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UNLOADING OF GOODS FROM RAILWAY WAGONS VIRTUALLY BACK TO NORMAL

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THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REGINALD GREGORY, SAID TODAY THAT THE UNLOADING OF GOODS FROM RAILWAY WAGONS HAS VIRTUALLY RETURNED TO NORMAL VOLUMN SINCE THE OPENING OF TWO MORE TEMPORARY FREIGHT TERMINALS IN SHA TIN.

THE TWO TERMINALS ARE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH OF SHA TIN STATION AND AT FO TAN. THIS BRINGS TO FIVE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEMPORARY TERMINALS NOW IN FORCE. THE OTHER THREE ARE AT WO HOP SHEK, FAN LING AND HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOPS.

+MORE THAN 120 WAGONS WERE UNLOADED FROM THESE TERMINALS YESTERDAY AS AGAINST A DAILY AVERAGE OF ABOUT 140 WAGONS BEFORE THE DISRUPTION OF NORMAL TRAIN SERVICE.+ HE SAID. +WE ARE NOW GETTING VERY CLOSE TO THE NORMAL LEVEL AS BEFORE THE FLOODING.+

THE KCR OPENED THESE TEMPORARY TERMINALS BECAUSE THE WAGONS COULD NOT REACH KOWLOON AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER BY THE RECENT RAINSTORM.

MR GREGORY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER TEMPORARY TERMINAL WAS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN ABOUT A WEEK AT TAI PO KAU TO HANDLE OIL TRAINS FROM CHINA.

WHEN THIS TERMINAL CAME INTO OPERATION, IT WOULD BE ABLE TO UNLOAD DIESEL OIL FROM 16 WAGONS A DAY.

+PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT TAI WAI STATION IS ALSO GOING ON VERY WELL AND ABOUT 14,000 PEOPLE ARE USING THE STATION EACH DAY,+ HE SAID.

+MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE NEW BRIDGE AT TAI WAI IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH ON SCHEDULE,+ HE ADDED.

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BUS ROUTE CHANGES AT CHAI WAN
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A MAJOR RE-ORGANISATION OF BUS SERVICES IN THE CHAI WAN AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK, ACCORDING TO A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY.

BEGINNING THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), ALL BUS ROUTES IN THE AREA WILL BE CHANGED AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME DRAWN UP BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

THE NEW NETWORK OF ROUTES TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULATION OF THE AREA AND THE OPENING OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE HING WAH ESTATE. THE POPULATION OF THE AREA NOW STANDING AT 81,000 IS EXPECTED TO REACH OVER 130,000 PERSONS WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS AS NEW HOUSING ESTATES OPEN.

A NEW ROUTE 81 WILL BE INTRODUCED TO LINK THE HING WAH ESTATE WITH SHAU KEI WAN, QUARRY BAY, NORTH POINT AND CAUSEWAY BAY (LAI TAK TSUEN). THIS WILL OPERATE TO A BASIC 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY AT A 50 CENTS ADULT FARE (30 CENTS FOR CHILDREN). IN ADDITION, A 30 CENTS INTERMEDIATE SECTION FARE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM QUARRY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN TO HING WAH.

EXISTING ROUTE 8 WILL BE EXTENDED TO START FROM CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) AND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEE CHUNG STREET, HONG MAN STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET AND KUT SHING STREET TO SERVE THE CHAI WAN INDUSTRIAL AREA AND THE HEALTH CENTRE. THIS SERVICE WILL LINK CHAI WAN WITH WAN CHAI AT A BASIC SIX-MINUTE FREQUENCY USING HIGH-CAPACITY DOUBLE DECK BUSES.

ANOTHER NEW ROUTE, NO. 82, WILL BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN CHAI WAN EAST (ON YIP STREET) AND NORTH POINT FERRY OPERATING TO A BASIC SIX-MINUTE FREQUENCY WITH A 40 CENTS ADULT FARE (20 CENTS FOR CHILDREN).

ROUTES 83 AND 88 WILL LINK CHAI WAN WITH SAI WAN HO FERRY AND CAPE COLLINSON (TRAINING CENTRE) RESPECTIVELY. ON CHING MING AND CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVALS, A SPECIAL RECREATIONAL ROUTE, NO. 89, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY.

ALTOGETHER 8 BUS ROUTES WILL SERVE THE CHAI WAN AREA (THESE INCLUDE EXPRESS ROUTE 80 TO CENTRAL DISTRICT AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 106 TO CHUK YUEN VIA HUNG HOM AND KOWLOON CITY). A FLEET OF 75 HIGH CAPACITY BUSES IS INVOLVED IN THE SCHEME PROVIDING ALMOST 'A BUS A MINUTE' OPERATION FROM THE CHAI WAN AREA.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND CMB OFFICIALS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORING THE SCHEME DURING THE COMING WEEKS AND DAILY PASSENGER TRAFFIC VOLUMES ARE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED TO TIP THE 60,000 MARK BY MID-OCTOBER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TAI ON MANSION CLEARANCE

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CLEARANCE OF TAI ON MANSION AT 2-4, TAI PO ROAD WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AS SCHEDULED, AND THE REMAINING TENANTS OF THE BUILDING HAVE BEEN REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THEY MUST VACATE THEIR PREMISES OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE POST-WAR BUILDING WILL THEN BE DEMOLISHED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR TUNNELLING WORK FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY. DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ON TUESDAY.

ON MONDAY MORNING, STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE IN. OCCUPANTS REMAINING IN THE BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE EVICTED AND GOODS AND CHATTLE TRANSPORTED TO A GOVERNMENT GODOWN FOR SAFE KEEPING AND FOR THEM TO BE CLAIMED BACK BY THE OWNERS AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

ALL TENANTS OF THE BUILDING HAVE BEEN OFFERED COMPENSATION IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

DOMESTIC TENANTS: CASH ASSISTANCE CALCULATED AT $20 PER SQUARE FT. OF LIVING SPACE AND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING=

OWNER-OCCUPIERS: COMPENSATION FOR THEIR FLATS AT FULL MARKET VALUE AND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS CASH ASSISTANCE=

COMMERCIAL TENANTS: COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES OF BUSINESS/PROFIT, VALUE OF FITTINGS STORAGE, TRANSPORT OF STOCKS AND FEES FOR NEW LEASES (IN CASES THEY ARE MOVING ELSEWHERE) AND OTHER EXPENSES.

IN THE CASES OF OWNER-OCCUPIERS AND SHOP OPERATORS, ACCEPTANCE OF COMPENSATION OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PREJUDICE THEIR APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL, IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS STATED THAT IF THE AMOUNT THE TRIBUNAL AWARDED IS HIGHER THAN THE COMBINED TOTAL OF COMPENSATION, IT WILL MAKE UP THE BALANCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASK FOR ONE CENT FROM THEM, IF THE TRIBUNAL AWARD IS LOWER. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET COME FORWARD TO COLLECT THEIR COMPENSATION ARE ADVISED THAT THEY MAY DO SO ANY TIME THEY LIKE SINCE THE MONEY HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

SINCE THE BUILDING REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN MID-APRIL THIS YEAR, ALL TENANTS, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL TENANTS HAVE NOT HAD TO PAY RENTALS AND RATES.

IN CASH TERMS, THE SEVEN COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL RECEIVE BETWEEN THEM SOME $219,000 IN COMPENSATION AND SOME $73,000 IN UNPAID RENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY, +WE HAVE TRIED TO TREAT ALL THE PEOPLE CONCERNED AS FAIRLY AS POSSIBLE. WE HOPE THAT ALL THE REMAINING TENANTS WILL MOVE OUT OVER THE WEEK-END SO THAT DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING CAN START ON TUESDAY AND TUNNELLING WORK FOR THE MTR COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL OCCUPANTS AND LANDLORDS HAVE BEEN GIVEN 16 MONTHS' NOTICE.+

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS REALISE $255,500

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FIFTEEN SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF $255,500 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT LECTURE ROOM SOUTH OF THE CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 8118 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $40,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER HK 999 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $31,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $5,000 FOR AA 6789.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :-

AC 7000	$ 6,000	BD 6666	$18,000
BD 111	$ 6,000	HK 32	$17,000
BD 18	$20,000	1828	$15,000
AC 78	$10,000	BL 1	$26,000
AL 8	$25,000	AA 5000	$11,000
AA 95	$ 6,500	HK 3388	$19,000

THE NUMBERS AUCTION 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 30TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY, 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO $4,962,032.

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HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY REPORT NOW ON SALE

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A PUBLICATION ENTITLED +THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY 1973/74 AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES+ PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON SALE.

THIS REPORT DESCRIBES IN DETAILS THE METHODS ADOPTED FOR CONDUCTING THE 1973/74 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B).

A TOTAL OF 140 TABLES ANALYSING THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS, INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS OF 2,864 SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS ARE APPENDED TO THE REPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT EVEN THOUGH THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN JULY 1973 AND JUNE 1974, A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME WAS REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK INVOLVED IN DATA ANALYSIS AND COMPILATION BEFORE THIS REPORT COULD BECOME READY FOR PUBLICATION.

THIS REPORT IS NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG AT HK$16.00 A COPY.

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+BUS ONLY+ LANE IN ROBINSON ROAD TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

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THE +BUS ONLY+ LANE IN ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE ROAD AND GLENEALY WILL BE OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 7 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

THIS TEMPORARY MEASURE IS AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC IN THE AREA FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF CASTLE ROAD AND CAINE LANE DUE TO THE RECENT LANDSLIDES.

FROM MONDAY MORNING MOTORISTS TRAVELLING EAST ALONG CONDUIT ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN INTO ROBINSON ROAD AND TRAVEL THROUGH THE BUS ONLY LANE IN ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE ROAD AND GLENEALY.

HOWEVER, NO STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG THIS SECTION OF ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 10 A.M. AND BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

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NEW LEGAL YEAR

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THE NEW LEGAL YEAR WILL OPEN ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT 9.30 A.M. THAT DAY.

ATTENDING WILL BE JUDGES, MAGISTRATES, MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND OF THE LAW SOCIETY AND THOSE WORKING IN THE COURTS.

THE COURTS WILL RESUME SITTING AT 11 A.M. ON THE SAME DAY.

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