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MARINE INCIDENT SHOULD BE SORTED OUT THROUGH
NORMAL BORDER LIAISON CHANNELS : GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) IT IS NOW HIGH TIME THAT THE MARINE INCIDENT LAST WEEK IS SORTED OUT THROUGH THE NORMAL BORDER LIAISON CHANNELS.

ASKED BY REPORTERS TO COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE FACTS OF THE CASE AS WE KNOW THEM ARE AS WE'VE STATED THEM, AND WHAT NOW NEEDS TO BE DONE IS TO GET ON, SORT IT OUT THROUGH BORDER LIAISON CHANNELS."

"THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE, NOT THROUGH STATEMENTS WHICH SIMPLY RAISE THE TEMPERATURE, BUT DEALING WITH THE MATTER AS A PRACTICAL PROBLEM," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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THREE NEW INSURANCE COMPANIES AUTHORISED TO DO BUSINESS

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THREE NEW INSURANCE COMPANIES, ALL INCORPORATED OVERSEAS, WERE AUTHORISED TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS IN OR FROM HONG KONG DURING THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, FOUR EXISTING INSURERS CEASED TO BE AUTHORISED FOLLOWING THE CESSATION OR ORDERLY RUN-OFF OF THEIR INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 274 AUTHORISED INSURERS OPERATING IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING A NET DECREASE OF ONE SINCE MARCH 31 LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 126 WERE HONG KONG INSURERS, THE REMAINING COMING FROM OVERSEAS, INCLUDING THE UK (38), USA (28), BERMUDA (11), JAPAN (EIGHT), SINGAPORE (SEVEN), SWITZERLAND (SEVEN) AND CANADA (SIX).

IN ANNOUNCING THE ABOVE FIGURES, MR GLEESON ATTRIBUTED THE STABLE NUMBER OF AUTHORISED INSURERS TO THE GENERALLY EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK GOVERNING THE REGULATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, AND THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY'S POLICY OF CLOSELY MONITORING THE STATUS OF EXISTING INSURERS.

MR GLEESON SAID DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, ONE FORMAL APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION WAS RECEIVED, COMPARED WITH 10 FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR (1989-90).

HE SAID THE DROP IN NEW APPLICATIONS WAS A RESULT OF THE MORE STRINGENT AUTHORISATION CRITERIA APPLIED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY.

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AS AT MARCH 31, 1990, THERE WERE TWO PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION, BOTH OF WHICH WERE FROM OVERSEAS COMPANIES.

MR GLEESON ALSO SAID THAT DURING THE YEAR HE HAD EXERCISED HIS POWERS OF INTERVENTION AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ON 55 OCCASIONS IN RESPECT OF 21 INSURERS.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD FOUND IT NECESSARY TO TAKE INTERVENTIONARY ACTION AGAINST A TOTAL OF 76 INSURERS SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1983.

ALSO DURING THE YEAR, THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY HAD PRESENTED TWO WINDING-UP PETITIONS UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO THE HIGH COURT FOR THE WINDING-UP OF TWO LONG TERM BUSINESS INSURERS, ONE OF WHICH HAD ALREADY CEASED TO BE AUTHORISED SHORTLY AFTER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE CAME INTO OPERATION IN 1983.

UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO THE HIGH COURT, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER WAS APPOINTED AS THEIR PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR ON FEBRUARY 5. AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THE HEARING OF THE TWO WINDING-UP PETITIONS WAS STILL PENDING.

THE INTERVENTIONARY ACTION HE HAD TAKEN HAD GENERALLY SERVED THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF POLICY HOLDERS AND POTENTIAL POLICY HOLDERS.

MR GLEESON WENT ON TO SAY THAT AMENDING LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED DURING THE YEAR TO AFFORD INSURANCE PROTECTION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COMMUTING ON CERTAIN PASSENGER-CARRYING VESSELS.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1989 WAS ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 16, 1989 AND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY RISKS INSURANCE) REGULATIONS 1989 WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 114(1) OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE (CAP. 281) ON DECEMBER 5, 1989.

THEY WILL BOTH COME INTO OPERATION ON MAY 17 THIS YEAR, AND HAVE THE EFFECT OF AMENDING THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS (BEING PASSENGER-CARRYING VESSELS) TO EFFECT INSURANCE AGAINST THIRD PARTY LIABILITIES IN RESPECT OF DEATH OR BODILY INJURY, FOR UP TO \$3 MILLION, IN RESPECT OF THE USE OF SUCH VESSELS.

AS A RESULT, THE CATEGORIES OF COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE WOULD BE INCREASED TO FOUR, THAT IS MOTOR VEHICLES, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, PLEASURE VESSELS AND, AS FROM MAY 17 THIS YEAR, LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS.

MR GLEESON SAID THE FIRST STAGE OF SELF-REGULATION OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WAS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR.

TWO STATEMENTS OF INSURANCE PRACTICE, ONE FOR LONG TERM BUSINESS AND ONE FOR GENERAL BUSINESS, BOTH ENDORSED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, WERE ADOPTED BY THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

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MOREOVER, THE INSURANCE CLAIMS COMPLAINTS BUREAU, WHICH PROVIDES AN INDEPENDENT AVENUE FOR RESOLVING CLAIMS DISPUTES ARISING FROM PERSONAL INSURANCE POLICIES, WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON FEBRUARY 20 THIS YEAR.

THE INSURANCE CLAIMS COMPLAINTS BOARD OF THE BUREAU, WHICH CONSISTS OF MR SIMON LI, A RETIRED APPEAL COURT JUDGE, AS PRESIDENT AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE LEGAL/ACCOUNTING AND INSURANCE FIELDS AND CONSUMER INTERESTS, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXAMINING AND MAKING RULINGS ON COMPLAINTS RELATING TO CLAIMS NOT EXCEEDING \$250,000 FOR PERSONAL POLICIES.

MR GLEESON SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MECHANISM FOR RESOLVING CLAIMS DISPUTES BY THE INSURANCE CLAIMS COMPLAINTS BOARD, BEING MORE COST-EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS THAN THE NORMAL PROCESS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, WOULD WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INSURANCE CLAIMANTS.

MR GLEESON ALSO SAID HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY SELF-REGULATION WORKING GROUP HAD EMBARKED ON THE SECOND STAGE OF SELF-REGULATION, WHICH CONCERNED INSURANCE INTERMEDIARIES (THAT IS BROKERS AND AGENTS), AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING STANDARD AGENCY AGREEMENTS AND CODES OF PRACTICE FOR THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, CONDUCT AND CONTROL OF AGENTS EMPLOYED BY INSURERS.

MR GLEESON ALSO REFERRED TO THE NEW OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY PART OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1990-91.

THE NEW OFFICE WOULD HAVE AN ENLARGED ESTABLISHMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A NEW POST OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO BE FILLED BY AN ACTUARY.

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FINDINGS OF SURVEYS ON HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE RELEASED

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THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NOTED THE FINDINGS OF SURVEYS ON THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE SERVICE AND ON DOCTORS WORKING IN THESE TWO SERVICES AT ITS MEETING HELD TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THESE STUDIES PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE UTILISATION OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, REVEAL THE EXPECTATIONS OF PATIENTS AND DOCTORS AND HIGHLIGHT THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CHANGE," CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY, PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG, SAID AFTER THE MEETING.

"THIS INFORMATION IS EXTREMELY USEFUL IN ASSISTING OUR FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS," SHE ADDED.

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THE STUDIES CONSISTED OF A SURVEY OF PATIENTS ATTENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT (GOPD), A SURVEY OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE (MCH) AND A TELEPHONE SURVEY COVERING THE GENERAL POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCTED A SURVEY AMONG DOCTORS WORKING IN ITS GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE.

FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION TELEPHONE ENQUIRY COVERING 1,496 RESPONDENTS, ONE IN SIX RESPONDENTS HAD EXPERIENCED HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAD SOUGHT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE IN THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS. OF THESE, 65 PER CENT OF THEM SOUGHT CARE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHILE 15 PER CENT WERE SEEN AT GOPD'S.

IN CONTRAST TO OUT-PATIENT CONSULTATION, THE MAIN PROVIDER OF HOSPITAL SERVICE WAS THE PUBLIC SECTOR. OF THE RESPONDENTS WHO HAD BEEN HOSPITALISED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, 45 PER CENT WERE ADMITTED INTO GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, FOLLOWED BY 32 PER CENT INTO SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND 23 PER CENT INTO PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

IN THE GOPD STUDY, A LARGE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF GOPD ATTENDERS (1,214) WAS INTERVIEWED. THE FINDINGS SHOWED THAT PATIENTS WHO ATTENDED THESE CLINICS WERE ON AVERAGE OLDER AND POORER AND LESS WELL EDUCATED THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION.

GOPD WAS ALSO A FREQUENTLY USED SOURCE OF MEDICAL CARE BY PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC DISEASE. THE SURVEY FOUND THAT 7.2 PER CENT OF ALL PATIENTS HAD DIABETES AND 24 PER CENT HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

THE GOPD STUDY WAS CONSIDERED USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING SEVERAL AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CLINICS AND PATIENTS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE THE SYSTEM FOR MAKING APPOINTMENTS, WAITING TIMES, CONSULTATION TIMES, DOCTOR-PATIENT COMMUNICATION, THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE WAY IN WHICH MEDICINES ARE PRESCRIBED.

THE SURVEY ALSO INDICATED THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC DISEASE SUCH AS DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT PATIENTS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO NEW WAYS OF DELIVERING MEDICAL CARE IN GOPD CLINICS. FOR EXAMPLE, A LARGE PROPORTION OF THOSE INTERVIEWED SUPPORTED THE CONCEPTS OF GIVING PATIENTS A COPY OF THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE USE OF SPECIALLY TRAINED NURSES (NURSE PRACTITIONERS) FOR THE ROUTINE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF CONTINUING TREATMENT.

"IT IS A GENERALLY HELD VIEW, PROBABLY REINFORCED BY THE LONG QUEUES, THAT THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS ARE OVER-BURDENED AND THEREFORE HAVE LITTLE OR NO SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT.

"I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE SURVEY CLEARLY POINTS TO MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE EXISTING WORKLOADS CAN BE RE-EXAMINED AND ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TAKEN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT THESE CLINICS WITHOUT IMPAIRING MEDICAL CARE FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

BOTH THE GOPD SURVEY AND THE GENERAL POPULATION HEALTH ENQUIRY HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO HELP CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH THE PUBLIC USED MEDICAL FACILITIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, MANY PATIENTS ATTENDING GOPD FREQUENTLY CHANGED THEIR DOCTORS, MAINLY BECAUSE OF PERSISTENCE OF SYMPTOMS. THIS PATTERN OF USE OF SERVICES IS LIKELY TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO PATIENT CARE.

THERE SHOULD ALSO BE IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DOCTORS AND PATIENTS. AT PRESENT, A GOPD CONSULTATION WAS CHARACTERISED BY A HIGH LEVEL OF MEDICATION (THE MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WERE COMMONLY GIVEN THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEDICINE) BUT A LOW LEVEL OF MEDICAL INFORMATION (70 PER CENT OF THE PATIENTS HAD NO IDEA ABOUT THE DIAGNOSIS), SHE SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE USE OF SELF-MEDICATION WAS FOUND TO BE POPULAR. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREATER AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON THE SELF-CARE OF MINOR ILLNESS THROUGH THE USE OF SIMPLE REMEDIES," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

HOWEVER, SOME FORM OF SELF-MEDICATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED, SUCH AS THE USE OF "LEFT-OVER-DRUGS" PRESCRIBED FOR A PREVIOUS EPISODE OF ILLNESS. THIS FORM OF CARE WAS SAID TO BE USED BY SOME 10 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS IN THE GENERAL POPULATION SURVEY WHO HAD HAD A HEALTH PROBLEM IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

THE SURVEY OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE WHICH INTERVIEWED A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 300 MOTHERS WITH YOUNG INFANTS BORN IN 1987-89 DEMONSTRATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CLINICS ARE THE MOST POPULAR SOURCE OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE FOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

THOSE INTERVIEWED EXPRESSED A HIGH DEGREE OF SATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED.

"MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IS CONSIDERED A BASIC AND IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. IN THIS AREA, THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT IS OF VERY HIGH STANDARDS AS INDICATED BY OUR IMPRESSIVELY LOW INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

"IT IS CLEAR FROM THE SURVEY RESULTS THAT THE EXISTING ORGANISATION AND DELIVERY OF THE SERVICE IS MEETING OUR NEEDS ALTHOUGH THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT," SHE SAID.

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TURNING TO THE SURVEY ON DOCTORS WORKING IN GOPD AND MCH CLINICS, PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID SHE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THE RESPONDENTS WERE KEEN TO ACQUIRE FURTHER TRAINING AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION.

IN ADDITION, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE RESPONDING DOCTORS SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR PRESENT WORK.

THE SURVEY ON DOCTORS WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AMONG ITS 175 DOCTORS WORKING IN GOPD AND 57 DOCTORS SERVING IN THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY MEANS OF SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DOCTORS WORKING IN THESE CLINICS. THE RESPONSE RATES WERE 73.1 PER CENT FOR GOPD DOCTORS AND 89.5 PER CENT FOR FHS DOCTORS.

"THE MAJORITY OF GOPD DOCTORS CONSIDERED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF GOPD CLINICS WERE TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC PATIENTS AND LOW-COST MEDICAL SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

"QUITE A NUMBER OF THE DOCTORS WHO HAD COMMENTED ON THE MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEM SAID THE EXISTING SYSTEM WAS NOT SATISFACTORY AND REQUIRED TO BE IMPROVED.

"SOME TWO-THIRDS OF THE DOCTORS COMMENTED THAT PATIENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE TO SEE THE SAME DOCTOR IN THEIR FOLLOW-UP VISITS," SHE SAID.

AS REGARDS DOCTORS WORKING IN THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE, THEY REGARDED ALL THEIR EXISTING FUNCTIONS TO BE IMPORTANT. THESE INCLUDE IMMUNISATION, ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE, FAMILY PLANNING, PHYSICAL CHECK-UP, SCREENING OF CHILDREN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DEFECTS AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONSULTATION TIME FOR EACH PATIENT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY LENGTHENED.

IN THE CASE OF GOPD, AN OVERALL AVERAGE OF 5.5 MINUTES PER PATIENT VERSUS THE PRESENT 3.3 MINUTES WAS REGARDED AS THE OPTIMAL TIME.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE GOPD SERVICE, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF DOCTORS COMMENTED THAT THE PRESENT PATIENT-LOAD, STAFFING SITUATION, ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND PROVISION OF SUPPORTING SERVICES SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A HIGHER QUALITY SERVICE.

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SURVEY HELPS PLAN FUTURE OFFICE NEEDS

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A CONSULTANCY SURVEY COMMISSIONED LAST YEAR BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON THE LAND AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS OF COMMERCIAL OFFICES HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED.

ITS AIM IS TO IDENTIFY, FROM THE CONSUMERS' POINT OF VIEW, THE NEEDS OF BUSINESS COMPANIES IN TERMS OF OFFICE SPACE AND CONDITIONS, OFFICE LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES SUCH AS PARKING SPACES, BANKS AND EATING PLACES.

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY A PRIVATE MARKET RESEARCH FIRM, WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PLANNING OF FUTURE OFFICE LAND ALLOCATION AND PROVISION OF RELATED FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL ALSO BE MADE USE OF IN DRAWING UP FINAL PROPOSALS FOR THE METROPLAN.

THE SURVEY, IN WHICH MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL OF ABOUT 1,830 COMMERCIAL FIRMS WERE SUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEWED, SHOWED THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MANY OFFICE OCCUPIERS (66 PER CENT) WERE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT OF OFFICE BUILDINGS IN AREAS NEAR MTR AND KCR STATIONS.

THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION WERE ALSO CONSIDERED TO BE GOOD AREAS FOR OFFICE DEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER, OFFICE OCCUPIERS WERE, IN GENERAL, LESS RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING OFFICE BUILDINGS AT GREEN ISLAND, TSUEN WAN AND OTHER NEW TOWNS - BEING ONLY PREFERRED BY COMPANIES ALREADY LOCATED IN THESE PERIPHERAL AREAS.

ON THE OCCUPANCY STATUS OF OFFICE PREMISES, THE SURVEY RESULTS INDICATED THAT SOME 70 PER CENT OF THE PREMISES SURVEYED ARE RENTED WITH THE COMMON LEASE TERM OF ABOUT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE COMMERCIAL FIRMS (12 PER CENT) ENVISAGED THAT THEY WOULD MOVE WHEN THEIR LEASE EXPIRED OR WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR OWNER OCCUPIERS.

INADEQUACY OF THE PRESENT OFFICE SPACE TO CATER FOR EXISTING OR FUTURE NEEDS AND THE COST OF OFFICE SPACE WERE THE MAIN PUSH FACTORS QUOTED BY THESE FIRMS.

GOOD ACCESSIBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT (26 PER CENT) AND REASONABLE OFFICE RENT/PRICE (25 PER CENT) WERE THE MAIN REASONS FOR NOT MOVING GIVEN BY THOSE WHO WOULD STAY IN EXISTING OFFICES.

THE SURVEY FOUND THAT THOSE WHO ARE LIKELY TO MOVE ARE MAINLY LEASE HOLDERS.

OTHER MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WITH RESPECT TO OFFICE LOCATIONS, BUILDING TYPES, FACILITIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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THE MOST PREFERRED OFFICE LOCATIONS GIVEN BY ALL SURVEYED FIRMS ARE HONG KONG ISLAND WEST (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICTS) (28 PER CENT) AND KOWLOON CENTRAL (23 PER CENT). FACTORS AFFECTING LOCATIONAL CHOICE ARE GOOD ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT (39 PER CENT), GOOD ACCESSIBILITY TO CLIENTS (17 PER CENT) AND REASONABLE RENT/PRICE LEVEL (16 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, MOST OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED PREFERRED TO STAY IN THE SAME AREA AS AT PRESENT.

TYPE OF BUILDINGS

SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (61 PER CENT) ARE THE MOST DESIRABLE BUILDING TYPE FOR FUTURE MOVES, FOLLOWED BY LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (16 PER CENT), INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS (12 PER CENT), COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMPOSITE BUILDINGS (9 PER CENT) AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (1 PER CENT).

MEDIUM TO SMALL SIZED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ARE MORE DESIRED BY TRADING COMPANIES, LAND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION COMPANIES AND COMPANIES WHICH PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

AIR TRANSPORT BUSINESSES, ON THE OTHER HAND, PREFER LARGER COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. ONLY THE MEDICAL SERVICES HAVE SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMPOSITE BUILDINGS.

FACILITIES

THE FACILITIES THAT COMMERCIAL OFFICES WANTED TO HAVE IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD ARE BANKS (58 PER CENT SAID VERY IMPORTANT), PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES (50 PER CENT), POST OFFICE (43 PER CENT), PARKING FACILITIES (34 PER CENT), GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (23 PER CENT), AND CATERING FACILITIES (17 PER CENT).

OF THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT FACILITIES (BANKS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND POST OFFICES), MOST OF THE SURVEYED COMPANIES WERE SATISFIED WITH THE PROVISIONS IN THEIR PRESENT NEIGHBOURHOOD.

ONE-THIRD OF THE COMPANIES SAID PARKING FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE NEAR THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN TSUEN WAN (45 PER CENT).

OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS

SIXTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE BUSINESS FIRMS SURVEYED PREDICTED THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THEIR OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. TWENTY-EIGHT PER CENT EXPECTED AN INCREASE AND FIVE PER CENT EXPECTED A DECREASE IN THEIR OFFICE SPACE NEEDS.

ON THE AVERAGE, OFFICE OCCUPIERS EXPECTED AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT OR 0.54 MILLION SQUARE METRES IN OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW HOUSING DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, WOULD RETIRE ON JUNE 8, 1990 AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FUNG TUNG, WILL SUCCEED MR PANG AS THE DIRECTOR.

AGED 59, MR PANG JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ARCHITECT IN 1956. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN 1981 AND TO DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN 1985.

MR FUNG, 54, JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A HOUSING ASSISTANT IN 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN 1976 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING IN 1982. MR FUNG HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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BUDGET DEBATE WINDS UP TOMORROW

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THE SECOND READING DEBATE OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1990 WILL RESUME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN REPLIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE GIVEN ON VARIOUS POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET DEBATE.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ASK THREE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE MORE BILLS: THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES APPEALS BOARDS BILL 1990, THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THEY WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND DEBATE ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE UPGRADING OF ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL ALSO WIND UP THE BUDGET DEBATE.

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MARINE POLICE WEST DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS OPENING

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THE OPENING OF THE MARINE WEST DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LATTER STAGE OF THE MARINE POLICE EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

THIS WAS STATED BY POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER (MARINE), MR JOHN MACDONALD, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW MARINE POLICE BASE IN TAI LAM CHUNG TODAY (TUESDAY).

NOTING THAT THE MARINE REGION HAD EVOLVED TO INCLUDE ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED FLEETS OF PATROL VESSELS, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COVERED A VERY WIDE RANGE OF MARITIME ACTIVITIES, MR MACDONALD SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ACCOMPANYING REQUIREMENT FOR GREATLY IMPROVED BASED FACILITIES TO PROVIDE A MORE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

"THE WESTERN WATERS HAVE ALWAYS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE LIFE OF THE TERRITORY, AND THE MARINE POLICE HAVE LONG HAD MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF ENSURING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, THE RULE OF LAW AND THE SAFETY OF HONG KONG PEOPLE AS THEY GO ABOUT THEIR LAWFUL BUSINESS.

"THIS ROLE IS AS VITAL AS EVER, PARTICULARLY WITH THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN TRADE AND TRAVEL BETWEEN HONG KONG, MACAU AND CHINA, AND WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT," SAID THE MARINE POLICE CHIEF SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT MARINE WEST DIVISION HAD BEEN OPERATING FROM THE SMALL BUILDING SITUATED ADJACENT TO THE NEW BASE SINCE 1962, MR MACDONALD WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MORALE AND WELL-BEING OF THE 400 PERSONNEL IN THE DIVISION WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED BY THE BRINGING INTO SERVICE OF THE PURPOSE BUILT FACILITY.

APART FROM STAFF CHANGING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE NEW BASE ALSO ACCOMMODATES A MODERN RADIO ROOM FULLY EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FRONT-LINE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

AT PRESENT, THE WEST DIVISION FLEET CONSISTS OF A DIVISIONAL COMMAND LAUNCH, FIVE PATROL LAUNCHES, FOUR INSHORE CRAFT AND THREE WATER JET BOATS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRE STREET MARKET

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT CONVERSION AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE CENTRE STREET MARKET AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 10).

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, THE MARKET WILL ACCOMMODATE STALL LESSEES NOW TRADING IN THE NEARBY SAI YING PUN MARKET WHICH WILL THEN BE REDEVELOPED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO BEAUTIFY THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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A PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH A PAMPHLET ON THE TAI PO HERITAGE TRAIL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (MAY 10).

THE IDEA IS TO PROMOTE THE FIVE GAZETTED HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN THE DISTRICT - THE OLD DISTRICT OFFICE IN NORTH TAI PO, ISLAND HOUSE, THE POTTERY KILN SITE AT WUN YIU VILLAGE, MAN MO TEMPLE AND THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROBATION SERVICE

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBATION SERVICE FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 10).

MEMBERS' OPINIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS UNDER THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STREET NAMING PROCEDURE

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO EXPEDITE THE NAMING AND GAZETTING OF STREETS IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED BY A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ON THE SERVICE OF KMB ROUTE 71X RUNNING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN DURING PEAK HOURS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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REPRINTS OF DEFINITIVE AND REEL STAMPS FOR SALE

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REPRINTS OF THE CURRENT DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND REEL STAMPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF SEVEN POST OFFICES AS FROM MAY 23, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE OFFICES ARE:

AIRPORT POST OFFICE

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE

GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE

PEAK POST OFFICE

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE

TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

THERE ARE 16 DENOMINATIONS OF REPRINTED STAMPS, AS FOLLOWS:

10 CENTS, 40 CENTS, 50 CENTS, 60 CENTS, 70 CENTS, 80 CENTS, 90 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30, \$1.40, \$1.80, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50.

ALL REPRINTS BEAR THE IMPRINT OF "1990".

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED. HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SAME DAY AT THE SEVEN POST OFFICES FOR PRIVATE COVERS BEARING A "FIRST DAY" INDICATION.

STAMP COLLECTORS WISHING TO BUY PREFERRED BLOCKS OF STAMPS MAY ORDER THEM AT ANY POST OFFICE NOW.

ORDERS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MAY 12 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SEVEN LISTED PHILATELIC COUNTERS ON MAY 23.

LATE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE COLLECTED AFTER MAY 31.

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APPLICATION TO SPONSOR FIREWORKS SHOW INVITED

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO SPONSOR THE 1991 LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO SUBMIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE MAY 16.

FIREWORKS SHOWS HAVE NORMALLY BEEN HELD OVER THE VICTORIA HARBOUR IN THE EVENING OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE SPRING FESTIVAL SINCE 1982.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE RCB HEADQUARTERS AT 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 866 0725 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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COLLECTION OF TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED URBAN TAXI OWNERS THAT FARE CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING THE EXISTING FARE SCALES AS AGAINST THE NEW FARE SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ONWARDS.

THE TABLES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT; THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG; AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OF THE SHA TIN, KWAI TSING AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT TAXI OWNERS SHOULD SHOW THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES.

THESE TABLES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT A PROMINENT POSITION INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE TAXIMETERS ARE RECALIBRATED AND SEALED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

TAXI OWNERS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE TAXI FARE PLATE INSIDE TAXIS SHOULD SHOW THE NEW FARE SCALE STARTING FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FARE INCREASE.

THOSE TAXI ASSOCIATIONS WHO WISH TO COLLECT FARE CONVERSION TABLES IN A LOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THEIR MEMBERS SHOULD APPROACH PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (MAY 13), URBAN TAXI FARES WILL BE REVISED TO \$8 AT FLAGFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES AND 90 CENTS FOR EVERY 0.25 KILOMETRE THEREAFTER.

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FOR EVERY ONE MINUTE OF WAITING TIME, THE CHARGE WILL BE 90 CENTS. ADDITIONAL FARE FOR EACH ARTICLE OF BAGGAGE, ANIMAL OR BIRD WILL BE \$3 AND FOR EVERY HIRING ARRANGED THROUGH TELEPHONE BOOKING, THE CHARGE WILL BE \$2.

WHEELCHAIRS, CRUTCHES OR ANY OTHER THING USED AS AN AID TO OR MEANS OF MOBILITY BY TAXI PASSENGERS SHOULD REMAIN TO BE CARRIED FREE OF CHARGE, HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY LEADING FROM ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SOARES AVENUE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH GULLANE ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM AFTER MIDNIGHT TO 4 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN) AND TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED BELOW:

- * FROM THURSDAY (MAY 10) TO MAY 17, FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM EACH DAY, ONE TRAFFIC LANE OF ABOUT 550 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD KOWLOON-BOUND NEAR SHA TIN RACE COURSE.
- * FROM THURSDAY (MAY 10) TO MAY 17, FROM 8 PM EACH DAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING, TWO TRAFFIC LANES OF ABOUT 550 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD KOWLOON-BOUND NEAR SHA TIN RACE COURSE.
- * FROM MAY 16 TO 21, FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM EACH DAY, ONE TRAFFIC LANE OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NEAR MA LIU SHUI.
- * FROM MAY 16 TO 21, FROM 8 PM EACH DAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING, TWO TRAFFIC LANES OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NEAR MA LIU SHUI.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN NEW TERRITORIES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED BELOW:

- * THURSDAY (MAY 10) AND FRIDAY (MAY 11), A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES OF THE INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.
- * MAY 14 AND 15, A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.4 KILOMETRES OF THE INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE.
- * MAY 16 AND 17, A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.4 KILOMETRES OF THE INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) SOUTHBOUND NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE.
- * MAY 18 AND 19, A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.7 KILOMETRES OF THE INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) SOUTHBOUND NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT.

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WATER CUTS IN KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 9 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 10) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

IN KWUN TONG, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT LAM TIN ESTATE, HONG TIN COURT, HONG WAH COURT, HING TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, HONG NING ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KUNG LOK ROAD, CHEUNG WO COURT, HIU KWONG STREET, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT AND SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

IN WONG TAI SIN, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT CHOI WAN ESTATE, TAK MONG VILLAGE, LOK WAH NORTH ESTATE AND LOK WAH SOUTH ESTATE.

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