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SNT SPEAKS OF GROWING FEELING OF IDENTITY
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THERE WAS A GROWING FEELING OF IDENTITY AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MORE THAN THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOME AND THE FAMILY.

SPEAKING AT THE 20TH COMMENCEMENT OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS OR SO, ATTEMPTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR A MORE DELIBERATE ATTACK ON SOME OF OUR MORE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS — CLEAN HONG KONG, FIGHT CRIME AND CORRUPTION AND DRUGS.

GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN ITSELF MORE TO THE PEOPLE AND TO MAKE ITSELF MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INVOLVED AT A LOCAL LEVEL— MUCH MORE USE HAD BEEN MADE OF ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES ON SUCH THINGS AS SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES, AND A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR A VAST HOUSING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN APPOINTED, HE SAID.

+WE HAVE ESTABLISHED CLEAR POLICY OBJECTIVES IN A GREAT NUMBER OF MATTERS WHICH AFFECT THE DAILY LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND PEOPLE THEMSELVES HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES THROUGH MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES AND THROUGH DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS.

+IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THESE MANY FACTORS HAVE BEGUN TO KNIT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND TO BUILD UP MORE COHERENT AND INTEGRATED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ITS VARIOUS SEPARATE ELEMENTS, FACING OUR PROBLEMS TOGETHER, DEVELOPING OUR OWN PARTICULAR POPULAR SOLUTIONS TO THEM AND CREATING A FULLER AND RICHER LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE TOLD THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY THAT THIS WAS WHERE THOSE WHO WERE FORTUNATE TO BE MEMBERS OF THIS ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HAD A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY THAN OTHERS, BECAUSE, WITH THEIR TRAINED MINDS, THEY MUST BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE WHERE OUR SOCIETY WAS WEAK AND WHERE ITS STRENGTHS LAY.

+YOU HAVE THE VISION TO SEE THE NEED TO PARTICIPATE AND TO RESPOND SENSIBLY TO THE WEAKNESSES OF OUR SOCIETY,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

SOME OF THESE WEAKNESSES WERE QUITE MUNDANE AND ORDINARY, BUT THEY WERE THE OUTWARD SIGNS OF A PEOPLE WHO CARED FOR ONE ANOTHER.

HE CITED CORRUPTION, DIRT, CRIME, CARELESSNESS, DISCOURTESY AND UNCONCERN AS SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS OF A DIVIDED SOCIETY.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +YOUR ATTENTION TO, AND YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ~~COMBATING~~ THESE EVILS THAT-BESET US IS IMPORTANT.

+YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO STAND ASIDE SECURE IN THE SMALL WORLD OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS BECAUSE, IF YOU DO, WE WILL BE OVERWHELMED BY THE NEGATIVE FORCES WHICH ARE EVER-PRESENT INSIDE OUR SOCIETY AND WE WILL BE UNABLE TO FACE THE UNDOUBTED CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD.

/+THERE ARE

+THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WIDER SPHERE OF ACTIVITY AND THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE INCREASING AS MORE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS ARE CREATED AT A LOCAL LEVEL - AND THEY ARE BEING CREATED.+

ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THAT HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG COULD NOT DEVELOP A COMMON SENSE OF PURPOSE TO BUILD A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SOCIETY HERE, THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE A PRIDE IN THE PLACE AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS, THAT THEY COULD NOT DEVELOP A REAL SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE.

+IT IS A COMMON ESCAPIST EXCUSE THAT THIS CAN NEVER BE ACHIEVED UNTIL WE HAVE AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

+IF YOU LOOK AROUND THE WORLD, THIS IS CLEARLY AN ABSURD AND QUICK EVASION OF THE TRUTH.

+WE ARE JUST AS CAPABLE OF WORKING OUT OUR OWN HONG KONG SOLUTIONS TO LIFE IN THE WORLD OF TODAY, AND WE LOOK TO PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELVES TO COME FORWARD WITH IDEAS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEARCH FOR THESE SOLUTIONS,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

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HK-US TEXTILE TALKS COMPLETED

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD HAS COMPLETED HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ON A POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR RESUMING CONSULTATIONS ON THE CURRENT BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR. TSAO SAID MR. DORWARD WOULD REPORT TO THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD NEXT WEEK AND THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS WILL BE REVIEWED.

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED FOR STUDENTS TO STUDY ENVIRONMENT
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MORE JOINT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE ADVOCATES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO DO FIELD WORK, MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON +LICHEN GROWTH AND AIR POLLUTION+ AT WHICH THE RESULTS OF AN AIR POLLUTION SURVEY BY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE ANNOUNCED.

MRS. MOK TOLD THE GATHERING THAT ALL THE AVAILABLE PERIODS FOR FIELD STUDIES BY SCHOOL GROUPS IN THE 1979-80 SESSION AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG HAD BEEN FULLY BOOKED.

+THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE INTEREST IN FIELD STUDIES AMONG HONG KONG STUDENTS IS TREMENDOUS,+ SHE SAID.

OVER THE YEARS DETERMINED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS IN THE SCHOOLS.

+THE PRINCIPLES OF ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS AT EVERY LEVEL FROM PRIMARY 1 TO UPPER VI AND IN VARIOUS SUBJECT DISCIPLINES INCLUDING THE SCIENCES, SOCIAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY,+ MRS. MOK SAID.

THE SEMINAR WAS HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE TRUE LIGHT GIRLS' COLLEGE IN WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LADY CATER OPENS FLOWER FESTIVAL AT OCEAN PARK
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LADY CATER, WIFE OF THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, TODAY (SATURDAY) OPENED THE FLOWER FESTIVAL AT OCEAN PARK.

IN HER SPEECH, LADY CATER TOLD THE LARGE GATHERING SHE HAD A PARTICULAR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE OCEAN PARK.

SHE RECALLED: +MANY YEARS AGO, A MAN CALLED DEREK BROMHALL JOINED MY HUSBAND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S FISHERIES RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS HE WHO FIRST TOLD US OF THE 'WARM SPRING' WHICH IS TO BE FOUND ON THIS COAST JUST BELOW THE COUNTRY CLUB.

+IT WAS ALSO HE WHO FIRST HAD THE DREAM OF MAKING THIS AREA INTO A PLACE FOR THE SORT OF OCEAN PARK TO BE FOUND IN FLORIDA AND VANCOUVER AND, TO THIS END WORKED HARD AND LONG TO HAVE THIS GREAT ENTERPRISE COME ABOUT.+

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/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF LADY CATER'S SPEECH:

+I HAVE A PARTICULARLY PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE OCEAN PARK. MANY YEARS AGO, A MAN CALLED DEREK BROMHALL JOINED MY HUSBAND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S FISHERIES RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS HE WHO FIRST TOLD US OF THE 'WARM SPRING' WHICH IS TO BE FOUND ON THIS COAST JUST BELOW THE COUNTRY CLUB.

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+DR. BROMHALL LEFT HONG KONG ABOUT 13 YEARS AGO AND SADLY HAS NOT YET BEEN BACK TO SEE HIS DREAM COME TRUE.

+IT WAS LEFT TO 'PRIVATE ENTERPRISE' IN THE SHAPE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND IN PARTICULAR MY DEAR AND LONG-TIME FRIEND SIR KENNETH FUNG PING-FAN TO GET THE PROJECT FINALLY OFF THE GROUND - OR SHOULD I SAY INTO THE WATER - FINANCIALLY.

+AND TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF WHAT I STILL CALL 'THE OLD DEPARTMENT', AS WELL AS MANY, MANY OTHERS, THE STRUCTURE OF THIS SUPERB AREA OF GREAT PUBLIC, TOURIST AND SCIENTIFIC INTEREST HAS COME TO BE AND COME TO MATURITY - MOST BEAUTIFULLY.

+I AM TOLD THAT SINCE ITS OPENING IN 1977 OVER FIVE MILLION PEOPLE HAVE VISITED IT.

+THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEASED AND PROUD TO HAVE A PAIR OF GOLDEN MONKEYS WHICH ARE ON LOAN HERE FROM THE ZOO IN PEKING - A VERY RARE AND UNUSUAL PAIR OF VISITORS WHICH I DO HOPE WILL BE ABLE TO STAY WITH US AT LEAST UNTIL CHINESE NEW YEAR TO GIVE A SPECIAL FILLIP TO THE UP-COMING YEAR OF THE MONKEY. NO MONKEYS ANYWHERE, I AM CERTAIN, WILL BE ATTENDED TO AND LOOKED AFTER MORE LOVINGLY AND CAREFULLY.

+WE ARE HERE TODAY TO INAUGURATE THE FLOWER FESTIVAL - ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL AND VERY INTERESTING FEATURE INTRODUCED AT THE OCEAN PARK.

+AS YOU CAN ALL SEE, THIS YEAR'S DISPLAY IS BREATHTAKINGLY LOVELY AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE HERE TODAY SO THAT I CAN THANK, ON YOUR BEHALF AND MY OWN, ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT IN THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT IT TAKES TO ORGANISE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING AND GORGEOUS SHOW OF FLOWERS FROM ALL OVER ASIA.

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS: TODAY I HAVE VERY GREAT PLEASURE TO DECLARE THIS FLOWER FESTIVAL OPEN FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.+

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INAUGURATION OF NEW FIRE WATCH PATROLS

TWENTY-FIVE NEW PATROLS HAVE JOINED THE FIRE WATCH SCHEME IN VILLAGES AND SQUATTER AREAS, INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATROLS TO 51.

THE SCHEME, LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGER OF FIRE AND ENLISTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN FIRE PREVENTION.

THE FIRE WATCH PATROLS ARE TRAINED BY THE FIRE SERVICES IN THE OPERATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT SO THAT THEY CAN ACT AS +FIRST-AIDERS+ TO TACKLE A FIRE IN ITS EARLY STAGES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF FIREMEN.

THEY ARE ALSO TAUGHT ON HOW TO PREVENT FIRE OUTBREAKS.

THE NEW PATROLS WILL BE INAUGURATED AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT 3 P.M.

OFFICIATING WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE SERVICES, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FIRE WATCH PATROL INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, 333 CANTON ROAD (NEAR AUSTIN ROAD), KOWLOON.

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72 CITIZENS TO JOIN SWD'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS

SEVENTY-TWO CITIZENS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WILL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) REGISTER WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO JOIN ITS VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION WORK.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS. EVELYN DOE, WILL ADDRESS THE NEW RECRUITS AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH SHE WILL WELCOME THEM TO THE SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, ROOMS 204/6 AT 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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FIRE SERVICES LAUNCHING MONTH-LONG RECRUITING EXERCISE
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A MONTH-LONG RECRUITING EXERCISE FOR ASSISTANT STATION OFFICERS WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19), A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

+WE ARE OFFERING A CAREER FULL OF VARIETY, INTEREST AND OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYESIGHT AND PREFERABLY BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE. THE NEW RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE WORK BUT THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AN APPLICANT MUST POSSESS THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH FIVE SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE E.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT STATION OFFICER VARIES FROM \$2 750 TO \$3 045 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATION AND RISES TO \$3 390.

THE OFFICER IS ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS AFTER WHICH, PROVIDED HE HAS CARRIED OUT ALL HIS DUTIES SATISFACTORILY AND PASSED THE REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, HE WILL BE CONFIRMED TO THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER AUTOMATICALLY. THE PRESENT SALARY SCALE FOR A STATION OFFICER IS \$4 135 TO \$6 295.

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON ANY DAY (EXCEPT SUNDAY) BETWEEN NOVEMBER 19 AND DECEMBER 15 AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RECRUITING CENTRES:

HONG KONG

HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION, HARBOUR ROAD, ABOUT 500 YARDS WEST OF THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

KOWLOON

TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

NEW TERRITORIES

FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, FAN KAM ROAD, PAT HEUNG.

TSUEN WAN FIRE STATION, TAI CHUNG ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

APPLICANTS CALLING AT THE CENTRES SHOULD TAKE ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS AND A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR FIRE STATIONS/AMBULANCE DEPOTS. THEY ARE FURTHER REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG RUBBER GYMNASTIC SHOES AND SHORTS FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST.

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CHATHAM ROAD-WUHU STREET FOOTBRIDGE
TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR

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THE FOOTBRIDGE BEING BUILT AT THE BUSY JUNCTION OF CHATHAM ROAD AND WUHU STREET IN HUNG HOM IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

+THE FOOTBRIDGE FORMS PART OF THE WUHU INTERCHANGE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE WUHU INTERCHANGE IS ABOUT 80 PER CENT COMPLETE. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

TOGETHER WITH THE EAST KOWLOON BAY AND THE SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THEY FORM THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE AIRPORT TUNNEL.

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SPEED LIMITS ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT SPEED LIMITS WILL BE IMPOSED ON SECTIONS OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD FROM THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE EXISTING 40 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ZONE TO PIPER'S HILL INTERCHANGE, AND THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD FROM PIPER'S HILL INTERCHANGE TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE.

A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE EAST-BOUND SLIP ROAD OF TAI PO ROAD FROM PIPER'S HILL INTERCHANGE TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE INCREASED TO 40 MILES PER HOUR ON THE SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FROM TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 25 METRES TO THE WEST OF A LAMP POST.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE SPEED LIMIT ZONES.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM SHU KUK STREET TO NORTH VIEW STREET INCLUDING 243-299 KING'S ROAD, KIN WAH STREET, FORT STREET, MING YUEN WEST STREET AND PEACOCK ROAD.

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