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REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED STRESSED
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THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD KEEP UP ITS EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED AND IN THEIR INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 1982, MR HO SAID: +THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS IS NOW OFFICIALLY OVER. DURING THE YEAR, HONG KONG DEVOTED MUCH ENERGY TO BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC THE PROBLEMS OF DISABLED PEOPLE.+

HE SAID THAT WHILE THE EXACT EFFECTS OF THE NUMEROUS IMAGINATIVE AND INTENSIVE CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED HAD YET TO BE MEASURED, TWO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS HAD BECOME APPARENT.

+THE FIRST IS THAT DISABLED PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE NOW MORE WILLING THAN EVER TO USE THEIR ABILITIES IN VOICING THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS CONSTRUCTIVELY AND INTELLIGENTLY. THE SECOND IS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS, WITH ALL ITS CAMPAIGNS AND FESTIVITIES, ONLY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A MUCH MORE LONG-TERM AND ONEROUS TASK OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT DISABILITY,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP UP THIS EDUCATIONAL EFFORT. IN THIS WAY, WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE THE MESSAGE THAT DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE MORE ABILITIES THAN DISABILITIES, THAT THEY ARE 'ONE OF US', A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE TO SOCIETY AND DRAW THEIR REWARDS FROM IT,+ HE STRESSED.

MR HO SAID THAT IN A SOCIETY AS COMPACT AND COMPETITIVE AS HONG KONG, THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH COULD NOT BE OVEREMPHASISED.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND THIS DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE THAT A STUDY CONDUCTED IN 1974 FOUND THAT SOME 3.8 PER CENT OF THE SAMPLE OF 3 983 PERSONS COVERED OR ABOUT FOUR IN EVERY 100 OF US ARE LIKELY TO BE SUFFERING FROM SOME FORM OF PSYCHIATRIC IMPAIRMENT. THIS MEANS THAT AN ESTIMATED 200 000 OF OUR PEOPLE ARE PSYCHIATRICALY IMPAIRED TO SOME DEGREE- AND THEY FORM THE LARGEST SINGLE DISABILITY GROUP, REPRESENTING SOME 43 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED DISABLED POPULATION,+ HE NOTED.

+WITH THE GREATER DEVELOPMENT AND URBANISATION WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF OUR INCREASING POPULATION, THIS INCIDENCE OF METAL ILLNESS IS UNLIKELY TO DECREASE.+

/HE SAID

HE SAID PREVENTION WAS BETTER THAN CURE, AND THIS HAD PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION. +THE 1977 WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION RECOMMENDED AS ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES THROUGH IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED.

MR HO CONGRATULATED THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENINSULA FOR THEIR UNREMITTING EFFORTS AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED THEM EVERY SUCCESS.

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CLOSER TIE BETWEEN HK/KOREAN CUSTOMS

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THE CLOSE RELATION BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND KOREAN CUSTOMS SERVICES HAS BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED FOLLOWING A FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD KOREAN/HONG KONG CUSTOMS COOPERATION CONFERENCE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR D.A. JORDAN NOTED WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN ESTABLISHING CLOSER LIAISON OVER ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES, AND THAT THE PRESENT TRAINING EXCHANGES WERE TO CONTINUE.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH STARTED ON JUNE 1, CONCLUDED THAT:

- * CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN FACILITATING TRADE. THE KOREAN AND HONG KONG DELEGATES AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SEEK MUTUAL COOPERATION FOR THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR CUSTOMS SYSTEMS-
- * THERE WAS A NEED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION FOR THE EFFICIENT PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF CUSTOMS OFFENCES, INCLUDING NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, WITHOUT DUE FORMALITY AND PROCEDURE, SUBJECT TO ANY OVERRIDING LEGAL AND ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS-
- * BILATERAL REGIONAL CONFERENCES WERE AN AID TO CUSTOMS COOPERATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STAFF-
- * THE EXCHANGE TRAINING PROGRAMME SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

IN ADDITION TO THE FORMAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS, THE KOREAN DELEGATES VISITED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG, A BREWERY, THE CONTAINER TERMINAL AT KWAI CHUNG, AND WATCHED THE RUMMAGING OF A SHIP IN THE HARBOUR.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH QUALIFIED LIFE-SAVING CERTIFICATES ARE URGED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AS LIFEGUARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE FORTHCOMING SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND EARN FOR THEMSELVES \$93 A DAY.

A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ABOUT 100 PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS IS BEING LAUNCHED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+WE NEED A LARGE NUMBER OF EXTRA LIFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF SWIMMERS INVADING THE 30 PUBLIC BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 16 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE STRONG PHYSIQUE AND GOOD EYESIGHT.

APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE JUNE 25.

MEANWHILE, THE NTSD HAS ALSO ORGANISED A 13-SESSION LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE FOR THOSE WISHING TO ENTER THE PROFESSION AS LIFEGUARDS.

THE TRAINING COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, IS NOW BEING HELD AT THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM THREE TIMES A WEEK, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

FREE TRANSPORT IS ALSO PROVIDED TO TRAINEES LIVING IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG NEW TOWNS.

INTERESTED PERSONS WHO HAVE ATTENDED PRIMARY SIX AND ARE CAPABLE OF SWIMMING A DISTANCE OF 200 METRES ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN THE TRAINING COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO- AND THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, 'TOP COURT', FIRST FLOOR, 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

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VACANCIES IN MUSIC OFFICE BANDS
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OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO JOIN IN BANDS, ORCHESTRAS AND CHOIRS OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE.

THERE ARE 25 BANDS, ORCHESTRAS AND CHOIRS ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND VACANCIES NOW EXIST IN SOME OF THESE GROUPS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RCD SAID TODAY (SATURDAY), +YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BANDS, YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS, ISLAND YOUTH CHOIR AND CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.+

FOR THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BANDS, YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 ON AUGUST 31, 1982 AND SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE V OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS OR EQUIVALENT IN AT LEAST ONE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, OR HAVE GOOD KNOWLEDGE IN ONE OR MORE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

+ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

THOSE AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 26, WITH AN INTEREST IN STANDARD CHORAL REPERTOIRE AND PROFICIENCY IN SIGHT SINGING MAY APPLY TO JOIN THE ISLAND YOUTH CHOIR.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, HE SAID.

AND THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CHINESE FOLK REPERTOIRE.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE AUDITIONED AT A LATER DATE.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, 9/F., HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE (5-283257)- THE EAST KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRE, 2/F., YAN HAU MANSION, 100 TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK (3-7561328)- OR THE NEW TERRITORIES MUSIC CENTRE, 2/F., CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN (0-428127).

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANY OF THE ABOVE CENTRES NO LATER THAN JULY 2, 1982.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR PUBLISHES SONG ALBUM
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THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS JUST PUBLISHED, WITH FUNDS MAINLY FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE +SAI KUNG SUITE+ -- A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF FOLK SONGS ON LOCAL CULTURE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE 94-PAGE ALBUM CONSISTS OF 10 CANTONESE SONGS WRITTEN BY LOCAL COMPOSERS, TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SONGS.

IT IS AIMED AT INTRODUCING, THROUGH MUSIC, THE MANY PICTURESQUE SCENERY IN SAI KUNG AND THE MULTIFARIOUS RECREATION AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

A CASSETTE TAPE OF THE 10 NUMBERS -- COMPRISING FIVE +SONGS OF THE EARTH+ AND FIVE +SONGS OF THE SEA+ -- WILL ALSO BE RECORDED BY THE CHOIR IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AND OTHER BODIES.

AT THE CHOIR'S ANNUAL DINNER TONIGHT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, DESCRIBED THE PUBLICATION AND RECORDING OF THE SUITE AS +ANOTHER USEFUL EFFORT BY THE CHOIR IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG THE LOCAL PEOPLE.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CHOIR, APART FROM CONCERT PERFORMANCES, HAD ALSO PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN PROJECTS SUCH AS THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SHOW IN PUBLICISING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS FORMED THREE YEARS AGO WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATING AND TRAINING LOCAL CHILDREN WITH MUSICAL TALENT, PROMOTING THEIR INTEREST IN MUSIC, AND PROVIDING THEM WITH A HEALTHY MEANS OF GROUP RECREATION.

THE CHOIR HAD TAKEN PART IN NUMEROUS DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING THE STAGING OF TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL CONCERTS AND PERFORMING IN RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

+SAI KUNG IS PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED AND I AM SURE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOIR AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR WARM SUPPORT TO THE CHOIR,+ MR MACPHERSON ADDED.

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YUEN LONG COOKED FOOD STALLS FOR AUCTION
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FOUR STALLS AT THE KIK YEUNG ROAD COOKED FOOD MARKET IN YUEN LONG WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON TUESDAY (JUNE 8).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE OFFICE OF THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AT ON NING ROAD IN YUEN LONG.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL FOR THE STALLS ARE \$1 875 EACH.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START BUSINESS ON JULY 1 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION AND POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION VENUE.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-792261 EXT. 112 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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SWIMMING COURSES FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION IS TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ COURSES FOR MORE THAN 12 000 PRIMARY STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 19 AND AUGUST 28 IN THE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AT CHAI WAN, VICTORIA PARK, ABERDEEN, KWUN TONG, MORRISON HILL, MORSE PARK, TAI WAN SHAN, LEI CHENG UK, KWAI SHING, FANLING AND SHA TIN. THE COURSES AND ADMISSION TO THE POOLS WILL BE FREE.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE JUNE 11.

PUPILS NOMINATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSES MUST BE OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST AGREE TO ATTEND 12 LESSONS, EACH OF ONE HOUR'S DURATION.

IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PLACES, LOTS WILL BE DRAWN TO SELECT THE SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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HIGHWAYS ENGINEER RETIRING

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MR CHEN SHAO-CHI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IS RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN 23 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY MARKING HIS RETIREMENT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR HAROLD BEATON, PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR BEATON RECALLED THAT MR CHEN FIRST JOINED THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1958 AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ENGINEER IN APRIL 1964, SENIOR ENGINEER IN FEBRUARY 1971 AND HIS PRESENT POST IN JULY 1977.

MR CHEN SERVED MAINLY IN TWO MAJOR AREAS OF CIVIL ENGINEERING. IN THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER HE WAS WITH DRAINAGE WORKS, AND IN THE LATTER PART OF HIS SERVICE HE WAS IN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HE PARTICIPATED IN PROJECTS INVOLVING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF WATER FROM EAST RIVER AND IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN FOOTBRIDGE AT LO WU.

EARLY THIS YEAR, MR CHEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP WHO LIAISED WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS IN ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL ROAD LINKS WITH CHINA. HE ALSO TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION WITH CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND DRAINS, ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN UPPER LEVEL, CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 20 HOURS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (JUNE 9) FOR WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

AFFECTED AREAS IN UPPER LEVEL ARE ROBINSON ROAD FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION, CAINE ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.

IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AFFECTED AREAS ARE FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO HILL ROAD INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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TWO WAY TRAFFIC IN HEALTHY STREET EAST
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TWO WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HEALTHY STREET EAST BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND TSAT TSE MUI ROAD IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 7).

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM WEDNESDAY (JUNE 9) TO FRIDAY (JUNE 11).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
WEDNESDAY (JUNE 9)	9 AM - 11 PM
THURSDAY (JUNE 10)	9 AM - 5 PM
FRIDAY (JUNE 11)	9 AM - 4 PM

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN SHEUNG WAN
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THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF QUEEN STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 7).

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM EVERY DAY.

THERE WILL BE SIGNS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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