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WRITE-OFF OF FIXED PENALTY DEBTS, COSTS SOUGHT
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A PROPOSAL TO WRITE OFF AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$54.9 MILLION IN OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND COURT COSTS IN RESPECT OF THE FIXED PENALTY SYSTEM (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 1, 1981 AND MARCH 31, 1984 WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES \$34 189 000 OF FIXED PENALTIES STILL OUTSTANDING AT MARCH 31, 1986 AND \$20 752 745 OF COURT COSTS AWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE WRITE-OFF OF THESE DEBTS IS TO CLOSE LONG OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS AND TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT TO CONCENTRATE ON MORE RECENT CASES.

THE WRITE-OFF IS NECESSARY IN CASES WHERE THE FIXED PENALTY AND COSTS HAVE BEEN RIGHTLY IMPOSED BUT THESE CANNOT BE COLLECTED BECAUSE THE SUBJECT VEHICLES HAD BEEN SCRAPPED, EXPORTED, CONFISCATED OR THE OWNERS ARE NOT TRACEABLE.

THERE WERE ALSO OTHER TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND AS A RESULT THE CANCELLATION OR WAIVER OF CERTAIN FIXED PENALTIES WERE NECESSARY.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN REMEDIAL MEASURES TO REDUCE ARREARS AND RECOVER DEBTS.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDED FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) ORDINANCE IN APRIL 1984, THE COLLECTION RATE OF FIXED PENALTIES HAS IMPROVED AND THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO COURTS.

THE AMENDED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR PARKING OFFENCES IN CASES WHERE THE FIXED PENALTY NOTICE IS IGNORED, OR WHERE A PERSON OFFERS NO DEFENCE OR A DEFENCE WHICH IS FRIVOLOUS OR VEXATIOUS, AND EMPOWERS THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A DRIVING LICENCE OF THE PERSON WHO FAILS TO PAY THE SUM ADJUDGED TO BE PAID BY THE COURT IN RESPECT OF PARKING OFFENCES.

THE AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO INDUCE EARLIER PAYMENT OF FIXED PENALTY FINES THEREBY REDUCING THE NEED TO RESORT TO SUMMONS ACTION; TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUMMONSES BY PLACING THE ONUS FOR NOTIFYING DISPUTED LIABILITY UPON THE DEFENDANT; AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO IMPROVE THE MEASURES THEN IN EXISTENCE FOR ENFORCING COLLECTION OF FINES.

/OTHER ITEMS

OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING ARE:

- * REDUNDANCY PAYMENT SCHEMES FOR LOCALLY ENGAGED STAFF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF THE STUDENTS CENTRE AND THE EDINBURGH AND MANCHESTER SUB-OFFICES;
- * NON-RECURRENT GRANTS FOR THE BAPTIST COLLEGE BUILDING PROGRAMMES;
- * PURCHASE OF TWO EMERGENCY TENDERS TO REPLACE TWO EXISTING FIRE SERVICES APPLIANCES; AND
- * PURCHASE OF A RADIO OUTSIDE BROADCAST VEHICLE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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STUDENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY SCHEME REVISED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO REVISE THE EXISTING SCHEME ON STUDENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY. WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1986, GOVERNMENT WILL CEASE SUBSIDISING STUDENT TRAVEL ON SUNDAYS, DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THIS DECISION WAS BASED ON A RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO ABOLISH SUBSIDISING RECREATIONAL TRAVEL BY STUDENTS.

ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE REVIEW, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED IN JULY 1985 UNDER THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN EXPRESSED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHO HAD IN THE PAST RAISED QUERIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHEME.

THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT, IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT, ALSO CRITICISED THE GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO DEFINE CLEARLY THE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND TO FULLY RECONSIDER OPTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES BEFORE LAUNCHING THE SCHEME.

IN ITS REVIEW, THE WORKING GROUP AFFIRMED THE CASE FOR A SCHEME OF SUBSIDISED TRAVEL ON EDUCATIONAL GROUNDS TO ASSIST NEEDY STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO WOULD OTHERWISE EXPERIENCE HARDSHIP IN MEETING THE COST OF ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM A PLACE OF STUDY.

HOWEVER, IT ALSO CONCLUDED THAT THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF PROVIDING UNLIMITED SUBSIDY FOR ALL JOURNEYS WAS AN INEFFICIENT WAY OF PROMOTING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AMONG STUDENTS.

IT HAS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT RECREATION TRAVEL BY STUDENTS SHOULD CEASE TO BE SUBSIDISED BY GOVERNMENT.

+IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE MONEY IS ACTUALLY SPENT ON SUBSIDISING THE TRAVELLING COST OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE WORTHY OF SUBSIDY.

+IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ALLOWING STUDENTS TO TRAVEL AT HALF-FARE ON WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ALONE ACCOUNTS FOR 36 PER CENT OR \$106 MILLION OF THE COST OF THE SCHEME FOR THE 1985-86 ACADEMIC YEAR, ASSUMING THAT STUDENT RIDERSHIP ON NON-SCHOOL DAYS IS THE SAME AS ON SCHOOL DAYS.

IT IS RECOGNISED THAT SCHOOLS VARY SOMEWHAT IN THEIR HOLIDAYS. TO AVOID CONFUSION, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE SCHEME SHOULD ONLY EXCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PERIODS: ALL SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 1 INCLUSIVE AND JULY 16 TO AUGUST 31 INCLUSIVE.

PUBLICITY WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR TO INFORM STUDENTS OF THE PERIODS DURING WHICH CONCESSIONARY FARES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. MOREOVER, SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE PRINTED ON THE STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS.

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MILESTONE FOR FUTURES INDUSTRY REACHED

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THE OPENING OF THE STOCK INDEX FUTURES MARKET REPRESENTS A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURES INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HANG SENG INDEX FUTURES MARKET IN THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE, SIR JOHN SAID THESE FUTURES CONTRACTS WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDED DIMENSION TO HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AS SUCH TRADING HAD PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRES.

/+THIS DEVELOPMENT

+THIS DEVELOPMENT OWES NOTHING TO GOVERNMENT BUT EVERYTHING TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. YOU MUST STAND OR FALL BY YOUR OWN EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN SAID HE APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS IN REORGANISING ITS STRUCTURE AND IN DRAWING UP NEW FINANCIAL AND SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS WHICH SHOULD ENSURE THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF A SELF-REGULATING EXCHANGE.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES IN REGULATING THE FUTURES MARKET, SIR JOHN SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT RELIES ON FAIR MARKET FORCES AND PROPER COMPETITION. OUR PRIME CONCERN IS THAT YOUR EXCHANGE SHOULD OPERATE WITHIN AN EFFECTIVE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. THIS MUST BE A BLEND OF REGULATION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND SELF-REGULATION BY THE EXCHANGE ITSELF.

+SUCH A FRAMEWORK WILL BEST SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE INVESTING PUBLIC AND ENSURE THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY. THERE WILL BE CHANGE. RIGIDITY WOULD BE STUPID.+

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COUNTRY PARK LITTER PROBLEM TO BE TACKLED

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A MONTH-LONG CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE MOUNTED FROM THIS SUNDAY TO TACKLE THE SERIOUS LITTER PROBLEM IN COUNTRY PARKS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN 1985, OVER 9.3 MILLION VISITS WERE MADE TO THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, REPRESENTING A 28 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE FIGURE RECORDED IN 1982.

THESE VISITORS LEFT BEHIND A RECORD 4 000 TONNES OF LITTER WHICH TOOK MORE THAN 35 160 MAN-DAYS, OR ABOUT 16 PER CENT OF COUNTRY PARK STAFF RESOURCES, TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF.

+WHAT IS CAUSING US GRAVE CONCERN IS THAT MANY VISITORS DO NOT USE THE 4 880 LITTER BINS AND 235 LITTER STOCKADES PROVIDED AT BARBECUE AND PICNIC SITES AND DISCARD LITTER INDISCRIMINATELY,+ MR IU SAID.

+DESPITE OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS, THESE PEOPLE CONTINUE WITH THEIR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND TURN THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE INTO A LITTER DUMP.+

A PERSON WHO LITTERS WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION.

LAST YEAR, 1 153 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR LITTERING OR POLLUTING WATER COURSES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS, AND PAID FINES TOTALLING \$178 600.

MR IU THEN REVEALED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS TAKING POSITIVE ACTIONS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

+WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE STEPPED UP TO PENALISE OFFENDERS, STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF THE CLEANSING SERVICES IN THE MORE POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS.

+AS A MEANS OF ABATING THE PROBLEM OF LITTER OVERFLOWING FROM BINS ALREADY INSTALLED, MORE STOCKADES CAPABLE OF HOLDING A LARGER AMOUNT OF LITTER WOULD BE USED TO REPLACE SMALLER BINS,+ HE SAID.

VISITORS ARE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT OF A LITTER BIN BEING FULL, THEY SHOULD USE OTHER CONTAINERS NEARBY INSTEAD OF DEPOSITING LITTER ON THE GROUND.

MR IU SAID THE CLEAN-UP DRIVE WOULD START WITH A SERIES OF LITTER PICKING EXPEDITIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HIKERS.

IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DAILY MOBILE BROADCASTS OF TAPED MESSAGES IN COUNTRY PARKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE LITTERING IS A PERSISTENT PROBLEM.

THE DRIVE WOULD BE RE-VITALISED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR WHEN THE HIKING SEASON REACHED ITS PEAK.

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EA CALL ON DRESSING GOWNS
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) CALL ON CATEGORY 650 (MAN-MADE FIBRE DRESSING GOWNS, INCLUDING BATHROBES AND BEACH ROBES). THIS IS THE SECOND EA CALL MADE BY THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG/UNITED STATES BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED ISSUE OF FURTHER EA'S IN THE CATEGORY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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THIRD READING FOR APPROPRIATION BILL
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THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1986 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWO OTHER BILLS AND NINE QUESTIONS ARE AMONG THE OTHER MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THESE TWO BILLS, DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STATEMENT BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S ANNUAL REPORT 1985, WHICH WILL BE TABLED.

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RURAL COMMITTEES 'PLAY VITAL ROLE'
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RURAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN PROMOTING BOTH A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AND CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS AND IN ENHANCING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP, NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS ON AVERAGE 1 000 PEOPLE WERE MOVING INTO PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT EACH MONTH, HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG, WHO HAS JUST TAKEN UP HIS POST, WAS MAKING A COURTESY CALL ON THE TA KWU LING AND THE SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEES.

WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT, THE POPULATION IN NORTH DISTRICT WOULD INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 175 000 TO 250 000 IN 1995. IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THE ARRIVAL OF NEW RESIDENTS MIGHT POSE CERTAIN PROBLEMS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

THUS IT WAS THE TASK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT BY FUSING OLD TRADITIONS WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, MUCH ALSO DEPENDED ON THE SUPPORT OF RURAL COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN ENHANCING A COHESIVE AND HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT.

/MR CHEUNG

MR CHEUNG SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAD NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED. AT PRESENT, ABOUT 65 000 PEOPLE WERE LIVING OUTSIDE THE FANLING NEW TOWN AREA IN THE MORE RURAL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

+THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SHA TAU KOK TOWN IS UNDERWAY AND CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO CREATING A RURAL CENTRE AT TA KWU LING,+ HE ADDED.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR CHEUNG WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE TA KWU LING AND SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEES BY THEIR CHAIRMEN, MR CHAN YAU-CHOI AND MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, RESPECTIVELY.

ON FRIDAY, MR CHEUNG WILL CALL ON THE LUEN WO AND SHEK WU HUI CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. ON MAY 12, HE WILL PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE SHEUNG SHUI FEDERATIONS OF SOCIETIES, AND THE FANLING AND SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEES.

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MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT
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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE PLAYING A ROLE AS IMPORTANT AS GRAMMAR AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, MR LI SAID 13 MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BE BUILT TO MEET THE NEED AS PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION BECAME MORE POPULAR IN RECENT YEARS.

THIS WOULD BRING THE NUMBER OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO 28, HE ADDED.

MR LI SAID MORE SENIOR SECONDARY FORM CLASSES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN 1989 BY MODIFYING THE CLASS PATTERN FROM THE EXISTING +77722+ FOR FORMS 1 TO 5 TO +66644+ IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. ONE.

AS A RESULT, THE CHANCE FOR FORM 3 STUDENTS PROGRESSING TO FORM 4 WOULD BE INCREASED, HE SAID.

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HEALTH EXHIBITION FOR TSIM SHA TSUI
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A FIVE-DAY PUBLIC EXHIBITION ON HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR ADOLESCENTS WILL BE HELD IN TSIM SHA TSUI BEGINNING ON FRIDAY (MAY 9).

THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 6 PM DAILY AT LEVEL 11 OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE UNTIL MAY 13. THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

THE EXHIBITION PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION AND EXERCISE, PHYSICAL CHANGE DURING PUBERTY, AND SEX EDUCATION. IT ALSO FEATURES SUBJECTS SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH AND THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION.

THERE WILL BE SLIDE SHOWS AND TAPES ON VARIOUS HEALTH ISSUES WILL BE PLAYED. A BOOKLET TITLED 'HEALTHY YOUTH OUR BEST RESOURCE' AND HEALTH PAMPHLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION WAS STAGED IN CENTRAL AND SHA TIN LAST YEAR AND IN TSUEN WAN IN MARCH.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR PATRICK SHAM, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (MAY 8) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ABERDEEN FIRE HAZARD INSPECTION

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A FIRE HAZARD INSPECTION AT CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN ABERDEEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THE INSPECTION, A JOINT OPERATION BY THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND AND THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, WILL START AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPERATION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION AT 47 WONG CHUK HANG ROAD BEFORE 10 AM.

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ROAD, DRAINAGE WORKS FOR VILLAGE

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A NUMBER OF ENGINEERING WORKS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR A BUILDING LOT IN NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE, KOWLOON.

THEY INCLUDE FORMING AND CONSTRUCTING PART OF A NEW ROAD AND A DRAINAGE RESERVE-PEDESTRIAN WAY TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE AREA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE OWNER OF THE PLOT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE, AND ANYONE WISHING TO OBJECT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 1.

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YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 9).

THEY ARE:

- * THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (TAM MI) BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
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- * THE SECTION OF FAIRVIEW PARK BOULEVARD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD (TAM MI) AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

MEANWHILE, DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, THE OPENING OF ROAD D4 NORTH, AND ROAD P2 SECTION BETWEEN ROAD D4 NORTH AND TUEN MUN ROAD, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE TWO ROADS WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR OPENING ON MAY 2.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 8) TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK:

- * VEHICLES ON WING LOK STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING INTO CLEVERLY STREET.
- * VEHICLES ON WING LOK STREET HEADING FOR DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO BONHAM STRAND TO REJOIN CLEVERLY STREET.
- * THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN WING LOK STREET AND BONHAM STRAND WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. NO VEHICLE ON THIS SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO WING LOK STREET.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 9), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TAMAR STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HARCOURT ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAMAR STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE;
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF COTTON TREE DRIVE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HARCOURT ROAD TO THE EXIT FROM THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (WEST) BUS TERMINUS;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE EXIT FROM THE MTR STATION ADMIRALTY (WEST) BUS TERMINUS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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