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MEASURES TO RELIEVE MTR CONGESTION
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THE FIRST PHASE OF A SERIES OF MEASURES TO RELIEVE CONGESTION ALONG THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM MONDAY (MAY 18).

THE MEASURES INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW CROSS HARBOUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE EXISTING SERVICES AS FOLLOWS:

NEW CROSS HARBOUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICES:

IN ADDITION TO NEW BUS ROUTE NO. 336 OPERATING BETWEEN LEI MUK SHUE AND SHEUNG WAN, ANOTHER BUS ROUTE NO. 312 WILL PLY BETWEEN HUNG HOM (CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA) AND TIN HAU (HING FAT STREET).

IT WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7.55 AM AND 9.10 AM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AT A FIVE-MINUTE FREQUENCY. THE FARE WILL BE \$5.5 PER JOURNEY FROM HUNG HOM AND \$3.5 ON LEAVING THE TUNNEL.

STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING CROSS HARBOUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICES:

BUS ROUTES 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 307, 337 AND 348 WILL BE EXTENDED AT THE HONG KONG ISLAND END FROM CENTRAL TO SHEUNG WAN.

IN ADDITION, A NEW ADDITIONAL BUS BAY WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE NEW BUS BAY WILL BE OBSERVED BY CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES NO. A2, A3, 109, 113, 119 AND 182.

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SHA TO VISIT CHINA
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SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL VISIT CHINA FROM MAY 18 TO 26 AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF CHINA.

MR SUEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVEN OTHER HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF GENERAL FAMILIARISATION VISITS WHICH STARTED A FEW YEARS AGO.

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LAND AUCTION ON MONDAY

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE SOLD IN A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MONDAY (MAY 18).

THE FIRST LOT IS AT ON CHUEN STREET, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF 471 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE AND ANY GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS).

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1,415 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1996.

THE SECOND SITE IN AREA 30, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 14,540 SQUARE METRES. IT IS EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, RETAIL SHOPS, A SUPERMARKET AND A PUBLIC CAR PARK AND SUCH ANCILLARY USES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 13,894 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1996.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION. A DESIGNATED PRESS AREA WILL BE ALLOCATED AT THE VENUE. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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WARNING AGAINST LIFT SHAFT HAZARDS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS NOT TO THROW BUILDING DEBRIS AND WASTE MATERIALS DOWN LIFT SHAFTS UNLESS ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

THE APPEAL CAME IN THE WAKE OF TWO RECENT ACCIDENTS IN WHICH THREE WORKERS WERE KILLED BY DEBRIS FALLING DOWN LIFT SHAFTS.

"SUCH TRAGIC ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD THE SITE PERSONNEL TAKEN THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS," DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR KAN HON-SANG SAID.

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"UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, A CONTRACTOR HAS THE DUTY TO ENSURE THAT MATERIALS ARE NOT TIPPED, THROWN OR SHOT DOWN FROM A HEIGHT WHERE THEY ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE INJURY TO ANY PERSON," MR KAN NOTED.

"IF A PROTECTED LIFT SHAFT OR OTHER PROTECTED AREA HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THIS PURPOSE, CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE CAN APPROACH SUCH AREAS AND NOTICES MUST BE PUT UP TO WARN WORKERS OF THE DANGER," HE ADDED.

HE SUGGESTED CONTRACTORS LOWER BUILDING MATERIALS BY LIFTING APPLIANCES OR THROUGH CHUTES OR PROPER CONSTRUCTION.

HE ALSO REMINDED SITE WORKERS THAT BEFORE THROWING ANYTHING INTO A LIFT SHAFT, THEY SHOULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE AND SHOULD TAKE REASONABLE CARE OF THE SAFETY OF FELLOW WORKERS.

"ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$50,000."

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DSHA STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF RULE OF LAW
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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW, NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE, CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MISS JACQUELINE WILLIS, TOLD A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR TODAY (SATURDAY).

AND INDEED, MISS WILLIS SAID, THIS HAD BEEN RECOGNISED BOTH IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND IN THE BASIC LAW.

SHE SAID CENTRAL TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE AND ITS REPUTATION FOR QUALITY SERVICES, WAS THE WIDE RECOGNITION OF THE RULE OF LAW.

SHE SAID THE RULE OF LAW DID NOT SIMPLY MEAN THAT THERE WAS A SET OF LAWS GOVERNING VARIOUS SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.

"IT MEANS THAT BOTH INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE STATE ACCEPT A SET OF RULES OF CONDUCT TO REGULATE BEHAVIOUR.

"I SEE THIS AS A PARTNERSHIP WITH OBLIGATIONS TO ALL PARTIES," SHE SAID.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MISS WILLIS SAID WHILE AN INDIVIDUAL EXPECTS CERTAIN FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS, SHE MUST IN RETURN ACCEPT CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND RULES.

INSTITUTIONS, HOWEVER, WORK UNDER RULES DESIGNED TO PROTECT THEM AND TO REGULATE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

/BUT OVERALL

BUT OVERALL COMES THE STATE, SHE SAID.

"THE STATE'S OBLIGATION IS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR THE LAW, TO SUPERVISE THE LAW AND TO UPHOLD THE LAW.

"THIS COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING, AND MUST DO SO TO KEEP PACE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIETY."

TODAY'S FORUM, MISS WILLIS SAID, HAD SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ORGANISER - THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

IT IS THE FIRST SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE. CO-ORGANISED WITH THE 19 DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION BODIES, MISS WILLIS SAID IT ALSO MARKED A NEW PHASE OF CLOSE AND CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP AMONG THEM.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED SENIOR LECTURER IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR JOHANNES CHAN; AND A SOLICITOR, MR CHAN KAR-LOK.

THEY SPOKE ON TOPICS ON FAIR LEGAL SYSTEM, JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SALE BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,806,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CS8888 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$305,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER ED3 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$280,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$4,000 EACH FOR EW1105, AN5705.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EW1105	\$ 4,000	EV1218	\$ 19,000	EW2322	\$ 18,000	EV618	\$ 50,000
EV8718	9,000	BC11	130,000	3219	110,000	EW3228	72,000
EW1623	7,000	EK6663	28,000	EU608	38,000	EV243	7,000
XX600	200,000	EW1119	9,000	AC2221	24,000	AZ400	22,000
EV190	17,000	CS8888	305,000	EY9779	13,000	EW802	29,000
BB6793	20,000	EV1813	22,000	EV169	21,000	AF350	15,000
EW203	22,000	EW693	12,000	EW7771	9,000	EW2212	12,000
3799	125,000	EX9000	50,000	ED3	280,000	BB252	24,000
EW1163	7,000	BS557	9,000	EW390	9,000	EW6838	15,000
AN5705	4,000	EV2668	25,000	EV7877	7,000	EW3303	7,000

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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 175TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$135,426,105.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A NEW CROSS HARBOUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICE ROUTE NO. 336 OPERATING BETWEEN LEI MUK SHUE AND SHEUNG WAN IN THE MORNING WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (MAY 18).

ROUTE NO. 336 WILL ONLY OPERATE ON MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

THE OPERATING HOURS WILL BE:

FROM ADMIRALTY (EAST)

FROM LEI MUK SHUE

6.40 AM

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7.40 AM

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7.50 AM

THE FARE WILL RANGE FROM \$3.5 TO \$10 (\$9.5 WILL BE CHARGED ON PASSENGERS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1992 FOR PROMOTION PURPOSE) PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS AVAILABLE

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

"ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES WISHING TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BEFORE JUNE 11," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

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"THE VETTING OF APPLICATIONS WILL FOLLOW THE CRITERIA AS LAID DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE AMOUNT APPROVED FOR A PARTICULAR ORGANISATION WILL NOT EXCEED \$10,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE'S ENQUIRY COUNTER, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 323 5668 EXTENSION 23.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	15.5.92	1,688 *
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	16.5.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

* INCLUDES 700 MN O/N ASST
TO BE REVERSED ON 18 MAY

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