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MARCH-MAY UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED DURING THE PERIOD MARCH - MAY 1990.

THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH THE DEMAND FOR LABOUR HAS PROBABLY BECOME LESS INTENSE, STRONG SIGNS OF EASING IN THE LABOUR MARKET WERE NOT YET APPARENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY 1990 WAS 1.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.5 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1990 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASES OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN MARCH - MAY 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 44,200, COMPARED WITH 40,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1990 AND 40,300 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY 1990 WAS 1.0 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.6 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1990 AND 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN MARCH - MAY 1990 WAS 26,900, COMPARED WITH 17,500 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1990 AND 25,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MAY 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

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THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1990 WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.9 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR MARCH - MAY 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,500 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,100 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND SEPTEMBER 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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MARCH EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN MARCH 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, WHILE EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THUS THE SHIFT IN EMPLOYMENT FROM MANUFACTURING TO SERVICES CONTINUED.

THERE WERE 764,700 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN MARCH 1990, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 6.1 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH MARCH 1989.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 773,400 IN MARCH 1990, WAS 9.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1989.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 263,300, WAS UP BY 9.3 PER CENT.

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EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH 1990 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1989 AND DECEMBER 1989, ARE AS FOLLOWS :

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	MAR 89	DEC 89	MAR 90	MAR 90 ON MAR 89	MAR 90 ON DEC 89
MANUFACTURING	814,200	791,500	764,700	-6.1	-3.4
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	73,000	69,500	74,200	+1.7	+6.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	707,100	774,000	773,400	+9.4	-0.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	241,000	254,800	263,300	+9.3	+3.4

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 100.
 ** BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH DECEMBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED BY 6.7 PER CENT AND 3.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 3.4 PER CENT. EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1990 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS (EXCEPT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE COVERED IN A SEPARATE SURVEY).

THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1989 AND DECEMBER 1989 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN*			PERCENTAGE CHANGE**	
	MAR 89	DEC 89	MAR 90	MAR 90 ON MAR 89	MAR 90 ON DEC 89
MANUFACTURING	57,050	36,170	38,270	-32.9	+ 5.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	37,720	27,050	34,910	- 7.5	+29.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	11,630	10,520	10,930	- 6.0	+ 4.0

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 10.

** BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

IN LINE WITH THE SLACKENING IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SINCE THE LATTER HALF OF 1989, THE DEMAND FOR LABOUR SEEMED TO HAVE BECOME LESS INTENSE. THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS DECREASED BY 32.9 PER CENT, 7.5 PER CENT AND 6.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY BETWEEN MARCH 1989 AND MARCH 1990.

HOWEVER, COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THE INFLUENCE OF SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS, HOWEVER INCREASED BY 5.8 PER CENT, 29.0 PER CENT AND 4.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN MARCH 1990.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE :

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY -----	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE* 1ST QTR. 1990 ON 1ST QTR. 1989 -----
	1ST QTR. 1989	1ST QTR. 1990	
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	11,712	12,630	+ 7.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	11,071	14,088	+27.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	5,970	7,358	+23.2

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 7.8 PER CENT, 27.2 PER CENT AND 23.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN MARCH 1989 AND MARCH 1990, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR MARCH 1989 AND MARCH 1990 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
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	MAR 89	MAR 90	MAR 90 ON MAR 89
MANUFACTURING	297.0	338.5	+14.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	290.0	334.0	+15.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	288.6	316.4	+ 9.6

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
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	MAR 89	MAR 90	MAR 90 ON MAR 89
MANUFACTURING	151.2	156.7	+3.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	147.7	154.6	+4.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	146.9	146.5	-0.3

BETWEEN MARCH 1989 AND MARCH 1990, AN INCREASE OF 14.0 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 15.2 PER CENT AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 9.6 PER CENT.

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THE RELATIVELY SMALL INCREASE IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE SMALL INCREASE IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR (BY 5.5%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 3.6 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 4.7 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, BUT A DECREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, MARCH 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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NEW AIRPORT MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT SIGNED

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THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (PAA) TODAY (SATURDAY) SIGNED THE FIRST MAJOR CONTRACT MARKING AN IMPORTANT STEP IN TAKING FORWARD THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH IS FOR THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN CONSULTANCY, WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PAA BY ITS CHAIRMAN, SIR PIERS JACOBS, AND ON BEHALF OF THE GREINER-MAUNSELL JOINT VENTURE BY THE DIRECTOR OF GREINER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, MR SAM MILITELLO, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, MR FRANCIS BONG.

FOR THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN, THE CONSULTANTS WILL REVIEW AIR TRAFFIC DEMAND FORECASTS; DEFINE THE SERVICE PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES; PLAN THE AIRPORT CONFIGURATION AND LAYOUT; DEFINE THE AIRSPACE STRUCTURE AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM; IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENERATING CONCESSION REVENUE AT THE AIRPORT; AND ESTABLISH THE PROGRAMME AND THE COST FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE FUTURE AIRPORTS OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSIGNMENT, THE CONSULTANTS WILL UNDERTAKE FURTHER SITE INVESTIGATION; PREPARE PRELIMINARY DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE ENTIRE AIRPORT; PREPARE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE INITIAL PHASE(S) OF THE AIRPORT SITE PREPARATION; AND OVERSEE THE CONTRACT FOR THE FORMATION OF AN ADVANCE WORKS SITE ON CHEK LAP KOK.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, THE CONSULTANTS WILL EXAMINE METHODS TO MINIMISE POLLUTION AND NUISANCE ARISING FROM THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE NEW AIRPORT; IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARISING FROM CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT; AND IDENTIFY AND SPECIFY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THESE IMPACTS AND REDUCE THEM TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

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OVER 8,500 CANCER DEATHS LAST YEAR

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MORE THAN 8,500 PEOPLE DIED OF CANCER IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING 30 PER CENT OF TOTAL DEATHS IN THE TERRITORY, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON CANCER ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR LEE SAID ACCORDING TO THE CANCER REGISTRY THE NUMBER OF NEW CANCER CASES NOTIFIED IN 1988 WAS 14,500.

"MANY OF THE CANCER CASES ARE IN FACT CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR LIFE-STYLES," HE SAID. "ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE EXAMPLES IS THE RELATION OF CIGARETTE SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER."

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT LUNG CANCER ACCOUNTED FOR 2,592 DEATHS OR 30 PER CENT OF TOTAL CANCER DEATHS LAST YEAR, AND THAT 90 PER CENT OF THE LUNG CANCER CASES WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SMOKING AND WERE THUS PREVENTABLE.

WHILE "CANCER" MIGHT BE A VERY FRIGHTENING WORD, THE CURE RATE OF SOME OF THE CANCERS WAS VERY PROMISING IF THE DISEASE WAS DIAGNOSED AND TREATED AT AN EARLY STAGE, HE SAID.

HE SAID PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS DETERMINED TO PROMOTE AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN ORGANISING CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAMMES," DR LEE STRESSED.

"ITS FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDES FREE CERVICAL SMEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER OF THE CERVIX FOR WOMEN ABOVE THE AGE OF 30.

"BREAST SELF-EXAMINATION IS ALSO PROMOTED THROUGH THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE AND THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT."

DR LEE SAID THE IMMUNISATION OF ALL NEWBORNS IN HONG KONG AGAINST VIRAL HEPATITIS B INFECTION WAS STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1988.

THIS WAS ANOTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE TO PREVENT CANCER OF THE LIVER, THE SECOND MOST COMMON CANCER DEATH IN HONG KONG.

IN THE PROMOTION OF CANCER EDUCATION, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WORKED CLOSELY WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AND THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY.

DR LEE PRAISED THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION WHICH HE SAID WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH IN SOCIETY.

HK TAKES LEAD IN COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TRYING HARD TO COMBAT VARIOUS COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF COPYRIGHT OWNERS, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR TONG KANG-SING, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "COPYRIGHT AND YOU" EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES, MR TONG SAID SUCH COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED PIRATED POP MUSIC CASSETTES, MOVIES AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, PHOTOCOPIED AND PIRATED REFERENCE BOOKS AND COMPUTER MANUALS.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN TAKING A LEAD IN PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF COPYRIGHT OWNERS, AND HAD HENCE ATTRACTED A RAPID INCREASE IN OVERSEAS TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENTS.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS ONCE REFERRED TO AS "THE PARADISE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE INFRINGEMENT", WHICH HAD AFFECTED THE TERRITORY'S REPUTATION AND IMPEDED ITS ECONOMY, HE NOTED.

BUT NOW OTHER THAN A SMALL NUMBER OF TOUTS WHO WENT UNDERGROUND, NO PIRATED PRODUCTS WERE SOLD IN PUBLIC, MR TONG SAID.

"DUE TO EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, THE BENEFIT AND REPUTATION OF PUBLISHERS, MANUFACTURERS AND SINGERS CAN BE PROTECTED AND FURTHER IMPROVED.

"SUCH PROTECTION PROVIDES INVESTORS THE CONFIDENCE TO TAKE ON MORE VENTURES, SUCH AS ORGANISING CONCERTS OF TOP SINGERS," HE SAID.

MR TONG SAID UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, MANY COUNTRIES HAD ADOPTED A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

"A COUNTRY WILL BE FACING TRADE SANCTIONS IF IT DOES NOT EXERCISE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS," HE ADDED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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CIVIC EDUCATION HAS BECOME A VERY ESSENTIAL PART OF THE EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG IN THE LIGHT OF FUTURE CHANGES IN HONG KONG, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FUNFUL ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN.

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MR LAN TOLD HIS YOUNG AUDIENCE THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE WAS IN THEIR HANDS.

"ALTHOUGH AT THIS STAGE YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, YOU SHOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO PARTICIPATE TO PREPARE YOURSELVES TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, I HOPE THAT PARENTS CAN SET A GOOD EXAMPLE AND HELP THEIR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS AND A GOOD CHARACTER SO AS TO LAY A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR THEIR FUTURE," HE ADDED.

HE PRAISED THE SCHOOL FOR SPARING NO EFFORTS IN ENHANCING THE STUDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS.

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WAN CHAI FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN STARTS

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) HAS BEEN ORGANISING YEARLY ACTIVITIES TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO HELP POLICE FIGHT CRIME, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, MR MANN SAID THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE WOULD FOCUS ON THREE SUBJECTS, NAMELY, YOUTH CRIME, PARENTAL GUIDANCE AND CONTROL, AND HOME SECURITY.

HE ADDED THAT VARIOUS FUNCTIONS WOULD BE ORGANISED TO MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF ABUSING NARCOTICS AND SOFT DRUGS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR LESTER KWOK, DEPUTY POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR ALBERT CHEUNG, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A MARCHING BAND PARADE AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES AT THE WEST GARDEN OF HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

A BUS TOUR TO PUT ACROSS THE FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES WAS ALSO HELD, DURING WHICH PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PASSERS-BY.

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KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS

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MORE THAN 560 SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT FROM TODAY (SATURDAY) UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR TONG MAN-YIU, SAID A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

"IN ADDITION TO WATER AND LAND SPORTS, COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WHILE HAVING FUN," HE SAID.

OVER 10,000 COPIES OF THE PROGRAMME BOOKLET ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE OR SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL. OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TANG KWOK-WAI; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; AND REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR STEPHEN CHAU.

THE CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY AEROBIC AND FOLK DANCES, MARCHING BAND AND A LION DANCE PERFORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM EIGHT SUB-DISTRICTS.

THIS YEAR'S KWAI TSING DISTRICT SYP, WITH A BUDGET OF \$580,000, IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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GOVT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A LAND LOT ON TSING TSUEN ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE SITE COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 11,600 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARTING AREA FOR PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXIS AND GOODS VEHICLES CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH TRAILERS ATTACHED.

THE TENANCY IS FOR 18 MONTHS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 27.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES START

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MORE THAN 100 YOUNGSTERS WILL TAKE PART IN A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE WEST KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROGRAMME, THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

"THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A SEMINAR, AN OPEN FORUM AND AN OPINION SURVEY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG. GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR TSANG WING-KWONG, AND A CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR CHENG KAI-NAM.

FOUR OTHER REGIONAL PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR ON THE TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROLES IN MEETING NEW CHALLENGES AND THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE ACADEMY ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, HOLIDAY INN HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TALKS TO PROMOTE SUMMER JOB SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO INSTIL IN STUDENTS THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO AVOID ACCIDENTS IN SUMMER JOBS.

"UNDER A SAFETY PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS STARTED IN MAY, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE VISITED 40 SECONDARY SCHOOLS OVER THE TERRITORY AND TALKED TO SOME 12,000 STUDENTS," THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR HO SING-CHUEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

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"DURING THE VISITS, STUDENTS WERE BRIEFED ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SOME BASIC WORK SAFETY PRACTICES AND WERE SHOWN FILMS ON RELATED TOPICS.

"IT IS DEPLORABLE TO SEE YOUNG STUDENTS INJURED AT SHORT-TIME SUMMER WORK, ESPECIALLY WHEN SUCH TRAGEDIES RESULTED IN PERMANENT DISABILITIES," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS, 29 SUMMER-JOB WORKERS WERE INJURED LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 35 IN 1988 AND 41 IN 1987.

THOUGH THE NUMBER OF INJURIES HAD SHOWN A DECLINE, MR HO SAID THE ACCIDENT RATE WAS STILL UNDESIRABLE GIVEN THE LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING SUMMER JOBS WITHIN A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

"LACKING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN WORK SAFETY, STUDENTS ARE MORE PRONE TO ACCIDENTS THAN OTHER WORKERS," HE NOTED.

MR HO URGED STUDENTS TO REFRAIN PARTICULARLY FROM WORKING AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, OPERATING HEAVY MACHINERY, VIGOROUS MANUAL WORK AND PROCESSES INVOLVING FIRE AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

"IF IN DOUBT ABOUT THE NATURE OF WORK, THEY SHOULD CONSULT THEIR PARENTS AND CAREERS TEACHERS, OR SEEK ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE ON TEL. 852 3565," HE SAID.

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NEW PUBLIC EARTH DUMP TO OPEN IN TUEN MUN
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A NEW PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT WONG CHU ROAD, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY (JULY 16).

THE PUBLIC EARTH DUMP IN AREA 16, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE CLOSED FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

DUMPING PERMIT IS REQUIRED AT THE WONG CHU ROAD EARTH DUMP. VALID DUMPING PERMITS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR AREA 16 CAN ALSO BE USED THERE.

APPLICATIONS FOR DUMPING PERMITS CAN BE MADE TO THE TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SEVENTH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1990

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$718,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BW 88 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$235,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER EK 9 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$80,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR EF 6377.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
EH8288	22,000	BW 88	235,000	EH 228	38,000	AE3383	10,000
BB3502	3,000	EH 378	5,000	EH9283	2,000	EG6789	22,000
EG 871	2,000	EH9887	2,000	EK 100	50,000	EH 990	10,000
CX 350	4,000	EG 218	11,000	EH 133	15,000	EH4000	10,000
AJ7227	4,000	EH 14	10,000	7393	30,000	EH3809	9,000
EG 339	8,000	EH9983	4,000	CF9968	4,000	EG 418	2,000
CT1122	13,000	EF 823	6,000	EH1128	6,000	EF6377	1,000
EF8689	4,000	EJ 299	5,000	EK 9	80,000	AP6848	4,000
EH 130	5,000	EH2823	6,000	EG8128	5,000	EH1800	20,000
BC 638	11,000	EH3223	16,000	EH 883	18,000	EF8898	6,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 153RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$103,344,505.

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WATER CUTS IN SHEUNG WAN AND CHEUNG CHAU

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT 127-133 (ODD NUMBERS) HOLLYWOOD ROAD, 76-130 (EVEN NUMBERS) HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, CIRCULAR PATHWAY, SHING WONG STREET BETWEEN GOUGH STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD, 1-2 TSUI ON LANE, AND 270-290 (EVEN NUMBERS) QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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ON TUESDAY (JULY 17), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FOM 10 AM TO 4 PM TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT THE SOUTHERN HALF OF CHEUNG CHAU INCLUDING TAI HING TAI ROAD, 92-173 TAI SAN STREET, TAI SAN BACK STREET, NAM SHE TONG, PEAK ROAD, KWUN YAM WAN, FA PENG, TAI CHOI YUEN DISTRICT, KO SHAN TSUEN, LUNG TSAI TSUEN, NAM TAM, TAI SHEK HAU, SIN YAN TSENG, SHUI HANG, ROUND TABLE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD VILLAGES, SHUN YEE VILLAGE, SAI WAN, AND CARE VILLAGE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF A WATERMAIN, COX'S ROAD BETWEEN AUSTIN ROAD AND TAK SHING STREET, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 16) FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SEVEN DAYS.

MOTORISTS ON JORDAN ROAD HEADING FOR AUSTIN ROAD CAN TRAVEL VIA PARKES STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO AUSTIN ROAD.

FROM MONDAY (JULY 16) TO SUNDAY (JULY 22), BUSES OF KMB ROUTE 2C (TAT CHEE AVENUE TO STAR FERRY) WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA NATHAN ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO STAR FERRY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, BUS STOPS FOR KMB ROUTE 2C WILL BE DESIGNATED OUTSIDE NOS. 230, 134 AND 26 OF NATHAN ROAD, WHILE EXISTING BUS STOPS IT OBSERVES ON COX'S ROAD SOUTHBOUND, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 16), THE SECTION OF JOHNSTON ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN SPRING GARDEN LANE AND TAI YUEN STREET, IN WAN CHAI, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE MAINLAYING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TO KWA WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 16), THE FOLLOWING URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE IMPOSED IN TO KWA WAN FOR ABOUT 60 WEEKS:

- * THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TO KWA WAN ROAD BETWEEN SAN MA TAU STREET AND SAN SHAN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED TO AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY; AND
- * THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY IN SAN MA TAU STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TO KWA WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED TO AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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EXTENSION OF GMB OPERATING HOURS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 33 (YUEN LONG TAI FUNG STREET TO HA PAK NAI) AND ROUTE 35 (YUEN LONG TAI FUNG STREET TO SHA KIU TSIM BEI TSUI) WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 9 PM TO 9.30 PM DAILY AS FROM TODAY (SATURDAY).

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