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METRO CONSTRUCTION : TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN NATHAN ROAD
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IN PREPARATION FOR THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO STATIONS IN NATHAN ROAD, VARIOUS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES WILL BE INTRODUCED.

THESE SCHEMES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE GENERAL MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AND TO REDUCE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AS FAR AS IT IS PRACTICABLE TO DO SO.

THESE SCHEMES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES AND THE FOLLOWING MEASURES, RELATING PRINCIPALLY TO THE FORMATION OF THE NORTHBOUND BUS-ONLY LANES IN NATHAN ROAD, WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 A.M. NEXT WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18):

NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN AUSTIN ROAD AND NING PO STREET WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE USE OF FRANCHISED BUSES ONLY.

ALL OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THESE SECTIONS OF THE ROAD BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. AND 11 P.M.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE ALTERNATIVE NORTHBOUND ROUTE WILL BE VIA KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, CANTON ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS WILL BE INTRODUCED :-

PEKING ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

HANKOW ROAD BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND HAIPHONG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

HAIPHONG ROAD BETWEEN HANKOW ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

LOCK ROAD BETWEEN HAIPHONG ROAD AND PEKING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

BOWRING STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST SIDE OF NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND PILKEM STREET.

NANKING STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST SIDE OF NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND PARKES STREET.

PARKES STREET BETWEEN NING PO STREET AND SAIGON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND MAN MING LANE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

NING PO STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND PARKES STREET.

SAIGON STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND PARKES STREET.

PAK HOI STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND WOO SUNG STREET.

MARKET STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT THE WEST JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD FORMING A CUL-DE-SAC AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN THIS CLOSURE AND TEMPLE STREET.

THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES :-

THE LEFT TURN FROM HAIPHONG ROAD NORTH INTO NATHAN ROAD-
THE RIGHT TURN FROM AUSTIN ROAD WESTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD
NORTHBOUND- THE RIGHT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO
AUSTIN ROAD WESTBOUND- THE RIGHT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD
NORTHBOUND INTO AUSTIN ROAD EASTBOUND- THE RIGHT TURN FROM
JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND.

THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. AND 11 P.M. :-

THE LEFT TURN FROM JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURN FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD WESTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND.

IN MONGKOK, TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS WILL BE RESTRICTED IN ARGYLE STREET/PORTLAND STREET AND MONG KOK ROAD/PORTLAND STREET, AS FOLLOWS :-

THE STRAIGHT AHEAD MOVEMENT FROM PORTLAND STREET NORTHBOUND ACROSS ARGYLE STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED AND ALL TRAFFIC FROM THIS APPROACH WILL BE REQUIRED TO TURN LEFT INTO ARGYLE STREET WESTBOUND.

THE STRAIGHT AHEAD MOVEMENT FROM PORTLAND STREET NORTHBOUND ACROSS MONG KOK ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED AND ALL TRAFFIC FROM THIS APPROACH WILL BE REQUIRED TO TURN LEFT INTO MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND OR TURN RIGHT INTO MONG KOK ROAD EASTBOUND. THE EXISTING RESTRICTION ON THIS LATTER MOVEMENT WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS BUT BOTH MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ARE REQUESTED TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE WHEN DRIVING OR CROSSING THESE STREETS DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS UNTIL THE CHANGES IN THE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS BECOME FAMILIAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:-

COPIES OF A MAP SHOWING THE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

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SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK+ IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE +SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK+, CO-ORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE IN SHAM SHUI PO, IS TO PROMOTE THE TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY, TO AROUSE PUBLIC CONCERN FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AND TO MOBILISE LOCAL RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AGED.

THE FUNCTION IS A JOINT EFFORT OF LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS, CLANSMAN ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, ABOUT 3,000 OLD PEOPLE WILL BE ENTERTAINED IN A FUN FAIR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, TRIPS AND OUTINGS, A CARNIVAL FOR THE OLD PEOPLE AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN, A VARIETY SHOW AND A CHINESE OPERA.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE PO ON ROAD PUBLIC PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 P.M.

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SCHOOL LEAVERS SHOULD FIND JOBS
THAT OFFER GOOD TRAINING

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A LEADING HONG KONG JOURNALIST, MR. WAI KEE SHUN, TODAY URGED SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO ARE SEEKING INDUSTRIAL WORK TO FIND A JOB THAT WOULD OFFER GOOD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

MR. WAI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE TIN TIN YAT PAO, WAS SPEAKING TO MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A ONE-DAY CAREERS SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE.

+AT PRESENT,+ HE SAID, +THE GOVERNMENT IS INTENSIVELY PROMOTING TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES WHICH NOT ONLY OFFER STEADY EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO ENABLE THEM TO ACQUIRE FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS AT THE POLYTECHNIC OR OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+AND THESE QUALIFICATIONS ARE RECOGNISED BY MANY OVERSEAS COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

MR. WAI POINTED OUT THAT NOT MANY STUDENTS COULD PROCEED TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AFTER SECONDARY SCHOOLING. +BUT THIS KIND OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR YOU TO LEARN WHILE YOU EARN.+

ON WHITE-COLLAR WORK, HE SAID THE TREND IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR WAS TO ENGAGE PEOPLE WITH UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL POSTS AT THE MANAGERIAL LEVEL.

ORDINARY SCHOOL LEAVERS IN MOST CASES COULD ONLY GET GENERAL CLERICAL JOBS WHICH WOULD OFFER COMPARATIVELY LESS PROSPECT.

SALARY-WISE, MR. WAI SAID MANY INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WERE EARNING MORE THAN ORDINARY OFFICE WORKERS.

IN FACT, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAD BEEN TAKING UP INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT. BUT IN DOING SO MR. WAI ADVISED STUDENTS TO CAREFULLY FIND ONE THAT WOULD OFFER ADEQUATE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

THE SEMINAR WAS HELD AT THE HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY, TOKWAWAN, HUNG HOM AND HO MAN TIN.

THE PROGRAMME FEATURED SIX TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BANKING, ADVERTISING, ACCOUNTANCY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, GOVERNMENT JOBS AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING.

IN ADDITION, TWO FILMS WERE SHOWN IN THE AFTERNOON, ONE ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CHOOSING ONE'S CAREER, AND THE OTHER ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NURSING FIELD.

ALSO ON DISPLAY AT THE SCHOOL HALL WERE CAREERS PAMPHLETS AND A SELECTION OF OCCUPATION LEAFLETS WHICH WERE AVAILABLE FREE TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

WATERWORKS OFFICE CHILDREN'S PARTY

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS MAY BE OVER, BUT FOR SOME 2,300 CHILDREN OF STAFF OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE THE FESTIVITIES CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 15) WHEN THEY WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY WILL BE HELD AT KOULON WAH YAN COLLEGE AND WILL BE A COLOURFUL AFFAIR FEATURING GAME STALLS, SONGS AND DANCES, A VARIETY SHOW, ACROBATICS AND A RAFFLE DRAW.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A COMEDY SHOW BY RTV CELEBRITIES, FOLK DANCES BY THE ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL AND PERFORMANCES BY THE ST. DONAVENTURE A-C PRIMARY SCHOOL BAND.

THERE WILL BE 15 GAME STALLS ORGANISED BY THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS IN THE WATERWORKS OFFICE AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST STALLS BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATERWORKS, MR. BILL KNIGHT.

MRS. KNIGHT WILL DRAW THE WINNING NUMBERS IN THE RAFFLE AND PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY OF COMPETITIONS FOR THE CHILDREN AND WINNERS IN EACH EVENT WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FROM MR. W.D.A. TUCKER, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER.

DURING THE FUN FAIR, FINANCED BY DONATION FROM SENIOR STAFF, MR. KNIGHT WILL PRESENT GOLD MEDAL AWARDS TO THREE WATERWORKS ARTISANS AND ONE LABOURER FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

THE FOUR WINNERS ARE : MR. TANG YEW-SHING, MR. HO TAT-CHING, AND MR. CHAN KAM-CHUEN, ALL ARTISANS WITH THE MECHANICAL DIVISION, AND MR. LAM LOI, A RETIRED LABOURER OF THE SUPPLY DIVISION.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH KIRKWOOD AWARDS WHICH WERE STARTED IN 1967 WITH DONATIONS FROM TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING FIRMS IN MEMORY OF A FORMER WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO STAFF OF THE RANK OF FOREMAN III OR BELOW WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GENERAL CAPABILITIES AND ATTENTION TO DUTIES OR BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY CONDUCT OR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN A PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE KIRKWOOD AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CHILDREN'S PARTY AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON. THE PARTY WILL START AT 12.30 P.M. THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS BY MR. KNIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 1.15 P.M. MR. CHAN CHI-NA, PRESS LIAISON OFFICER, WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE AND ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FUNCTION.

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COURSE FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS

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A PART-TIME EVENING COURSE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS NOW OPEN FOR ENROLMENT.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED AS TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS AND WHO HAVE AN ADEQUATE SECONDARY - PREFERABLY TECHNICAL OR PRE-VOCATIONAL - EDUCATION.

IT WILL BE HELD THREE EVENINGS A WEEK, STARTING FROM EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL LAST 18 WEEKS.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE IN CHINESE BUT SOME ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY WILL BE USED. THE FEE IS \$75.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 23 (MONDAY).

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 26.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

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\$1.45M TO BE SPENT ON IMPROVING TRACKS

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OVER \$1.45 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON IMPROVING THE TRACKS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SPORTS STADIUMS IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE WORLD STANDARD FACILITIES FOR THE TRAINING OF LOCAL ATHLETES.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT SUBMITTED BY A BRITISH COACH TO THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, OVER-UTILISATION OF HONG KONG'S PLAYING SURFACES HAVE SUBJECTED THEM TO A HIGH DEGREE OF WEAR.

THE RESULT IS THAT ORDINARY ASPHALT AND CINDER TRACKS SINK RAPIDLY INTO DISREPAIR AND MAY EVEN BECOME DANGEROUS FOR ATHLETES, AS INJURIES TO THE LOWER LEG CAN EASILY OCCUR ON OVER-HARD, HOT AND OFTEN CRUMBLING ASPHALT.

AFTER EXTENSIVE ENQUIRIES TO A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS, OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION FOUND THE IDEAL SURFACING MATERIAL FOR HONG KONG'S TRACKS - A FINELY CRUSHED YELLOW DOLOMITE PRODUCED BY A QUARRY IN BRITAIN - WHICH IS SUFFICIENTLY ECONOMICAL AND YET GOOD ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND CONSTANT USE.

A MINIMUM ORDER FOR 5,000 TONNES, SUFFICIENT FOR FIVE SITES, WITH 20 TO 25 PER CENT LEFT OVER FOR REFURBISHING, HAS BEEN PLACED, AND WORK ON THE NEW FIELDS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APRIL.

THE ORDER IS VALUED AT \$1.45 MILLION, BUT EXTRA EXPENSES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO CARRY OUT RENOVATION AND FOUNDATION WORKS, AND TO CONVERT THE TRACKS - ORIGINALLY BUILT ON IMPERIAL MEASUREMENTS - INTO PROPER 400 METRE CIRCUITS.

THE TRACKS TO BE IMPROVED ARE AT THE HONG KONG AND MONGKOK STADIUMS, ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, THE KOWLOON TSAI AND PERTH STREET SPORTS FIELDS, AND SPORTS GROUNDS IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

MEANWHILE, ALL THE 32 TENNIS COURTS IN THE URBAN AREA ARE ALSO BEING RESURFACED UNDER ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

WORK ON THE COURTS IN VICTORIA PARK, THE VENUE FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED DURING 1976-77.

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