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DUKE OF KENT TO VISIT TUEN MUN

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT WILL SEE HOW THE FORMER FISHING VILLAGE OF TUEN MUN IS GRADUALLY BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A MODERN METROPOLIS DURING HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG THIS WEEK.

THE DUKE, A COUSIN OF THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, ARRIVES TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD. HE WILL OPEN THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION TOMORROW (MONDAY).

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL VISIT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN ON TUESDAY TO SEE THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKS NOW UNDERWAY TO CREATE A MODERN, SELF-SUPPORTING TOWNSHIP WITH A FULL COMPLEMENT OF SERVICES, INDUSTRY AND HOUSING BY THE MID-EIGHTIES FOR AN EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 530,000.

THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO SPEND AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF SOME 3,500 MILLION ON TUEN MUN'S DEVELOPMENT BY THE MID-EIGHTIES, AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS EXPECTED TO INJECT A SIMILAR AMOUNT INTO THE PROJECT.

THE DUKE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED AT TUEN MUN BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD RECENTLY SET UP TO ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF INHABITANTS IN TUEN MUN.

THE DUKE WILL VIEW THE VARIOUS WORKS UNDERWAY FROM A VANTAGE POINT OVERLOOKING THE NEW TOWN AND WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE BUILDING AND ENGINEERING PROGRAMME BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TUEN MUN, MR. PETER NG, AND THE NEW TOWN'S PROJECT MANGER, MR. S.A. BARDEN.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, WHO SERVED WITH THE ROYAL SCOTS GREY IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1962 AND 1963, MAY REMEMBER TUEN MUN (OR CASTLE PEAK AS IT WAS THEN KNOWN), AS A RATHER QUIET, REMOTE MARKET COMMUNITY NESTLING IN THE SHADOW OF CASTLE PEAK RIDGE.

TODAY, AS THE NEW TOWN IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE, MODERN SKYSCRAPERS, SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES DOT THE SKYLINE AND THE SHORELINE OF CASTLE PEAK BAY ITSELF IS BEING PUSHED BACK FURTHER BY MASSIVE RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE NEW SITES FOR A RANGE OF HOUSING, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND INDUSTRY.

ALREADY, MORE THAN 100 HECTARES OF NEW LAND HAS BEEN FORMED AND SERVICED AND WORK IS PROGRESSING STEADILY ON PRODUCING ANOTHER 140 HECTARES.

AT PRESENT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 60,000. BY THE MID-EIGHTIES, THE DUKE WILL LEARN, THE POPULATION WILL HAVE SWELLED TO SOME 528,000, WITH ABOUT 70 PER CENT LIVING IN SELF-CONTAINED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, COMPLETE WITH SHOPPING COMPLEXES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

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THE DUKE, WHO TAKES A KEEN AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN INDUSTRY, WILL PARTICULARLY WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROVISIONS FOR INDUSTRY IN THE NEW TOWN.

HE WILL LEARN THAT A MAJOR GOAL IN PLANNING THE NEW TOWN HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. TO ACHIEVE THIS, SOME 126 HECTARES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE.

ALREADY SOME 20 FACTORIES HAVE STARTED OPERATION IN THE NEW TOWN, AND ANOTHER 50-60 ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR UNDER PLANNING.

THE DUKE WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROVISIONS FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY AND FOR LAND-INTENSIVE FACILITIES, SUCH AS A DESALINATION PLANT AND THE PLANNED NEW CHINA LIGHT AND POWER STATION.

BUT BASICALLY, THE DUKE WILL LEARN, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE A 'YOUNG CITY', WITH ONE-THIRD OF THE PROJECTED POPULATION LIKELY TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

TO CATER FOR ITS YOUTH, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 26 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 22 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ALL WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF THE MAIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THE DUKE WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT SITES FOR A LOCAL POLYTECHNIC AND TWO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE PLANNED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE SKILLED TRADESMEN AND TECHNICIANS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE NEW INDUSTRIES OF TUEN MUN.

SERVING THE NEW TOWN WILL BE A NETWORK OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS, HIGHLIGHTED BY THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN HIGHWAY WHICH IS DUE TO OPEN LATER THIS YEAR. THE THREE-LANE HIGHWAY WILL SLASH TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, 19.3 KM TO THE EAST, TO A MERE 15 MINUTES AND PROVIDE A CONVENIENT DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE NEW TOWN AND THE REST OF HONG KONG.

BUT DESPITE THE IMMENSE SCALE OF THE PROJECT, THE DUKE WILL BE INTERESTED TO FIND THAT MUCH OF TUEN MUN'S NATURAL BEAUTY AND SOME OF ITS HISTORICAL FEATURES ARE BEING RETAINED -- SUCH AS YEUNG SHIU HANG VILLAGE AND THE 1,500-YEAR OLD TSING SHAN MONASTERY -- SO THAT WHILE THE NEW TOWN'S FUTURE RESIDENTS WILL HAVE ALL BASIC MODERN FACILITIES, THEY WILL STILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A LINK WITH THEIR CULTURAL PAST.

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DUKE OF KENT TO OPEN BRITISH INDUSTRIAL
EXHIBITION
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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HRH THE DUKE OF KENT'S PROGRAMME
FOR TOMORROW (MONDAY):

- 11.15 A.M. OPEN THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT
KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION, HUNG HOM (TRANSPORT FOR
ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES' CARPARK AT 10.30 A.M.
SHARP.)
- 2.30 P.M. SECOND VISIT TO THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL
EXHIBITION (PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER
THIS EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE STATION
MASTER'S OFFICE AT THE STATION CONCOURSE BEFORE
2.15 P.M.)

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MAKING RECREATION 'A REALITY' FOR ALL
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A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN HONG KONG,
EMPHASISING THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
LEISURE-TIME PURSUITS, IS CONTAINED IN THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED HONG
KONG 1978 YEAR-BOOK.

THE BOOK IS NOW ON SALE IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE
EDITIONS AT \$15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE,
CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND OTHER OUTLETS.

DESCRIBING THE ENORMOUS GROWTH IN OUTDOOR RECREATION AS
+A SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT+ IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE
YEAR-BOOK SAYS THE ONLY PROBLEM IS KEEPING PACE WITH DEMAND.

+MUCH THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO THIS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE
COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WHICH WAS SET UP BY
THE GOVERNMENT IN 1973 TO FOSTER AND EXPAND THE USE OF RECREATIONAL
AND SPORTING FACILITIES, AND TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR
PURSUITS,+ THE YEAR-BOOK REPORTS IN ITS FIRST CHAPTER +OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES: A FULLER LIFE FOR ALL+.

TO GIVE IMPETUS TO THE OUTDOOR LEISURE BOOM, THE GOVERNMENT
AND NUMEROUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE ALREADY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE
OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND FIT AND THE OLD AND HANDICAPPED.

COMMENTING ON THE GROWTH IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, MR. NIGEL
FRENCH, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE HOME AFFAIRS AND
INFORMATION BRANCH, SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S GOAL WAS TO MAKE
RECREATION FOR EVERYONE A REALITY.

+THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND
ACTIVITIES ARE NECESSARY TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF
HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

/+IN THE PAST

+IN THE PAST TWO YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASED EMPHASIS ON RECREATION AND AS WELL AS PROVIDING NEW FACILITIES, WE HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN AREAS SUCH AS THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION, CAMPAIGNS FOCUSING ATTENTION ON SAFETY GUIDELINES IN LEISURE PURSUITS AND POLLUTION AND FIRE CONTROL.+

ONE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IS THE OPENING OF NEW COUNTRY PARKS, EACH WITH ITS OWN SET OF MANAGEMENT BUILDINGS AND STAFF. IN 1977, THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY DESIGNATED FIVE PARKS COVERING AN AREA OF 4,023 HECTARES AND AN ADDITIONAL FOUR PARKS A YEAR ARE PLANNED IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THE FIVE PARKS DESIGNATED IN 1977 ARE KAM SHAN, SHING MUN AND LION ROCK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND TAI TAM AND ABERDEEN ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+ANOTHER SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST IS OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE,+ MR. FRENCH SAID.

+THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL, PROVIDING A MULTITUDE OF ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM SWIMMING TO CANOEING, ROLLER-SKATING, ARCHERY AND HIKING TO GROUPS SUCH AS YOUTHS, FACTORY AND OFFICE WORKERS, FAMILIES AND THE HANDICAPPED.

+AS A RESULT, WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH A SECOND OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT THE NEW TSO KUNG TAM PARK IN TSUEN WAN AND THERE ARE PLANS FOR OTHER CENTRES TO BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.+

THE YEAR-BOOK ATTRIBUTES THE RECREATION BOOM TO HONG KONG'S RISING STANDAND OF LIVING, ADDING THAT IT HAS BEEN GIVEN ADDED IMPETUS BY LEGISLATION THAT ASSURES WORKERS OF A WEEK'S PAID ANNUAL LEAVE AS WELL AS STATUTORY PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IT POINTS OUT THAT MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN DENSELY POPULATED URBAN AREAS WHERE THE HIGH-RISE ENVIRONMENT PRODUCES STRESSES THAT MAKE RELIEF AND DIVERSION OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE.

WORKING TO EXPAND, IMPROVE AND PROMOTE RECREATION ARE AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNARY ORGANISATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO SPORT AND RECREATION OVER THE YEARS. NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS MOVING INTO THIS FIELD, WE ARE TRYING TO ASSIST AND BUILD ON THESE EFFORTS SO THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BENEFIT FROM INCREASING LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES,+ MR. FRENCH SAID.

+SUCH A WIDESPREAD INVOLVEMENT MEANS MORE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY A FULLER LIFE BY INDULGING IN SOME FORM OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITY.+

THE YEAR-BOOK SAYS THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH ITS LONG EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES, AND ORGANISING SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT, IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WITH AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED AND INNOVATIVE APPROACH.

IMPORTANT NEW URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS INCLUDE A RECREATION CENTRE AT THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE STAGES STARTING THIS YEAR, A TENNIS COMPLEX AT WONG NAI CHUNG GAP WHICH WILL BE READY NEXT YEAR AND FACILITIES FOR PLEASURE BOATING AT THE WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR PARK.

IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD 15 MORE SWIMMING POOLS -- TWO ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TWO IN KOWLOON AND 11 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. TEN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES ARE ALREADY OPERATING.

THESE POOLS WILL SUPPLEMENT 40 EXISTING GAZETTED BEACHES.

FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL AND ATHLETICS ARE ALSO BEING EXPANDED WITH PROJECTS SUCH AS THE NEW HO MAN TIN STADIUM, ADDITIONAL SPORTS COMPLEXES AND MORE RUNNING TRACKS AND FOOTBALL PITCHES.

+SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN OCTOBER 1974, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS DONE MUCH TO BOOST HEALTHY LEISURE ACTIVITIES, + THE YEAR-BOOK SAYS.

+AS A MEASURE OF ITS IMPACT, MORE THAN 300,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN 1977 -- AND THE FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO TREBLE BY 1981. +

PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ARE ALSO BEING INITIATED.

A NEW PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED (PHAB) ASSOCIATION CAMP AND RECREATION CENTRE IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR NEAR THE POK FU LAM RESERVOIR. SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND PHAB, THE CAMP WILL BE THE SECOND OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD PROVIDING FACILITIES SUCH AS SWIMMING, HORSE-RIDING, ARCHERY, BADMINTON AND BASKETBALL.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE JOCKEY CLUB ARE ALSO WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AT SHA TIN WHICH WILL TRAIN AND COACH ATHLETES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

+A TEAM OF COACHES OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING WILL TRAIN BOTH PROMISING SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN AS WELL AS LOCAL COACHES, + THE YEAR-BOOK SAYS.

+THIS, IN TIME, SHOULD RESULT IN VASTLY IMPROVED STANDARDS AND BOOST HONG KONG'S CHANCES OF MAKING AN INTERNATIONAL NAME FOR ITSELF IN SPORT. +

IN ADDITION TO THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, TWO STADIA OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD -- THE HUNG HOM STADIUM AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM -- ARE BEING BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR MORE SPORTING COMPETITIONS.

+THERE HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE GROWTH OF PARTICIPATION IN RECREATION AMONG HONG KONG'S 4.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS AND WE ARE MOVING AHEAD TO ESTABLISH MORE FACILITIES TO KEEP UP WITH THIS GROWING DEMAND, + MR. FRENCH SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT RECREATION AND SPORT ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF HONG KONG'S PROGRESS. +

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COLLECTION HOURS IN NT

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THE REVISED COLLECTION HOURS ON SATURDAYS IN ALL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING OFFICES AND COLLECTION CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN IN FORCE ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS, ARE TO BECOME PERMANENT.

THE TRIAL WAS INTRODUCED LAST OCTOBER WHEN THE COLLECTION HOURS IN THESE ACCOUNTING OFFICES -- FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON -- WERE SHORTENED BY HALF AN HOUR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE.

AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE, ALL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING OFFICES HAVE OPERATED FROM 9 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. ON SATURDAYS SINCE THEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY THE CHANGE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS HOURS LEFT NO TIME FOR THE SHROFFS TO BALANCE THEIR ACCOUNTS AS THEIR NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ALSO ENDED AT NOON ON SATURDAYS.

HE SAID: +THE THREE-MONTH TRIAL IS NOW OVER AND IT SHOWS THE REVISED HOURS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

+IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE PUBLIC RESPONSE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE REVISED COLLECTION HOURS ON A PERMANENT BASIS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HEUNG YEE KUK, RURAL COMMITTEES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND THE FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE REVISED HOURS.

THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO BRING THE CHANGE TO THE NOTICE OF THEIR MEMBERS, HE ADDED.

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CYC MEMBERS JOIN CHARITY WALKATHON

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ABOUT 1,500 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALK-FOR-A-MILLION IN KWUN TONG.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT C.Y.C. MEMBERS, WEARING SMART WHITE CAPS WITH THE RED C.Y.C. LOGO, PARTICIPATED IN THE CHARITY WALK ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST THIS YEAR.

THE PRESENT C.Y.C. MOVEMENT WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF CLEAN YOUR CITY-COUNTRYSIDE GROUPS AND COVER A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. ITS MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UPPER PRIMARY AND LOWER SECONDARY FORMS.

+A TOTAL OF \$5,000 WAS RAISED BY C.Y.C. MEMBERS IN THE CHARITY WALK HELD IN TSUEN WAN IN JANUARY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+AS THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THIS TIME HAS TRIPLED THAT OF THE LAST TIME, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SUM OF MONEY RAISED TODAY WILL INCREASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+WITH THE AIM OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY,C.Y.C. MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO CHARITY PROGRAMME OF THIS NATURE WHENEVER THEY ARE HELD.+

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WALK WERE C.Y.C. GROUPS FROM MORE THAN 15 SCHOOLS, MAINLY IN KOWLOON. THE BIGGEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS CAME FROM HOLY WORD SCHOOL WITH MORE THAN 300 C.Y.C. MEMBERS.

THE SCHOOLS THAT TOOK PART WERE: THE HONG KONG FUNG CLAN ASSOCIATION SCHOOL= JORDAN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL= BETHEL NO.3 PRIMARY SCHOOL= LAM TIN METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL= MU KUANG PRIMARY SCHOOL= PO ON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION SCHOOL= HOLY WORD SCHOOL= BUDDHIST CHI KING PRIMARY SCHOOL= ST. BONAVENTURE PRIMARY SCHOOL= MORAL TRAINING ENGLISH COLLEGE= LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL= CHRISTIAN FAITH COLLEGE= LO SIN TONG= KEI HAU SECONDARY SCHOOL= MUNSANG COLLEGE AND BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES OF OVER TWO TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ELGIN STREET AND THE SECTION OF PEEL STREET BETWEEN STAUNTON STREET AND CAINE ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (MARCH 7) TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY IN THE AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN ON MARCH 8 AND 9 TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON MARCH 8, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHAI WAN ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SALESIAN SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED AND EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE EXISTING WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

DURING THE SAME HOURS ON MARCH 9, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHAI WAN ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SALESIAN SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO ASSIST MOTORISTS.

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