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SIR EDWARD PRAISES CONTRIBUTION BY ENGINEERS
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THE CONTRIBUTION BY ENGINEERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN CITY OF HONG KONG WAS IMMENSE AND THERE WAS SCARCELY AN ASPECT OF OUR LIFE WHICH WAS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY WHAT THEY DID, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT ENGINEERING WAS AN IMPORTANT PROFESSION IN HONG KONG.

+THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON THEIR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN CREATING AN EVEN BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FUTURE.+

AS PATRON OF THE INSTITUTION, SIR EDWARD SAID THE OPENING OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WAS AN OCCASION OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE AS IT WAS HELD DURING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND WAS THE CULMINATION OF A LONG FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE INSTITUTION, WITH ITS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEW HOME AND +AMPLE SPACE FOR ACTIVITIES+, WOULD MAKE ITSELF READY AND ABLE TO FACE UP TO NEW RESPONSIBILITIES THAT LAY AHEAD.

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GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR INDUSTRY -- SIR DAVID
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AN INDUSTRIAL BANK IN ITSELF IS NOT A NECESSARY THING IF THE BANKING SECTOR IS HEALTHY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE LAI CHI KOK ENGINEERING CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, SIR DAVID SAID BANKS AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES SHOULD ARRANGE THEIR OWN FINANCING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDING A VERY GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY. +BUT IT IS ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF HELP -- FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND NOW THE DESIGN INNOVATION CENTRE AND SO ON.

+BUT IF ALL THAT SUPPORT WE GIVE TO THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR NEEDS UPDATING AND RE-EXAMINING, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THAT.+

/SIR DAVID

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SIR DAVID ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AN INDUSTRIAL BANK.

BUT SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD MADE VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS IN THEIR SPEECHES LAST WEEK FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO BE MADE TO IMPROVE OUR PRODUCTIVITY AND THE INPUT INTO OUR INDUSTRY.

HE SAID ALL THE THINGS MENTIONED BY THE MEMBERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED DURING THE NEXT WEEK OR SO AND A REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE FINAL DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO SET UP A CENTRAL BANK, SIR DAVID SAID WITH REGARD TO THE BANKING INDUSTRY IN GENERAL THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WOULD MAKE A FURTHER STATEMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF SOME MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS, SIR DAVID SAID: +I WOULD SAY THAT'S NONSENSE.+

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD ALWAYS TAKEN A GREAT INTEREST IN THE ADVISORY BOARDS. +IT IS AFTER ALL THE GOVERNOR WHO APPOINTS THE ADVISORY BOARDS.

+HE PERSONALLY MAKES THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS.+

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE ADVISORY BOARDS ASSUMED A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY AS WE BECAME A MORE COMPLEX SOCIETY.

ON THE QUESTION OF MONITORING OIL PRICES, HE SAID THE OIL INDUSTRY WAS AT PRESENT IN A DIALOGUE WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. +THEY ARE STRONGLY DEFENDING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S OIL PRICES AND ARE EXPLAINING THAT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS.+

ASKED ABOUT THE NATIONALITY BILL, HE SAID HE HAD NOT HAD ANY SPECIFIC NEWS ABOUT THE BILL.

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ENGINEERING CENTRE OPENING A COMMITMENT TO FUTURE
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THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAI CHI KOK ENGINEERING CENTRE FOR HONG KONG TELEPHONE IS YET ANOTHER STRIKING INSTANCE OF LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID: +THE RAPID GROWTH OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IS A WORLD-WIDE PHENOMENON AND, THANKS TO THE FARSIGHTEDNESS OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, HONG KONG HAS SHARED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND HAS NOT ONLY KEPT UP WITH THE TIMES BUT IN MANY INSTANCES WE ARE AHEAD OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

+TODAY, WITH ALMOST TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION TELEPHONE LINES CONNECTED TO THE TELEPHONE NETWORK, OR AN AVERAGE OF TWO TELEPHONES FOR EVERY FIVE PEOPLE, HONG KONG HAS THE HIGHEST TELEPHONE DENSITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, AND VERY FEW PEOPLE REALISE THAT BENEATH THE PAVEMENTS OF HONG KONG WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN OPTICAL FIBRE NETWORKS IN THE WORLD.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE TELEPHONE WAS NOT ONLY PART OF OUR WAY OF LIFE BUT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SPEED AND SUCCESS OF OUR COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS AND NOT ONLY WERE THE CHANGING NEEDS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BEING MET, THE CONVENIENCE AND CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT IN OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND CABLE AND WIRELESS WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATION GROUP ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW ENGINEERING CENTRE.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, AS HONORARY COMMANDANT GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, FOR A SIX-DAY VISIT.

ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND, THE HON ANGUS OGILVY, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL TAKE PART IN A NUMBER OF POLICE FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING A CEREMONY FOR COMMISSIONING THREE POLICE LAUNCHES AND THE OPENING OF THE POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB, BOUNDARY STREET.

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SHE WILL ALSO VISIT THE RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION BRADBURY CENTRE, JOHN F. KENNEDY RED CROSS CENTRE AND HMS TAMAR.

THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY, APRIL 14.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIXED PRESS POSITIONS WILL BE SET UP FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE ROYAL PARTY'S VISIT.

ONLY ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WITH APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE PRESS POSITIONS.

A COPY OF MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRESS BADGES HAS BEEN BOXED.

VISIT OF HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

ACCREDITATION

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA COVERING THE PROGRAMME HAVE TO BE ACCREDITED SPECIALLY FOR THE VISIT. NORMAL NEWS MEDIA IDENTIFICATION ALONE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO GAIN ACCESS TO OFFICIAL PRESS POSITIONS.

IDENTIFICATION OF ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE BY LAPEL BADGES. THE APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGE MUST BE WORN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL FUNCTION TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE POSITIONS.

ON OCCASIONS WHERE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO USE A POOL SYSTEM, PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY GIS AND FILM FOOTAGE BY RTHK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL NEWSPAPERS, NEWS AGENCIES, TV STATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

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THE APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCREDITATION AT EACH POSITION PROVIDED FOR THE VISIT IS BOXED. EDITORS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE GIS DUTY OFFICER, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, AT THE LATEST. APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS OFFICERS TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SPOT BEFORE EACH FUNCTION BEGINS.

USE OF FLASH LIGHTS AND TELE-LENSES

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT FLASH LIGHTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND MAY NOT BE PERMITTED WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS.

TELE-LENSES WILL BE NECESSARY FOR SOME EVENTS.

GENERAL

EDITORS ARE ADVISED TO RETAIN THE DETAILED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS ATTACHED FOR BRIEFING THEIR REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSIGNED TO COVER THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. FURTHER COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HRH'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH SECURITY CHECKS.

PRESS FACILITIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

ARRIVAL

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY WILL ARRIVE AT 9.35 PM ON BOARD FLIGHT CX712. THEY WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE.

THERE WILL BE ONE FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL PIER. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 8.30 PM. THEY WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE PRESS POSITION BY GIS OFFICERS.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10

COMMISSIONING OF POLICE LAUNCHES

THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR POLICE LAUNCHES NO. 82, 83 AND 84 WILL BE HELD AT JOSS HOUSE BAY BETWEEN 2.15 PM AND 3.45 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 11.45 AM AT QUEEN'S PIER FROM WHERE A PRESS LAUNCH WILL LEAVE FOR JOSS HOUSE BAY AT 12.15 PM.

ACCREDITED REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE CONFINED TO THE PRESS LAUNCH WHICH WILL BE MANOEUVRED TO VANTAGE POINTS FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER THE EVENT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

UMELCO LUNCHEON

THE ROYAL COUPLE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL ARRIVE AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING AT JACKSON ROAD AT 1 PM.

THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION OUTSIDE THE LEGCO BUILDING FOR ACCREDITED PRESS MEMBERS TO COVER HRH'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE JACKSON ROAD MAIN ENTRANCE BY 12.30 PM.

OPENING OF POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB, BOUNDARY STREET

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM.

A FIXED PRESS POSITION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO MUST ARRIVE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CLUBHOUSE BY 3.15 PM. BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, PRESS MEMBERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COVER THE TOUR OF THE CLUBHOUSE BY PRINCESS ALEXANDRA. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TOUR WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS AFTERWARDS.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION BRADBURY CENTRE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY RED
CROSS CENTRE

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL ARRIVE AT THE BRADBURY CENTRE AT KING'S PARK RISE AND THE JOHN F. KENNEDY RED CROSS CENTRE, SANDY BAY, AT 10.05 AM AND 11.15 AM RESPECTIVELY.

A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK IN CENTRAL AT 8.45 AM FOR THE BRADBURY CENTRE WHERE FIXED POSITIONS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

THE SAME PRESS COACH WILL TAKE MEDIA MEMBERS FROM THE BRADBURY CENTRE TO THE JOHN F. KENNEDY RED CROSS CENTRE.

NEWS EDITORS ARE ADVISED TO ASSIGN THE SAME REPORTER/ PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE TWO EVENTS.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

HMS TAMAR

HRH WILL ARRIVE AT HMS TAMAR AT 12.05 PM TO PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE CREW OF HMS PEACOCK, A PATROL CRAFT WHICH WAS NAMED BY HER IN 1984.

ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN GATE OF HMS TAMAR AT 11.15 AM WHEN THEY WILL BE ESCORTED TO A FIXED PRESS POSITION.

DEPARTURE

THE ROYAL PARTY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG AT 10 PM ON FLIGHT BA20.

A FIXED POSITION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE TERMINAL PIER FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 9 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL ESCORT THEM TO THE PRESS POSITION.

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MAJOR PROJECT TO UPGRADE CONNAUGHT ROAD
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WITHIN THREE YEARS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DRIVE FROM CHAI WAN TO WESTERN IN MINUTES WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING A SINGLE TRAFFIC LIGHT OR OTHER HOLD UP.

THAT WILL BE THE END RESULT OF ROAD WORKS, COSTING MORE THAN \$600 MILLION, ABOUT TO START ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND ALREADY UNDERWAY IN WAN CHAI. BUT THE THREE-YEAR PROJECT WILL BE FRAUGHT WITH MORE THAN THE USUAL ENGINEERING PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ROAD UPGRADING.

THE IMPROVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON CONNAUGHT ROAD, WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON ONE OF THE BUSIEST TRAFFIC CORRIDORS IN THE TERRITORY, THROUGH THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND OVER AN AREA THAT IS A MAZE OF MAJOR WATER MAINS, ELECTRICITY CABLES, TELEPHONE CABLES AND OTHER UTILITIES.

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE OVERALL PROJECT, SENIOR HIGHWAYS ENGINEER, HONG KONG REGION, MR KEITH WESTMORELAND, SAID: +THROUGHOUT THE WORK WE INTEND TO KEEP TRAFFIC FLOWING AND NOT INTERRUPT ANY OF THE UTILITY SERVICES. THEORETICALLY THERE SHOULD BE NO TRAFFIC DISRUPTION, BUT WE KNOW THAT IN PRACTICE IT WON'T WORK LIKE THAT.

+THERE WILL BE SOME INCONVENIENCE, BUT, GIVEN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WE HAVE TO WORK IN HONG KONG, THAT'S INEVITABLE. HOWEVER, THE ALTERNATIVE TO CARRYING OUT THESE VITAL IMPROVEMENTS IS TRAFFIC CHAOS ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WITHIN THREE TO FOUR YEARS.+

PLANNING FOR THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT STARTED FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN CONSULTANTS PETER Y.S. PUN AND ASSOCIATES CARRIED OUT FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE MID-LEVELS AND CENTRAL DISTRICT. THE SCHEME TO UPGRADE CONNAUGHT ROAD WAS A RECOMMENDATION IN THAT STUDY; AND THE CONSULTANTS HAVE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS DEVELOPED THE SCHEME IN DETAIL.

+THIS SCHEME IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A FREE-FLOW, THROUGH-ROUTE BY THE GRADE SEPARATION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM LOCAL TRAFFIC AT MAJOR JUNCTIONS,+ SAID MR WESTMORELAND.

IT INVOLVES TWO MAJOR CONTRACTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE LET SHORTLY. THESE ARE:

- * AN IMPROVED HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER, AN UNDERPASS AT PEDDER STREET AND A FOOTBRIDGE AT POTTINGER STREET. THIS IS A \$185 MILLION SCHEME AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY.

/* A FLYOVER

- * A FLYOVER AT RUMSEY STREET AND FOOTBRIDGES AT MORRISON STREET AND TUNG HING LANE. WORK ON THIS \$165 MILLION CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

TWO FURTHER CONTRACTS WILL FOLLOW. THESE ARE:

- * CONVERTING CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST INTO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND PROVIDING FOOTBRIDGES AT EASTERN STREET, WESTERN STREET, WATER STREET AND HILL ROAD. WORK ON THIS \$45 MILLION CONTRACT WILL START IN 1987.
- * EXTENDING THE CONNAUGHT ROAD WALKWAY EASTWARD AT A COST OF \$25 MILLION. WORK ON THIS WILL START IN 1988.

THE WORKS WILL AFFECT MORE THAN JUST TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS. FOR INSTANCE, THE WIDENING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WILL MEAN THE RELOCATION OF THE 'POOR MAN'S NIGHT CLUB' BY THE OLD MACAU FERRY PIER. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRE BY THE STAR FERRY WILL BE MOVED TWICE: ONCE TO A TEMPORARY SITE, NEARER TO THE STAR FERRY WHILE THE SUBWAY TO THE FERRY TERMINAL IS EXTENDED, THEN AGAIN TO A PERMANENT SITE ABOVE THE NEWLY EXTENDED SUBWAY.

DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE USED THE LATEST COMPUTER-AIDED DRAUGHTING TECHNIQUES TO PREPARE PLANS OF EXISTING AND FUTURE ROAD LAYOUTS AND OF UNDERGROUND GAS, ELECTRICITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS AND FOUL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE INSTALLATIONS.

MANY TRIAL PITS HAVE BEEN DUG TO CONFIRM THE POSITION OF SERVICES, AND COMPUTER-BASED RECORDS AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF INFORMATION OBTAINED. THIS MAPPING HAS BEEN RECORDED IN +LAYERS+, ALLOWING PREPARATION OF DRAWINGS TO ANY SCALE TO INCLUDE ANY COMBINATION OF STORED INFORMATION.

ALL THIS WORK HAS ENSURED THAT THE DETAILED DESIGN OF THE NEW STRUCTURES IS ARRANGED TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO EXISTING UTILITIES AND TO FIT WITHIN THE RESTRICTED SPACE AVAILABLE.

OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS THE CONSULTANTS AND THEIR TRAFFIC SUB-CONSULTANTS, THE MVA CONSULTANCY, HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POLICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, CHINA MOTOR BUS, HONG KONG TRAMWAYS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC PLANNING, AND VARIOUS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES HAVE BEGUN AND OTHERS WILL BE INTRODUCED WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY.

THE GREATEST TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WILL BE CAUSED BY THE BUILDING OF THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS. THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED CLOSER TO THE SEAFRONT TO CREATE WORKING ROOM. THIS WILL INVOLVE DEMOLISHING ONE BAY OF THE STAR FERRY CARPARK, MOVING THE JOCKEY CLUB BETTING CENTRE AND EXTENDING THE STAR FERRY SUBWAY SO THE WIDENED CARRIAGEWAY CAN BE BUILT OVER THE TOP OF THE SUBWAY. THROUGHOUT THE WORK THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD.

THE CONNAUGHT ROAD SCHEME IS NOT THE ONLY ONE BEING UNDERTAKEN. LESS COSTLY, LESS OBVIOUS, BUT NO LESS IMPORTANT, A SCHEME HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY CONSULTANTS PALMER AND TURNER (HONG KONG) ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION. THIS WILL ALSO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WAN CHAI SOUTH OF GLOUCESTER ROAD, PARTICULARLY ON LOCKHART ROAD, AND PROVIDE AN EASTBOUND BY-PASS TO CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL QUEUES.

COSTING A TOTAL OF \$105 MILLION AND DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1987, THE SCHEME INCLUDES:

- (1) A FLYOVER AT FENWICK PIER STREET GIVING A DIRECT TWO-LANE EXIT FROM THE RECLAMATION TO HARCOURT ROAD;
- (2) A FLYOVER AT TONNOCHY ROAD GIVING DIRECT TWO-LANE ENTRY TO THE RECLAMATION FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND;
- (3) A FLYOVER AT HUNG HING ROAD PROVIDING A ONE-LANE EXIT TO GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND EAST OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS, THUS BYPASSING TUNNEL QUEUES;
AND
- (4) A SEAFRONT ROAD PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE EAST-WEST ROUTE WITHIN THE RECLAMATION AND AT THE SAME TIME AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO GLOUCESTER ROAD.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME WILL BE FOOTBRIDGES AT O'BRIEN ROAD, FENWICK PIER STREET, STEWART ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD, WAN SHING STREET, WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AT SEAFRONT ROAD; THE WIDENING OF THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER AND EXTENSIONS TO FENWICK PIER STREET AND WAN SHING STREET.

MR WESTMORELAND SAID THAT WHEN THE TWO SCHEMES IN CONNAUGHT ROAD AND WAN CHAI ARE COMPLETED TRAFFIC WILL HAVE AN UNINTERRUPTED FLOW FROM CHAI WAN TO WESTERN.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES IN CENTRAL
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A SERIES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL AS PART OF THE ADVANCE WORK TO COPE WITH THE UPGRADING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JULY.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR ANTHONY ELLIOT, SENIOR ENGINEER (PROJECTS) OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING HONG KONG DIVISION, TODAY (APRIL 3).

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TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES, THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES COMPRISE ROAD REALIGNMENTS, TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, IMPROVEMENTS TO LINKING OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES, RELOCATION OF TRAM AND BUS STOPS AND IMPOSITION OF URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS.

THE AREAS AFFECTED INCLUDE ADMIRALTY, CHATER ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, POK FU LAM ROAD AND WYNDHAM STREET.

+ALL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES ARE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING TRAFFIC CAPACITY AND MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC,+ MR ELLIOT SAID.

AS A START THIS MONTH, PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON BOTH SIDES OF PEDDER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESENT PEAK HOUR NO-STOPPING ZONE ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND FROM MURRAY ROAD TO THE LAYBY OUTSIDE WORLD WIDE HOUSE WILL BE UPGRADED TO A 7 AM TO 7 PM NO-STOPPING ZONE. LAYBYS WILL BE PROVIDED AT CLUB STREET AND ICE HOUSE STREET FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING PURPOSES.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF CLUB STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AND THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

WESTBOUND BUSES ON CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 103 WILL BE REROUTED TO TURN LEFT FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO CLUB STREET AND THEN TURN LEFT AGAIN TO CHATER ROAD INSTEAD OF USING JACKSON ROAD.

IN MAY, SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ACROSS DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL NEAR BANK STREET AND WEST OF ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE COMMISSIONED.

THE TRAM STOP AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND EAST OF ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE MOVED TO THE WEST OF BANK STREET. BY JUNE, ANOTHER TRAM STOP AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND OUTSIDE NO. 23 WILL BE RELOCATED TO OUTSIDE WORLD WIDE HOUSE.

IN AUGUST, THE ROUTEING OF EASTBOUND BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 23A, 24, 40M AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 103 IN CENTRAL WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

/MR ELLIOT

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MR ELLIOT SAID FURTHER DETAILS AND THE EXACT DATES OF IMPLEMENTING THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE AND THE PUBLIC IS REQUESTED TO WATCH OUT FOR THESE CHANGES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MAPS AND SCHEDULES ON GENERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS KOWLOON PARK DEVELOPMENT
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PLANS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON PARK INTO A MAGNIFICENT SPORTS AND RECREATION VENUE IN THE HEART OF TSIM SHA TSUI WERE ANNOUNCED AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL COST UPWARD OF \$300 MILLION, WILL BE FUNDED SOLELY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. ON COMPLETION, THE PROJECT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

TAKING PART IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE GENERAL SIR JOHN ARCHER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL, MR HOWARD YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE AND MR SIMON KWAN, THE PROJECT ARCHITECT.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE, SIR JOHN SAID: +THE DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON PARK IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH OTHER JOCKEY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST. THESE HAVE INCLUDED THE LAND RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VICTORIA PARK WHICH TOOK PLACE SOME 30 YEARS AGO.

+MORE RECENTLY, OCEAN PARK, PENFOLD PARK AND THE BUILDING OF MORE THAN 10 JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG HAVE IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL IN THE COMMUNITY.+

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THE 14-HECTARE KOWLOON PARK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WHITFIELD BARRACKS, WAS HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN 1969 FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A RECREATION AREA.

SINCE THEN, VARIOUS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH URBAN COUNCIL RESOURCES INCLUDING A CHINESE GARDEN, AN AVIARY, A SUNKEN GARDEN AND A FITNESS TRAIL ALL OF WHICH WILL BE UP-GRADED WITH ADDITIONAL PLANTING AND NEW DECORATIVE FINISHES. THE EXISTING MINI-SOCCER AND BASKETBALL PITCHES WILL BE RE-LOCATED INTO THE NORTHERN END OF THE PARK AND BE UP-GRADED WITH IMPROVED PLAYING SURFACES, AND HAVE ACCESS TO CHANGING AND OTHER FACILITIES.

THE NEW OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO BE FULLY FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL DIVIDE THE PARK INTO TWO MAIN SECTIONS, AN ACTIVE RECREATION AREA AND A LANDSCAPED PASSIVE RECREATION AREA.

THE NEW FACILITIES IN THE PARK ARE PLANNED TO CONSIST OF:

AN OLYMPIC POOL COMPLEX INCLUDING DIVING/TRAINING FACILITIES COMBINED WITH AN INDOOR/OUTDOOR RESORT POOL. THERE WILL ALSO BE A 1 500-SPECTATOR STAND, RESTAURANT, FITNESS CENTRE ALL LINKED THROUGH AN ARCADE CONTAINING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES TO A SPORTS HALL WITH FACILITIES FOR MULTI-PURPOSE USE AND SQUASH COURTS.

AN OUTDOOR FUN POOL COMPLEX TO BE A VERSION OF OCEAN PARK'S WATER WORLD BUT DESIGNED FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE. THIS IS TO BE LANDSCAPED TO MAKE IT AN ATTRACTIVE GARDEN AREA WHEN NOT IN USE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

TWO NEW CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUNDS OF A TYPE NEVER BEFORE BUILT IN HONG KONG. THEY WILL INCLUDE A SUBTERRANEAN, ELECTRONICALLY-OPERATED ADVENTURE' TUNNEL AND 'TREE HOUSES' OF AN EXCITING NEW DESIGN .

LANDSCAPED GARDENS WITH A BIRD LAKE, WATER FEATURES, A SCULPTURE AREA, A MAZE, ROOF GARDENS OVER THE PARK LANE SHOPS, A LONG SHADED LOGGIA LEADING TO A PIAZZA AND ARENA, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PERFORMANCES, FAIRS, SCHOOL EVENTS AND SEASONAL SHOWS.

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITE WORK WILL BE PHASED TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO USERS OF THE EXISTING PARK AREAS INCLUDING THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY.

THE NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR FULL COMPLETION BY CHINESE NEW YEAR 1989, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT MANY OF THE NEW FACILITIES WILL BECOME PROGRESSIVELY AVAILABLE FROM JULY 1988.

SPECIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE DESIGN TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING TREES, INCLUDING THE STately BANYANS NEAR AUSTIN AND HAIPHONG ROADS, AS WELL AS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A NEW UNIQUE IDENTITY FOR WHAT WILL BECOME HONG KONG'S PREMIER PUBLIC PARK.

THE JOINT ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS ARE THE HONG KONG-BASED SIMON KWAN AND ASSOCIATES AND UK-BASED DEREK WALKER AND ASSOCIATES.

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GOVERNOR TO SEE WAN CHAI DEVELOPMENTS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT WAN CHAI TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SEE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

SIR EDWARD WILL ALSO MEET WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE TOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TOUR. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT AT 98 KENNEDY ROAD BY 3 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF ASEAN RESOURCES FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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MORE DESIGN PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR EXPORT GROWTH

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ABOUT 10 000 PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS DESIGN JOBS IN THE NINE ECONOMIC SECTORS AND EIGHT MAJOR INDUSTRIES AT THE END OF 1984, ACCORDING TO FINDINGS OF THE FIRST SURVEY ON MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

IT WAS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 800 ADDITIONAL DESIGN PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING 12 MONTHS, REPRESENTING AN OVERALL GROWTH OF ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT OF THE WORKFORCE.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN DECEMBER 1984, IS TO HELP EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PLAN DESIGN COURSES AND EMPLOYERS IN THE TRAINING OF DESIGN PERSONNEL.

A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID DESIGN PERSONNEL WERE EMPLOYED IN A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ECONOMIC SECTORS LINKED NOT ONLY TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY BUT ALSO OVERSEAS MARKETS.

THE COMMITTEE ANTICIPATED THAT THESE OVERSEAS MARKETS WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AND MORE DESIGN PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVE EDGE FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS OVERSEAS.

TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION, THE COMMITTEE FORECAST THAT THE WORKFORCE, CLASSIFIED INTO THE LEVELS OF SENIOR DESIGN MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, DESIGN PRACTITIONER AND DESIGN SUPPORTING STAFF, WOULD GROW BY 2.5 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMITTEE URGED EMPLOYERS IN THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS TO TRAIN 680 SENIOR DESIGN MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND DESIGN PRACTITIONERS AS WELL AS 320 DESIGN SUPPORTING STAFF ANNUALLY TO MEET MANPOWER NEEDS.

THE REPORT ON 1984 SURVEY OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGN PERSONNEL IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$14 PER COPY.

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APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM TRENCH FUND
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ORGANISATIONS THAT NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CAN NOW APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION.

THE FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, WILL DISBURSE \$1 MILLION FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IN THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID PROJECTS SHOULD BE PRINCIPALLY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, AND BENEFIT A LARGE SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEY SHOULD ALSO BE SPECIFICALLY OF THE +BRICK AND MORTAR+ TYPE, AND BE OF PERMANENT OR LONG-TERM BENEFIT.

TO ENSURE THAT A REASONABLE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS APPROVED EACH YEAR, GRANTS REQUESTED SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$200 000 EACH, AND MORE EXPENSIVE PROJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A STRICTER BASIS.

HOWEVER, EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN FULL OR IN PART.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE INITIATION OF PROJECTS BY NEW AGENCIES WHICH MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION OR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER MAJOR SOURCES.

REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS SHOULD GENERALLY BE REFERRED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR COMMENT AND, SIMILARLY, APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS PERTAINING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT SPONSORING DEPARTMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THE OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN MAY 7, 1986.

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PERMIT SYSTEM IN FMO ABERDEEN MARKET
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THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) IS TO INTRODUCE A PERMIT SYSTEM AS FROM MAY 16 IN THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET TO RESTRICT ENTRY INTO THE SORTING FLOOR DURING MARKETING HOURS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A FMO SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE AIMED AT ENSURING THAT ORDERLY MARKETING PRACTICES PREVAILED AND AT PREVENTING ABUSE THROUGH THE MANIPULATION OF WHOLESALE PROCEDURES BY UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS.

HE SAID: +THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM IS IN LINE WITH THE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON GANGS.

+IN FACT, A SIMILAR SYSTEM HAS ALREADY BEEN IN PRACTICE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET FOR FOUR YEARS AND IS WORKING SATISFACTORILY. THIS ALLOWS PERMIT HOLDERS ACCESS TO THE SORTING FLOOR TO INSPECT THE FISH.+

THE FMO ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO INTRODUCE THE PERMIT SYSTEM IN THE ABERDEEN MARKET ON APRIL 1. ACCORDINGLY, MARKET USERS, OTHER THAN FISHERMEN, WHO MAY HAVE A NEED FOR SUCH A PERMIT WERE INVITED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS.

+IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE REGISTERED BUYERS HAVE STILL NOT HANDED IN THEIR APPLICATIONS, IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN DECIDED TO DEFER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SYSTEM IN THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET TO MAY 16,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THIS DECISION WAS FINAL AND URGED FISH BUYERS AND OTHER USERS TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

CLARIFYING A MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE USE OF THE PERMIT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE PERMIT IS NOT FOR PURCHASE PURPOSES. INTENDING BUYERS WITH OR WITHOUT PERMITS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY FISH IN THE NORMAL WAY.+

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OLD ACCESS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY CLOSED
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THE OLD ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM TEXACO ROAD TO THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE THE END OF FEBRUARY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE.

MOTORISTS FROM KOWLOON WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY SHOULD USE KWAI CHUNG ROAD, CONTAINER PORT ROAD, KWAI TAI ROAD, KWAI TSING ROAD, KWAI TAI ROAD, KWAI YUE STREET, WING SHUN STREET AND THE UNNAMED NEW ACCESS ROAD.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS VISITING THE CEMETERY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT SHOULD TAKE THE MTR AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG STATION. THEY SHOULD THEN WALK ALONG KWAI FUK ROAD, TURN LEFT ONTO KWAI HEI STREET, TURN RIGHT ONTO WING SHUN STREET AND ONTO THE NEW ACCESS ROAD.

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REMINDER ON CHING MING TRAFFIC PLAN FOR HK ISLAND
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SATURDAY (APRIL 5), SUNDAY (APRIL 6) AND APRIL 13 ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RESTRICTED TO HEARSES AND VEHICLES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD MAY BE CLOSED WITHOUT NOTICE, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- * NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD, WAH HA STREET AND THE SECTION OF SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD.
- * CONSORT RISE IN POK FU LAM WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD.
- * PEEL RISE NEAR THE ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY AND THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD TO THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

CMB WILL OPERATE ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. ROUTE 57 FROM CENTRAL BUS STATION TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL RUN FROM 7 AM TO 5.52 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES, WHILE 89 BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS TO CHAI WAN CEMETERY VIA CHAI WAN MTR STATION (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF FIVE MINUTES.

CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 106, AND GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 16M AND 18M WILL BE DIVERTED AS A RESULT OF THE ROAD CLOSURE AND RE-ROUTING MEASURES IN CHAI WAN.

CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON APPROACH ROADS TO CEMETERIES AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THESE AREAS IF POSSIBLE.