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CONTRACT FOR NEW BRITISH FORCES HEADQUARTERS SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN WORK IN A FEW DAYS ON THE NEW \$60 MILLION-PLUS BRITISH FORCES HEADQUARTERS AT H.M.S. TAMAR -- ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS IN A \$174 MILLION BUILDING PROGRAMME TO REHOUSE VARIOUS MILITARY UNITS.

THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, WORTH NEARLY \$41 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO A LOCAL FIRM, TECHNIC CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS TODAY AND WITNESSED BY THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR. JACK STEAN, WHOSE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND BUILDING OF THE NEW ARMY AND AIR FORCE FACILITIES.

A GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR. W.T. MOK OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT. ATTENDING THE SIGNING CEREMONY WERE COMMANDER J.L.B. LARKINS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, LT. COL. D.W. KING, ASSISTANT QUARTER MASTER GENERAL, AND MR. D.R. RUSSELL-CROUCHER, DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES AGENCY.

MR. STEAN SAID MOST OF THE FOUNDATION WORKS FOR THE NEW HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE SUPER-STRUCTURE WOULD BEGIN SHORTLY.

+THE BUILDING WORKS WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND THE COMPLEX SHOULD BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF 1978, WELL BEFORE THE TIME THE SERVICES ARE DUE TO VACATE VICTORIA BARRACKS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A 22-STORY TOWER OVER A FIVE-STORY PODIUM ON THE WEST SIDE OF H.M.S. TAMAR.

THE PODIUM WOULD COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,800 SQUARE METRES AND WOULD PROVIDE SPACE FOR CARPARKS, A CHAPEL, THREE SQUASH COURTS, A GYMNASIUM, A SHOOTING RANGE, STOREROOMS AND SOME OFFICES.

THE TOWER BLOCK WOULD MAINLY CONTAIN OFFICES ON THE LOWER FLOORS WHILE THE UPPER FLOORS WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY MESSES, SINGLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION AND RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ITEM IN THE \$174 MILLION BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF MILITARY UNITS NOW BASED AT VICTORIA BARRACKS AND R.A.F. KAI TAK.

MR. STEAN SAID THE PROGRAMME HAD BEEN PREPARED ALONG A TIGHT SCHEDULE AIMED AT HAVING THE NEW SERVICE FACILITIES READY IN TIME FOR ABOUT 65 HECTARES OF MILITARY LAND TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN KEEPING WITH THE DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE 48.5-HECTARE KAI TAK SITE IS DUE TO BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BY MARCH 31, 1978 AND THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE OF 16.5 HECTARES BY MARCH 31, 1979.

MR. STEAN SAID WORK WAS PROGRESSING ON A WIDE FRONT ON OTHER PROJECTS IN THE REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME AND MORE CONTRACTS WOULD BE AWARDED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

+VIRTUALLY ALL THE MAJOR CONTRACTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LET AND WORK IS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE,+ HE SAID.

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DUTCH MINISTER TO HOLD TALKS HERE ON PROBLEM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, MR. A.A.M. VAN AGT, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 5) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT ON HIS WAY TO BANGKOK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT ON THE PROBLEM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE VIA THAILAND TO HOLLAND.

MR. VAN AGT HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMBATTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS IN THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

DURING HIS STAY, HE WILL HAVE TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES. HE WILL ALSO VISIT VARIOUS ADDICTION TREATMENT ESTABLISHMENTS TO SEE HONG KONG'S TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR HIMSELF.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE VISIT BY MR. VAN AGT, WHO IS THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUTCH POLICE FORCE, WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF HONG KONG AND HOLLAND ON THE INTERDICTION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING.

MR. VAN AGT WILL LEAVE ON JANUARY 9 FOR BANGKOK WHERE HE WILL SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE THAI AUTHORITIES ON THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OTHER MEANS OF INTERCEPTING THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM THAILAND TO HOLLAND.

ACCOMPANYING MR. VAN AGT ON HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG WILL BE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, MR. A.J. FONTEIJN.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

MR. VAN AGT WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT. HOWEVER, THOSE WHO WISH TO PHOTOGRAPH HIS ARRIVAL CAN DO SO AS HE LEAVES THE V.I.P. ROOM OF THE AIRPORT. HE WILL ALSO ISSUE A SHORT STATEMENT ABOUT HIS VISIT THROUGH G.I.S.

BEFORE DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 9, MR. VAN AGT WILL ISSUE A FURTHER STATEMENT ABOUT THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT.

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URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORATE
OVER 37,000 NAMES IN NEW REGISTER
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A TOTAL OF 37,174 PERSONS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE NEXT URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3.

THE NAMES OF THESE REGISTERED ELECTORS TOGETHER WITH THEIR ELECTORAL NUMBERS AND OTHER DETAILS OF ADDRESS AND IDENTITY, ARE CONTAINED IN THE NEW FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS COMPILED BY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER AND PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 31, 1976.

ANNOUNCING THIS, THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR. J.V.G. MITCHELL SAID THAT THE NEW REGISTER WAS IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOLUME I, IN FOUR PARTS, CONTAINS THE NAMES OF THOSE ELECTORS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE KING'S COLLEGE POLLING STATION, THE CITY HALL POLLING STATION, THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION AND THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION.

VOLUME II, IN NINE PARTS, CONTAINS THE NAMES OF THOSE ELECTORS REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER POLLING STATION, THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE PERTH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION, THE HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL POLLING STATION AND THE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL POLLING STATION (TAI PO).

THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT, NO. 4, SUNNING ROAD, 7TH FLOOR, KA CHEONG BUILDING, HONG KONG DURING OFFICE HOURS ON EVERY WEEKDAY.

COPIES OF THE REGISTER WILL BE ON SALE, AT \$55.00 PER VOLUME AT REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 203, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, ELECTRIC ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE.

MR. MITCHELL EXPLAINED THAT THE LAST REGISTER, PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 27, 1974, REMAINED LEGALLY VALID UNTIL JANUARY 14, 1977, AFTER WHICH DATE THE NEW REGISTER, PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 31, 1976, WOULD SUPERSEDE THE LAST REGISTER AND WOULD REMAIN LEGALLY IN FORCE UNTIL JANUARY 14, 1979.

PREPARATION OF THE NEXT PROVISIONAL REGISTER, FROM WHICH THE NEXT FINAL REGISTER IS COMPILED, WILL COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 15, 1978.

+THIS MEANS THAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE NEW FINAL REGISTER WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MARCH. ANY PERSON WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE BUT WHO HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED CANNOT APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR BEFORE FEBRUARY, 1978,+ MR. MITCHELL ADDED.

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THE REGISTRATION OFFICER ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD POST TO EVERY ELECTOR A POLL CARD BEARING HIS OR HER ELECTORAL NUMBER.

THESE CARDS ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY, SINCE THEIR PRODUCTION TO THE POLLING OFFICERS TOGETHER WITH THE ELECTORS' HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, OR SOME OTHER FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, WILL READILY IDENTIFY THE HOLDERS AND ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN A BALLOT PAPER WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY.

THE POLL CARDS WILL BE POSTED BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND ELECTORS ARE URGED NOT TO MISLAY THEM.

ELECTORS ARE ALSO REMINDED TO KEEP THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SO THAT POLL CARDS CAN BE POSTED TO THEIR CORRECT ADDRESS.

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HONG KONG GOLD COINS - APPLICATIONS INVITED

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR THE GOLD COINS TO BE ISSUED TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE.

THE COINS MAY BE BOUGHT IN BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED CONDITION AT \$1,000 OR IN PROOF QUALITY AT \$1,500 EACH.

NOT MORE THAN 30,000, INCLUDING 10,000 PROOFS, WILL BE ISSUED.

THE COINS ARE MADE OF 22 CARAT GOLD AND HAS A STANDARD WEIGHT OF 15.976 GRAMMES AND A DIAMETER OF 28.4 MM. (1.118 INCHES).

THE ISSUE OF THE COINS WILL BE THE SECOND OF A SERIES THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ISSUE OF 12 UNIQUE GOLD COINS EACH DEPICTING ONE OF THE 12 ANIMALS TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTICULAR LUNAR YEARS.

THE FIRST WAS ISSUED EARLY LAST YEAR TO MARK THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. OVER 30,000 APPLICATIONS -- 25,000 FOR UNCIRCULATED AND 9,700 FOR PROOF ISSUES -- WERE RECEIVED. BECAUSE OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION, A BALLOT WAS HELD ON COMPUTER.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE COINS TO MARK THE COMING YEAR OF THE SNAKE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE MERCANTILE BANK LTD. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 17.

EACH APPLICATION IS RESTRICTED ON ONE COIN AND IN CASE THE ISSUE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED, THE COINS WILL BE ALLOCATED BY BALLOT AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY.

THE COINS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALLS ON FEBRUARY 18, THIS YEAR.

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RURAL COMMITTEES ASSURED ON THEIR NT. ROLE
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NEW COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WERE BEING ENCOURAGED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO DEAL WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

BUT, HE SAID, THESE NEW ORGANISATIONS WERE NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE THE RURAL COMMITTEES, WHICH CONTINUED TO PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE IN THEIR PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

ADDRESSING THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB, MR. AKERS-JONES ALSO SPOKE OF THE ROLE OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK IN PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE KUK IS PART OF A TWO-WAY EXCHANGE, TO AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THROUGH THE KUK AND ITS SUPPORTING RURAL COMMITTEES, I AM ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE THE GREAT CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, MANY NEW ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN FORMED SUCH AS CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEES, FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES, AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

+THESE ORGANISATIONS DID NOT JUST SPRING UP AT RANDOM BUT, WERE, LIKE THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER SYSTEM, A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS INFECTING OUR SOCIAL SYSTEM RESULTING FROM HIGH DENSITY LIVING, INDUSTRIALISATION AND THE BOMBARDMENT OF IDEAS FROM THE WORLD OUTSIDE HONG KONG, WHERE TRADITIONAL VALUES WERE EQUALLY BEING CHALLENGED,+ HE SAID.

+THESE COMMITTEES WERE FORMED NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON BUT ALSO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, NOT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES BUT TO DEAL WITH THE EXISTENCE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH WERE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES.

+THEY DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DIRT AND LITTER, WITH CRIME AND THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.+

OTHER GROUPS, PARTICULARLY ARTS AND SPORTS ORGANISATIONS, HAD BEEN FORMED +TO PROVIDE FOR THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR RAPIDLY GROWING TOWNS.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS HAD COME FORWARD TO SERVE AND ADVISE IN MANY OF THESE NEW ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE WAS MOST USEFUL BECAUSE THEY HAD GROWN UP WITH THE PROBLEMS OF EACH PLACE.

HE ADDED: +CLEARLY, IN A SITUATION OF GREAT CHANGE, FRESH INITIATIVES AND CHANGES IN ORGANISATIONS ARE NECESSARY.

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+FOR HONG KONG AS A WHOLE, FACING AN OUTSIDE WORLD OF INCREASING COMPLEXITY, THERE CAN BE NO DIVISIONS OF INTEREST.

+FOR HONG KONG AS A WHOLE FACING INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF GREAT MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY THERE CAN BE NO DIVISION OF INTEREST, NO FRAGMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT.

+WE MUST HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ALL OUR COMMON REQUIREMENTS OF +FOOD, HOMES AND WORK+, TO OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

+BUT THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY PRESENT DAY SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF OUR NEW COMMUNITIES ALSO REQUIRE MORE LOCALISED ADVICE AND SOLUTION.

+WE MUST ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD NOT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF EXISTING ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE RURAL COMMITTEES, WHO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICE IN THEIR PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT SO THAT WE CAN GET AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR NEW TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES.+

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DECLARATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

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IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WERE TODAY REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS TO LODGE TRADE DECLARATIONS AND PAY AD VALOREM CHARGES WITHIN 14 DAYS OF IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION ON ALL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH ARE EXEMPTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID PROSECUTIONS WOULD BE INITIATED AGAINST THOSE WHO, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, FAILED TO LODGE THE NECESSARY TRADE DECLARATIONS.

TRADE DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF 14 DAYS WILL BE LIABLE, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE, TO PENALTY CHARGES WHICH RISE AFTER TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100 PER DECLARATION WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED DOES NOT EXCEED \$20,000.

WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED EXCEEDS \$20,000, THE PENALTY CHARGES RISE AFTER TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$200 PER DECLARATION.

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REGULATIONS FOR DRY BATTERY FACTORIES EFFECTIVE
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DRY BATTERIES) REGULATIONS 1976 CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, FACTORY PROPRIETORS MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES :

1. PROVIDE PROPER VENTILATION FOR WORK PLACES TO KEEP CONTAMINANTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE WITHIN LIMIT,
2. SEGREGATE CERTAIN PROCESSES OF MANUFACTURE AND PROVIDE PROPER STORAGE OF CHEMICALS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CONTAMINATION,
3. PROVIDE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR WORKERS,
4. MAINTAIN A MINIMUM STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS OF WORK PLACES= AND
5. PROVIDE WASHING FACILITIES FOR WORKERS.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WILL CALL ON FACTORIES MAKING DRY BATTERIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND DELIVER TO THE MANAGEMENT AN EXPLANATORY LETTER LISTING THESE REQUIREMENTS.

IF NECESSARY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THEY WILL ALSO GIVE ON-THE-SPOT ADVICE AS TO THE BEST WAYS OF COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWAI CHUNG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO NORTH KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT CLINIC AT SHEK YAM AREA.

THIS AIMS TO ALLEVIATE EXISTING CONGESTION WHICH CAUSES UNNECESSARY DELAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND UNDESIRABLE INTERFERENCE WITH PATIENTS USING THE ACCESS ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP FOR THE GUIDANCE OF LEARNER DRIVERS.

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