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NEW RULES FOR SCHOOL VANS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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ALL SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES WILL HAVE TO CARRY A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL YELLOW STRIPE WHICH GOES ROUND THE VEHICLE BODY AS WELL AS DISPLAY A "CHILDREN" WARNING SIGN ON THEIR REAR FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

ALSO, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH A HAZARD WARNING DEVICE.

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES WILL ENABLE OTHER ROAD USERS, IN PARTICULAR MOTORISTS, TO IDENTIFY THESE VEHICLES MORE EASILY AND PROMPT THEM TO EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY PRESENCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE VICINITY OF THE SCHOOL BUSES," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

AT PRESENT, THESE VEHICLES ARE ALREADY REQUIRED BY LAW TO CARRY ON BOTH THE NEAR AND OFF SIDES OF THEIR BODY THE WORDS "SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUS" IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. THE ENGLISH LETTERS AND CHINESE CHARACTERS MUST BE AT LEAST 150 MM IN HEIGHT AND MUST APPEAR ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MARKING OR SIGN TO ENABLE THE SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES TO BE IDENTIFIED FROM THE FRONT OR REAR.

"THIS UNDESIRABLE SITUATION IS RECTIFIED BY THE AMENDMENT REGULATION WHICH STATES THAT THE YELLOW BACKGROUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO FORM A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL BAND OF A UNIFORM WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 200 MM ALL ROUND THE VEHICLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE "CHILDREN" WARNING SIGN TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIGN, COLOUR AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SIGN ARE SPECIFIED IN THE THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE ADDED TO THE REGULATIONS.

"THIS WARNING SIGN SHOULD BE SHOWN AGAINST THE YELLOW STRIPE ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. IT MUST NOT BE PLACED ON THE REAR WINDSCREEN AS THIS MAY INTERFERE WITH THE DRIVER'S VISION THROUGH THE REAR MIRROR," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

AS FOR THE COMPULSORY HAZARD WARNING DEVICE, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DEVICE SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPERATE ALL THE DIRECTION INDICATORS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

"THIS PROVIDES A MEANS TO WARN OTHER ROAD USERS WHEN THE VEHICLE POSES A POSSIBLE DANGER," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED, ADDING THAT THE GRACE PERIOD OF NEARLY SIX MONTHS WOULD ALLOW IMPORTERS TO ADVISE OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS OF THE NEW REGULATION AND ENSURE THAT ALL VEHICLES BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG ARE FITTED WITH THESE DEVICES.

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NEVERTHELESS, MOTORCYCLES, PEDESTRIAN-CONTROLLED VEHICLES, INDUSTRIAL TRACTORS AND LAND TRACTORS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE HAZARD WARNING DEVICE RULE AS THESE VEHICLES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH DIRECTION INDICATORS.

ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MADE AT 5-200933.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 1987

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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1987 WERE 109.8 AND 109.9 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 5.8 PER CENT AND 5.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JUNE 1986, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 1.1 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987 WERE 106.1 AND 106.4 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.7 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING JUNE, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH FRUIT WERE HIGHER. CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SLIGHTLY DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDICES FOR JUNE 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1987 AND JUNE 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR JUN 87	% CHANGE OVER MAY 87	% CHANGE OVER JUN 86	INDEX FOR JUN 87	% CHANGE OVER MAY 87	% CHANGE OVER JUN 86
FOODSTUFFS	107.1	+2.7	+4.9	107.5	+2.3	+5.0
HOUSING	109.6	+0.2	+4.8	107.5	+0.2	+3.2
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.6	+0.1	+3.7	93.4	+0.1	+4.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.8	+0.2	+5.9	117.0	+0.3	+6.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.2	-0.1	+6.4	117.0	-0.1	+7.1
DURABLE GOODS	112.1	+0.7	+6.1	111.3	+0.8	+6.0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	115.9	+0.3	+12.0	115.7	+0.5	+11.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115.4	+0.2	+8.2	114.1	+0.2	+7.7
SERVICES	115.5	+0.4	+6.2	115.0	+0.5	+6.1
ALL ITEMS	109.8	+1.3	+5.8	109.9	+1.1	+5.5

COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 2.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH FRUIT AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

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THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ADMISSION FEES TO SWIMMING POOLS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JUNE 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDICES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

MEANWHILE, THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 112.8 IN JUNE 1987, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER MAY 1987 AND BY 6.5 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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HONG KONG TO ACCEPT CHANGES IN AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
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FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL'S ADVICE, HONG KONG IS TO ACCEPT THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT HONG KONG IS A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT DRAWN UP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

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THE AGREEMENT AIMS TO ENSURE OPEN COMPETITION ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS IN THE FIELD OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. IT CONTAINS DETAILED RULES PERTAINING TO THE INVITATION AND AWARD OF TENDERS FOR PURCHASING CONTRACTS BY DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS OF A VALUE OF, OR EXCEEDING, SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS (SDR) 150,000 (ABOUT HK\$1.4 MILLION).

THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS HONG KONG'S DESIGNATED ENTITY TO WHICH THE AGREEMENT APPLIES.

FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT BROADENING AND IMPROVING THE AGREEMENT IN THE GATT, A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.

THE AMENDMENTS IMPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY BRINGING MORE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT BY LOWERING THE THRESHOLD VALUE FROM THE EXISTING LEVEL OF SDR 150,000 TO SDR 130,000. IN ADDITION, SOME OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE STRENGTHENED.

MR MILLER EXPLAINED THAT HONG KONG'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS WAS IN LINE WITH HONG KONG'S POLICY TO SUPPORT THE GATT IN GENERAL AND THE LOWERING OF THE THRESHOLD WILL MEAN INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG FIRMS TO PARTICIPATE IN OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

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GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$4.2 MILLION FOR CAD/CAM DEVELOPMENT

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ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB), THE GOVERNMENT IS GRANTING \$4.2 MILLION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR A CO-ORDINATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN/COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURE (CAD/CAM) TECHNOLOGY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WITH THE TWO UNIVERSITIES FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROGRAMME, MR YEUNG SAID THE PROJECT WILL BENEFIT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS BY MAKING CAD/CAM TECHNOLOGY MORE ACCESSIBLE AND IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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"THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE DEVELOPING A GENERAL PURPOSE CAD/CAM WORKSTATION, BASED ON A POPULAR MICROCOMPUTER, WHILE THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WILL BE CREATING COMPATIBLE SOFTWARE PACKAGES SPECIALLY TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

"IT IS ALSO INTENDED, AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, TO ESTABLISH A COMPANY TO MARKET THE PRODUCTS, POSSIBLY BY LICENSING PRODUCTION TO COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE MANUFACTURERS."

MR YEUNG NOTED THAT THE PROGRAMME ALSO HAS ANOTHER IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF ENABLING THE TWO UNIVERSITIES TO ACQUIRE FURTHER EXPERTISE IN CAD/CAM TECHNOLOGY, WHICH CAN IN TURN BE PASSED ON TO STUDENTS AND PRACTISING ENGINEERS.

"THIS WILL FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A POOL OF SKILLED MANPOWER WHICH IS NECESSARY IF INDUSTRY IS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUTOMATING DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING PROCESSES."

IN EXPLAINING THE USE OF CAM/CAM TECHNOLOGY FOR VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, MR YEUNG STRESSED IT CAN HELP MANUFACTURERS TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO MARKET DEMANDS FOR NEW PRODUCTS BY REDUCING THE TIME TAKEN TO DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE THEM.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OTHER INITIATIVES ARE ALSO TAKEN ON THE ADVICE OF THE IDB TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO EXPLOIT CAD/CAM AND OTHER NEW AND USEFUL TECHNOLOGIES.

"THEY INCLUDE GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL'S INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION CAPABILITIES AND POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE COUNCIL'S PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES.

"AT THE GOVERNMENT REQUEST, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS RUNNING A SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME TO ENABLE ENGINEERS TO UNDERGO OVERSEAS TRAINING IN THE DESIGN OF APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS."

THE VICE-CHANCELLORS OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, PROFESSOR ROSE YOUNG AND DR MA LIN, TODAY SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG RESPECTIVELY.

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1986 CRIME IN EASTERN DROPS BY 10 PER CENT

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THE OVERALL CRIME RATE IN EASTERN DISTRICT IN 1986 DROPPED BY 10.1 PER CENT, OVER 1985, DESPITE THE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH.

A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LEE YU-TAI, MADE THIS COMMENT DURING A PASSING-OUT CEREMONY AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID THE 253 ROBBERY CASES REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT IN 1986 WERE THE LOWEST IN 16 YEARS. MOREOVER, BURGLARY WENT DOWN BY 14.3 PER CENT DURING THE YEAR, AND FURTHER DECREASES WERE OBSERVED IN MAY AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

MR LEE ATTRIBUTED THE TREND TO THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE POLICE--BOTH REGULARS AND AUXILIARIES--IN CRIME PREVENTION AND ANTI-TRIAD OPERATIONS.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE RECENT BOMB EXPLOSIONS, PARTICULARLY THE ONE IN TAIKOO SHING, MR LEE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FORCE'S CAPABILITY TO SOLVE THESE CASES AND IN STAMPING OUT ALL SABOTAGE.

HE CALLED ON AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS TO KEEP UP THEIR GOOD WORK IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY.

PASSING-OUT TODAY WERE 165 AUXILIARY OFFICERS FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT. THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED A ONE-WEEK RESIDENTIAL REFRESHER COURSE.

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NO COMPENSATION FOR OTB SHAREHOLDERS

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THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINED UNANIMOUSLY ON JULY 3, 1987 THAT NO COMPENSATION WAS PAYABLE TO THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SHARES BECAUSE THE VALUE OF A SINGLE SHARE OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK ON THE DAY PRIOR TO ACQUISITION BY GOVERNMENT WAS NIL. THE DETERMINATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TRIBUNAL WAS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK (COMPENSATION OF REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SHARES) REGULATIONS 1986. IT COMPRISES MR JUSTICE MORTIMER AS CHAIRMAN AND MR KIM CHAM YAU-SUM AND MR NIGEL MELVILLE AS MEMBERS.

THE FUNCTION OF THE TRIBUNAL IS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, IF ANY, TO WHICH ANY REGISTERED HOLDER OF SHARES OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK IS ENTITLED, BASED ON THE VALUE OF A SINGLE SHARE ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK (ACQUISITION) ORDINANCE, THAT IS JUNE 7, 1985, MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF SHARES HELD BY THAT SHAREHOLDER TOGETHER WITH INTEREST FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT TO THE DATE OF PAYMENT.

IN THE COURSE OF REACHING ITS DECISION, THE TRIBUNAL CONDUCTED 12 DAYS OF HEARING AND HEARD REPRESENTATIONS BY COUNSEL FOR THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED AND THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SHARES.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO MAKE TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS

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EMPLOYERS ARE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO MAKE PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING TYPHOON.

SUCH AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RULES FOR REPORTING TO WORK AND RELEASING EMPLOYEES FROM WORK, AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID ALTHOUGH THE LAW DID NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROVISIONS, IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED.

HE SAID EMPLOYERS SHOULD GIVE PRIOR CONSIDERATION TO THEIR WORKERS' SAFETY, BOTH AT THE WORKPLACE AND WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM HOME DURING A TYPHOON.

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"NORMALLY, EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO REPORT FOR DUTY OR TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 8 OR A HIGHER SIGNAL IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL OR EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON."

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN DRAFTING OR PREPARING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS CAN APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE FOR ADVICE.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WESTERN TO BE DEMOLISHED

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OCCUPIERS OF SEVERAL ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WESTERN, WHO HAVE IGNORED AN ORDER TO HAVE THE STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED THEMSELVES, NOW FACE COURT ACTION.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL MAKE AN APPLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON SEPTEMBER 23 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FOR DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES, ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT E ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 7-13 YAT FU LANE, AND 18-20 SOUTH LANE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID THE ORIGINAL ORDER TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES WAS ISSUED IN MARCH, 1985. HE SAID A NOTICE INFORMING OCCUPIERS OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID IT WAS LIKELY THAT DEMOLITION WOULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS OBTAINED.

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SHEK WU HUI PSPS SITE UP FOR SALE
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A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT IS TO BE BUILT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FROM 1,978 TO 2,078 RESIDENTIAL UNITS RANGING BETWEEN 35 AND 55 SQUARE METRES IN AREA ON THE 2.09-HECTARE SITE.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE GROSS FLOOR AREA OF ITS SUPERSTRUCTURE SHOULD NOT EXCEED 111,600 SQUARE METRES.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO INCORPORATE A BASKETBALL COURT, TWO TABLE TENNIS COURTS AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND INTO A 7,300-SQUARE-METRE OPEN SPACE TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A KINDERGARTEN, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A MINIMUM OF 250 CAR PARKING SPACES AND 2,100 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, ON WHICH GODOWN DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

THE DEVELOPER MAY ALSO OPT TO BUILD A NURSERY.

THE SITE IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 11.

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RECREATIONAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY ESSENTIAL
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TWO MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE SET UP IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SENIOR RESIDENTS THERE, REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR CARLOS LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHOI YUEN FUN FAIR DAY FOR THE ELDERLY, MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE POPULATION IN THE NORTH DISTRICT HAD BEEN ON THE RISE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THOSE OVER 60 TOTALLED SOME 16,700.

HE SAID DEMANDS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE FOR THE ELDERLY, HAD ALSO INCREASED CORRESPONDINGLY.

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"IN THE PAST, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY MAINLY FOCUSED ON THEIR HOUSING, FINANCIAL AND HEALTH NEEDS WHILE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES CATERED MOSTLY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

"AS A MATTER OF FACT, OLD PEOPLE DO NEED APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM MAINTAIN A HAPPY AND HEALTHY LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT," HE SAID.

THE CHOI YUEN FUN FAIR DAY FOR THE ELDERLY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB EASTERN DISTRICT HONG KONG, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR LEUNG COMMENDED THE CLUB FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS TO VISIT SINGAPORE
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SIX WINNERS OF AN ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL GO ON A SIX-DAY TOUR OF SINGAPORE ON AUGUST 1.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) DURING A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, SAID THE SINGAPORE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG HAD ARRANGED A PROGRAMME FOR THE WINNERS WHO WERE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 20.

THE CHAMPIONS OF THE SENIOR SECTION AND THE JUNIOR SECTION ARE MISS POON YI-WA AND MISS WONG HANG-SHAN RESPECTIVELY.

THEY WILL VISIT SINGAPORE'S PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE AND A COMMUNITY CENTRE. THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES A DAY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT A WATER SPORTS CENTRE.

THE DELEGATION WOULD PROMOTE HONG KONG AND EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SINGAPORE, MR CHAN SAID.

FOLLOWING THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, PRESENTED A FLAG TO THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION.

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MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL REPORT ON THEIR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM THE STUDY TOUR AFTER THEY RETURN FROM SINGAPORE ON AUGUST 6.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAST YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS ALSO HELD AT THE VENUE.

OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LEE SHEW-LAI AND CHIEF EDITOR OF WAH KIU YAT PO, MR WONG SHEK-YEUNG.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT LONG PING ESTATE

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A FREE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING AT LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE 1987 CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN AND ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALDAN KWOK WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY. ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, MR. CHAN YAT-TUNG.

THE EVENT, INCORPORATED WITH THE "ANTI-FALLING OBJECT NIGHT", AIMS AT PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG YUEN LONG RESIDENTS AND TO REMIND THEM OF THE DANGER OF FALLING OBJECTS.

PROGRAMME OF THE EVENING WILL FEATURE SINGING, MAGIC SHOW AND FUN FAIR.

TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE WORKING GROUP HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN YUEN LONG SUCH AS VISITS, EXHIBITION, INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE CONTEST, ESSAY COMPETITION AND FUN FAIR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN TUNG KOON SCHOOL, LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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VARIETY SHOW TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE ENTERTAINED WITH A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH CENTRAL PLAYGROUND TO HELP SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE SHOW AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF SHOPLIFTING.

THE TARGET AUDIENCE WILL BE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW ON THEIR SUMMER VACATION AND AN ESTIMATED 10,000 YOUTHS WILL PARTICIPATE.

PROGRAMME FOR THE SHOW INCLUDE ORIENTAL DANCE, DRAMA AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR TV ARTISTES.

AMONG THE GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND THE FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GYWN LLOYD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7.30 PM IN THE CHEUNG WAH CENTRAL PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

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THE 'CLEAN BEACH' PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN THE FORM OF A VARIETY SHOW AT REPULSE BAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME OF THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE SINGING PERFORMANCES BY CHAN WAI-HAN, CHENG KING-KEI AND CHIANG CHI-KWONG, A SHORT DRAMA AND GAMES FOR THE BEACH-GOERS. THE SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO II.

PRIOR TO THE SHOW, THERE WILL BE AN OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR MR TONG KAM-BIU.

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'RONALD MCDONALD' WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO PERFORM A MAGIC SHOW FOR THE CHILDREN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION WHICH BEGINS AT 1 PM AT REPULSE BAY. A VAN (UC18 OR UC37) FOR THE PRESS WILL DEPART AT 12 NOON FROM EDINBURGH PLACE, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SEMINAR TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER

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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 26) AT THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN SHA TIN FOR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE DR MARGARET NG, MR LEE CHIK-YUET AND MR LAI KAM-CHEUNG.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY A SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GREEN PAPER OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 26) IN THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN FUNG SHUN STREET, SHA TIN.

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FREE CONCERT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL GIVE A FREE CONCERT ON SUNDAY (JULY 26) AT 7.30 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN CIVIC CENTRE.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF WESTERN AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS AS WELL AS INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES OF POPULAR TUNES.

ESTABLISHED IN 1978, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 100 WITH SEVERAL INSTRUMENT SECTIONS.

THE CHOIR HAS PERFORMED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, INCLUDING DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE FUNCTIONS AND TV PROGRAMMES.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA
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ABOUT 300 SWIMMERS WILL VIE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN THE SIXTH SHA TIN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX ON SUNDAY (JULY 26).

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH THE HELP OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT DIVISIONS ACCORDING TO SEX AND AGE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.15 AM BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; THE BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-MING AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD IN THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT 10 YUEN WO ROAD, SHA TIN ON SUNDAY (JULY 26). THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.15 AM.

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JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS OF RHKR PASSING OUT PARADE
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THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS IN HAPPY VALLEY ON SUNDAY (JULY 26).

THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT, COLONEL JOHN HEYWOOD, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE OF 121 BOYS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 15 OF THE NO.6 RECRUIT CADRE WHO HAVE COMPLETED A RECRUIT TRAINING COMPRISING A FOUR-DAY BASIC CAMP, SEVEN SUNDAYS AND AN EIGHT-DAY SUMMER CAMP.

DURING THE PARADE, AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BEST RECRUIT, THE BEST SHOT, THE BEST TROOP, THE BEST IMPROVED TROOPER, THE BEST SPORTS SQUADRON AND THE CHAMPION SQUADRON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE WHICH BEGINS AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 26) AT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS IN SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

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FINALS OF SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD
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THE FINALS OF BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS OF THE SECOND SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (JULY 26).

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 2,600 ATHLETES FROM 74 SCHOOLS.

THEY COMPETED IN FIVE SPORTS, NAMELY SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND BADMINTON.

THE FINALS OF ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS WEEK, WHILE THOSE OF THE BALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY STARTING 9.30 AM.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINALS OF THE BASKETBALL GAME AT 5.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENTS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JULY 26).

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (I.E. 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION IN WAN CHAI ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TIN LOK LANE BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 27).

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

ALSO FROM MONDAY, VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT TO SHAM WAN ROAD FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY THROUGHOUT MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WESTBOUND WELFARE ROAD, WELFARE ROAD ROUNDABOUT, EASTBOUND WELFARE ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KWUN TONG

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WING YIP STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES FOR VEHICLES FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 27).

THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING YIP STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, WHILE THE EXISTING RESTRICTION ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARD FOR ABOUT 17 METRES.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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