AS A SAFETY OFFICER, A PERSON MUST POSSESS EITHER:

- * A DEGREE OR DIPLOMA OF ANY SPECIFIED EXAMINING BODY IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE OR RELATED DISCIPLINE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD;
OR
- * A CERTIFICATE IN ANY SPECIFIED EXAMINING BODY IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OR OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE; OR
- * A CERTIFICATE OF ANY SPECIFIED EXAMINING BODY IN CONSTRUCTION SAFETY WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A SAFETY OFFICER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE MAKING OF THESE REGULATIONS AND IS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO BE FIT AND PROPER BY REASON OF HIS EDUCATION, TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SKILL IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MAY ALSO BE REGISTERED AS A SAFETY OFFICER IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION.

+IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT, THE CASE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE SAFETY OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND ADVICE,+ HE SAID.

SINCE REGISTRATION STARTED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THOSE WHO INTEND TO REGISTER AS SAFETY OFFICERS TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OR TELEPHONE 5-8524064 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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TEXTILE TALKS TO RESUME AFTER EASTER
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THE FIRST ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY ON A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT TO THE CURRENT BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 1987 WAS ADJOURNED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AGREEMENTS HAVE YET TO BE REACHED ON THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES TO BE RESTRAINED, GROWTH RATES AND FLEXIBILITY.

NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME IN OSLO IN THE WEEK FOLLOWING EASTER.

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ROAD ALTERATIONS FOR MTR WORK IN KWUN TONG
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PART OF THE TRAFFIC LANES IN SECTIONS OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD IN EAST KOWLOON ARE TO BE CLOSED FOR 12 MONTHS TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LEADING TO THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE ROAD ALTERATIONS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- * REDUCTION OF THE WIDTH OF THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS IN THE SECTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN THE END OF THE EXISTING MTR VIADUCT AND TSUI PING ROAD TO A MINIMUM OF 9.1 METRES AND 6.5 METRES RESPECTIVELY, THUS MAINTAINING THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND TWO ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY;
- * REDUCTION OF THE JUNCTION WIDTH AT KWUN TONG ROAD AND TSUI PING ROAD TO A MINIMUM OF NINE METRES;
- * REDUCTION OF THE WIDTH OF THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS IN THE SECTION OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD BETWEEN TSUI PING ROAD AND CHA KWO LING ROAD TO A MINIMUM OF 9.1 METRES AND 6.5 METRES RESPECTIVELY, KEEPING THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND TWO ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY;

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- * REDUCTION OF THE WIDTH OF THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS ON THE SECTION OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD BETWEEN CHA KWO LING ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD TO A MINIMUM OF 6.5 METRES AND 9.1 METRES RESPECTIVELY, MAINTAINING TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND THREE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY; AND
- * REDUCTION OF THE JUNCTION WIDTH AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND CHA KWO LING ROAD TO A MINIMUM OF NINE METRES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE PUT AT THE AREAS AFFECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

ANY CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION AS A RESULT OF THE ROAD ALTERATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROADS.

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SHA TIN MAC'S SUPPORT FOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND
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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ARE CONTINUING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

TEN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF WO CHE ESTATE TODAY (FRIDAY) DONATED \$7 000 IN SUPPORT OF THE FUND.

COLLECTION BOXES FROM THE MAC'S WERE OPENED AT A BRIEFING CEREMONY AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE THIS MORNING.

MR LAM HUNG-CHIU ON BEHALF OF THE MAC'S PRESENTED THE PROCEEDS TO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM.

THE COLLECTION BOXES WERE PLACED AT OFFICES OF THE MAC'S DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS.

SO FAR THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED ABOUT \$260 000, INCLUDING ABOUT \$130 000 FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS AND \$45 000 FROM THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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SEMINARS ON MODERN MARICULTURE PRACTICES ORGANISED
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF SEMINARS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO INTRODUCE MODERN MARICULTURE PRACTICES WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING MARICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY AND REDUCING MORTALITY RATE OF CULTURED STOCK.

THE FIRST OF THE SERIES, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 17) AT 3 PM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION, IS NOW OPEN FOR FREE ENROLMENT FROM MARICULTURISTS.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED TO 30. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD TELEPHONE 5-520171 EXT. 25 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR REGISTRATION ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SENIOR FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER, DR RUDOLF WU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMON CULTURED SPECIES IN RELATION TO THE VARYING HYDROGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS OF THE LOCAL FISH CULTURE ZONES, AND ON THE CAUSES OF FISH KILLS AND WAYS TO MINIMISE MORTALITY.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A NEW METHOD OF NETCAGE CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR BETTER CULTURE PRACTICES.

+THESE NEW TECHNIQUES ARE BELIEVED TO BE ABLE TO RAISE THE MARICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY CONSIDERABLY AND INCREASED FISH YIELDS WILL BENEFIT CONSUMERS,+ DR WU SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PRESS BRIEFING AND DEMONSTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ABERDEEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION AT 2 PM, CONDUCTED BY DR WU AND RESEARCH OFFICERS, DR PATSY WONG AND DR PAUL MAK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING AND THE SEMINAR.

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QUARRY BAY ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO GO
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE OF 16-94 PAN HOI STREET, HONG KONG, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN LAST DECEMBER, REQUIRING THE STRUCTURES' DEMOLITION.

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NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON APRIL 13 WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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QUIZ AND EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION
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A QUIZ ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND A TWO-DAY SCHOOL EXHIBITION OF WORKS ON CIVIC THEMES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENTS ARE ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

+TOTAL OF 13 SCHOOLS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE QUIZ WHICH FEATURES CIVIC KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE FINAL OF THE QUIZ, WITH THREE SCHOOLS COMPETING, WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EXHIBITION FEATURING DISTINGUISHED WORKS ON CIVIC EDUCATION BY STUDENTS OF 15 SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE.

EXHIBITS INCLUDING ESSAYS, HANDICRAFT, DRAWINGS AND CALLIGRAPHY WILL BE ON DISPLAY FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15).

OFFICIATING AT THE QUIZ AND THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LEUNG MAN-BUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE QUIZ FINAL AT 10 AM AND THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION AT 10.45 AM.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISIT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO SEE OPERATIONS AT THE TWO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

LED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND ACCOMPANIED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, THE PARTY FIRST WENT TO THE FUTURES EXCHANGE AT NEW WORLD TOWER IN CENTRAL WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR KIM CHAM, AND BRIEFED BY THE MARKET OFFICER, MR ADRIAN WONG.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE AT EXCHANGE SQUARE. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHAM SIU-LEUN, AND THE INTERNATIONAL AND CORPORATION AFFAIRS OFFICER, MISS HELEN TSE.

THEY TOURED THE OFFICE AND LEARNED ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS AND VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

TODAY'S TOUR WAS PART OF A FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK AND OPERATIONS OF MAJOR ORGANISATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

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DB MEMBERS LOOK AT TRAFFIC PROBLEM SPOTS
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED SEVERAL LOCATIONS WHERE SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECENTLY MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUILD MORE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FOR THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC IN THE TWO AREAS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN CHI-KWAN, ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHEN CHIEH, AND AN ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR MA MAN-LEUNG, THEY FIRST WENT TO THE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER WHERE TWO NEARBY STREETS -- WINSLOW STREET UNDERPASS AND HUNG HOM WAN STREET -- WERE RECENTLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

MR CHAN TOLD MEMBERS THAT TRAFFIC HAD BEEN IMPROVED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE TWO STREETS.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL MOTORISTS WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW ROADS AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SETTING UP ROAD SIGNS AT THE JUNCTIONS OF BULKELEY STREET-PO LOI STREET AND WINSLOW STREET-GILLIES AVENUE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THE NEW ROAD LINKS WOULD HELP IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW TO TSIM SHA TSUI, HO MAN TIN AND KOWLOON EAST.

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MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION STARTS SUNDAY
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RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AT AN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING STARTING SUNDAY (MARCH 15).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF A SERIES OF HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE ILLUSTRATIONS ON THE CAUSE, COMMON PATTERN AND WAYS TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS. INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND BOOKMARKS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES WITH MENTALLY-ILL RELATIVES WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR TIM MILNES, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR ANTHONY YUEN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED AGAIN AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT LUNG SUM AVENUE ON MARCH 17 AND 18 AND WILL MOVE TO SHEK WU HUI PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TIN PING ESTATE ON MARCH 19 AND 20.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING EXHIBITION ON SUNDAY AT 10 AM AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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CLEAN-UP WEEK IN TUEN MUN TO START SUNDAY
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN-UP WEEK WILL BE HELD FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 15) TO MARCH 22 TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN KEEPING THE DISTRICT CLEAN.

ORGANISED BY THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TUEN MUN COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12. THEY CAN ENTER THE SENIOR SECTION WHILE THOSE UNDER EIGHT CAN TAKE PART IN THE JUNIOR SECTION.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 9 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 16).

STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ESSAY COMPETITION AND FAMILY CLEANSING COMPETITION. MEANWHILE, A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE MODEL FAMILIES.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN-UP WEEK WILL BE OFFICIATED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR TSO SHIU-WAI, AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE WHERE THE PUBLIC WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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SPORTS WINNERS TO GET THEIR PRIZES

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WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS HELD BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN 1986-87 WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT AN ANNUAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15).

WITH ALLOCATIONS TOTALLING \$140 000 FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE ASSOCIATION ORGANISED A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE INCLUDED TABLE-TENNIS, BADMINTON, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE, A BALLET SHOW AND A TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANISSA WONG, THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM PAK-PING, AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, MR TANG PUI-TAT AND MR MICHAEL LAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT 5.30 PM AT THE LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT 2 ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO.

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AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL TO BE UPGRADED
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL.

TENDER FOR THE WORKS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM AND RELATED WORK AND UPGRADING OF THE ENTRANCE AREA TO THE HALL, WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WORK IN EARLY 1988.

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SPEEDPOST LINK WITH MORE CITIES IN ITALY, MALAYSIA
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THREE MORE CITIES IN ITALY AND 13 MORE IN MALAYSIA WILL BE SERVED BY SPEEDPOST SERVICE FROM MONDAY (MARCH 16), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE CITIES IN ITALY ARE LIVORNO, CAGLIARI AND PALERMO.

AT PRESENT, 12 CITIES IN ITALY ALREADY HAVE THIS SERVICE. THEY ARE BARI, BOLOGNA, CATANIA, FIRENZE, GENOVA, MILANO, NAPOLI, PISA, PRATO, ROMA, TORINO, AND VENEZIA.

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IN MALAYSIA, THE 13 CITIES TO JOIN KUALA LUMPUR ARE ALOR SETAR, IPOH, JOHORE BAHRU, KANGAR, KOTA BAHRU, KOTA KINABALU, KUALA TERENGGANU, KUANTAN, KUCHING, MALAKA, PENANG, PETALING JAYA AND SEREMBAN.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG AND ONLY ADDRESSED TO KOTA KINABALU AND KUCHING WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY AFTER POSTING, WHILE THOSE FOR THE OTHER CITIES WILL NORMALLY BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY AFTER POSTING.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN CARNIVAL
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THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE CYC KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, KOWLOON CITY.

ONE OF THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR RONALD LEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS SOUGHT FOR CHINESE ORCHESTRA
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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING MUSICIANS TO JOIN ITS HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WHICH HAS PARTICIPATED IN CONCERTS, DISTRICT ART FESTIVALS AND OVERSEAS MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO STEP UP THE ORCHESTRA'S TRAINING PROGRAMME, IT WOULD BE REORGANISED AND NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE RECRUITED FOR 1987-88.

MAJOR EVENTS WHICH THE ORCHESTRA WILL TAKE PART IN INCLUDE THE CHINESE MUSIC WEEK AND THE MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL STUDENT CONCERT.

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AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO INCLUDE MASTERCLASSES, REHEARSALS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE WITH SKILL IN A CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION AT A LATER DATE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON, BY MARCH 31.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TUEN MUN, SHAM SHUI PO
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RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM HO PONG STREET TO PUI TO ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

BUSES ON KMB ROUTES 59, 59B, 61, 66 AND 66M SHOULD MAKE THE RIGHT TURN AT THE JUNCTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE U-TURN AND RIGHT-TURN BAN IN NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 16 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ROAD REPAIR WORK THERE.

VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE U-TURNS FROM NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHWEST BOUND TO NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHEAST BOUND VIA YEE KUK STREET.

THE RIGHT-TURN BAN FROM YEE KUK STREET NORTHWEST BOUND TO NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHEAST BOUND WILL ALSO BE LIFTED.

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BUS DIVERSIONS IN SHANGHAI STREET

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DUE TO ROAD WORK IN SOUTHBOUND SHANGHAI STREET BETWEEN ARRAN STREET AND MONGKOK ROAD, THE FOLLOWING BUS DIVERSIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED FROM 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 11) AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS:

- * BUS ROUTE 32, 44A, 46, 87A AND 87B ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD SOUTHEAST BOUND HEADING FOR TAI KOK TSUI FERRY ARE DIVERTED TEMPORARILY TO TRAVEL VIA LAI CHI KOK ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK ROAD, SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH AND ARGYLE STREET.
- * BUS ROUTE 12, 30 AND 36B ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD SOUTHEAST BOUND HEADING FOR JORDAN ROAD FERRY ARE DIVERTED TEMPORARILY TO TRAVEL VIA LAI CHI KOK ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD OF BUS DIVERSIONS, THE BUS STOPS FOR THESE ROUTES IN SHANGHAI STREET SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND PUBLIC SQUARE STREET ARE SUSPENDED. TEMPORARY BUS STOPS ARE PROVIDED IN NATHAN ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH TO CATER FOR PASSENGER DEMAND.

MEANWHILE, THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR OTHER VEHICLES ON BOTH SIDES OF SHANGHAI STREET IS STILL MAINTAINED.

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LEFT TURN BAN ON TSING YEUNG CIRCUIT

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NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM TSING YEUNG CIRCUIT TO SHEK PAI TAU ROAD IN TUEN MUN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 16).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK ON SHEK PAI TAU ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR TSING YEUNG CIRCUIT AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

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