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CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG SIGNED

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A \$44.5 MILLION ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG.

THE CONTRACT FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S \$726 MILLION PLAN TO DEVELOP THE MARKET TOWN INTO A MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY WITH AN EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 95,000.

IT IS THE FOURTH CONTRACT LET SO FAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN UNDER THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH BEGAN IN JUNE 1977.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR. NG TECK-SHENG, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, AND MR. K.N. YEH, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY.

MR. NG SAID THE PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE THE FORMATION OF 28 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE EASTERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF THE TOWN.

IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN KILOMETRES OF ROAD, A CYCLE PATH AND 11 KILOMETRES OF DRAINAGE PIPES.

OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS WATER SUPPLY AND ELECTRICITY WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE 33-MONTH CONTRACT.

MR. NG SAID THE EASTERN AREA WOULD BE USED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, A NEW MARKET AND OPEN SPACE.

THE AREA TO THE NORTH OF THE TOWN, HE ADDED, WOULD BE USED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR UP TO 17,000 PEOPLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PART OF THE LAND FORMED WOULD BE RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY USES, CAR AND LORRY PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND AMENITY PLOTS.

OUTLINING THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRST THREE CONTRACTS, MR. NG SAID THAT UNDER THE FIRST CONTRACT ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF LAND WAS FORMED LAST YEAR.

WORK ON THE SECOND CONTRACT, INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, SEWERS AND THE YUEN LONG WEST BUS TERMINUS ON THE LAND FORMED, IS NEARING COMPLETION.

THE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE THIRD CONTRACT INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF 14.5 HECTARES OF LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS.

+WE HAVE FINISHED FORMING FOUR HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE SHUI PIN WAI HOUSING ESTATE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF HOUSING 11,000 PEOPLE,+ MR. NG SAID.

/+THE HOUSING

+THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS JUST STARTED PILING WORK FOR THE HOUSING ESTATE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1981.+

ANOTHER 10.5 HECTARES OF LAND BEING FORMED WILL BE USED AS THE SITE FOR A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND FOR PRIVATE AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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NEW AIRPORT FIRE STATION
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THE ALREADY HIGH STANDARD OF FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NEW FIRE STATION.

THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING MORE MODERN VEHICLES FOR THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT AS PART OF A REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME TO MEET AND ANTICIPATE THE NEEDS OF INCREASING AIR TRAFFIC AT KAI TAK.

+THE EMERGENCY FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE AIRPORT ARE COMPARABLE WITH THE BEST INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN AIRPORT STANDARDS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE \$4.3 MILLION TWO-STOREY FIRE STATION IS ON THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE RUNWAY, JUST OFF THE LINK TAXIWAY. IT WILL SERVE THE ENTIRE AIRPORT AREA.

TO ENSURE A MINIMUM RESPONSE TIME TO INCIDENTS, THE CONTINGENT IS ALSO DEPLOYED AT A SUB-STATION AT THE OTHER END OF THE RUNWAY.

THE NEW STATION WILL HOUSE AT LEAST NINE FIRE APPLIANCES AND VEHICLES OF VARYING SIZES. OTHER ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES A LECTURE ROOM, STORE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE WORKROOM AS WELL AS STANDBY AND CATERING FACILITIES. A WATCH TOWER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND OBSERVING AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

IT WILL REPLACE THE TEMPORARY STATION EARMARKED FOR DEMOLITION TO MAKE WAY FOR A FOAM STORE AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP OF THE NEW STATION.

+THE ROLE OF THE AIRPORT FIRE STATION ASSUMES GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE INCREASE OF AIR TRAFFIC AND THE USE OF LARGE AIRCRAFT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/+FIREMEN

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+FIREMEN STATIONED THERE MUST GO THROUGH SPECIAL TRAINING TO PREPARE THEM TO DEAL WITH AIRCRAFT EMERGENCIES. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE SAME HIGH STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AND MENTAL ALERTNESS REQUIRED OF ALL FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL TO ENABLE THEM TO COPE EFFICIENTLY WITH THEIR DUTIES,+ HE SAID.

THE TRAINING VARIES FROM HOT FIRE DRILLS, CRASH EXERCISES, LECTURES AND LIAISON WITH OTHER SERVICES IN DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES WHICH COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF PASSENGERS, AIRCRAFT AND PROPERTY AT THE AIRPORT.

+ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONTINGENT MUST BE HIGHLY SKILLED, EFFICIENT, ALERT AND QUICK-MINDED AND READY TO DEAL WITH AIRCRAFT EMERGENCIES WHICH INVOLVE THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE ON BOARD AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO THEIR MAIN DUTIES, THEY ALSO ASSIST IN ENSURING THAT THE HAZARD TO AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS CAUSED BY BIRD STRIKES IS MINIMISED, PARTICULARLY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS WHEN LARGE FLOCKS OF MIGRATING BIRDS PASS THROUGH HONG KONG.

OUTLINING THE CONTINGENT'S ESTABLISHMENT AND EQUIPMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIN FIRE STATION AND SUB-STATION HAVE A COMBINED FORCE OF 114 MEN EQUIPPED WITH 15 FIRE ENGINES, VEHICLES AND RESCUE BOATS.

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RIGHT OF WORKERS TO ANNUAL LEAVE
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AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WHICH AIM TO CORRECT MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE RIGHT OF WORKERS TO SEVEN DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE AND TO CLOSE POSSIBLE LOOPHOLES IN THE LAW WILL GO BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 14.

THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FRIDAY, SEEKS TO CLARIFY THE GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL INTENTION TO PROVIDE ALL EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE WITH SEVEN DAYS' ANNUAL PAID LEAVE FOR EACH PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS EMPLOYMENT UNDER A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT.

THIS LEAVE HAS TO BE GRANTED BY THE EMPLOYER WITHIN 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT.

ACCORDING TO A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY), THE PAID ANNUAL LEAVE SCHEME HAD WORKED WELL OVERALL -- EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL HAD WELCOMED ITS INTRODUCTION AND MOST EMPLOYERS HAD READILY COMPLIED WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW. HOWEVER, A FEW EMPLOYERS HAD ATTEMPTED TO EVADE THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

HE SAID: +THE AMENDED LAW WILL EMPHASISE AND CLARIFY ALL THE SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO BE DAYS OF ANNUAL LEAVE, AND IF A REST DAY OR STATUTORY HOLIDAY COINCIDES WITH ANY OF THESE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE GRANTED AT SOME OTHER TIME. THE LAW WILL ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ANNUAL LEAVE IS IN ADDITION TO REST DAYS AND STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

+IT WILL BE SO DESIGNED AS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A DAY'S PAY IS DUE FOR EACH AND EVERY DAY OF ANNUAL LEAVE AND THAT AN EMPLOYEE CANNOT BE DEPRIVED OF SUCH A DAY'S PAY BY TREATING IT AS A REST DAY.

+ONCE AN EMPLOYEE COMPLETES A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS SERVICE, HE IS ENTITLED TO SEVEN DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE PAY FOR THAT SERVICE REGARDLESS OF HOW HIS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED.

+THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES FOR PROPORTIONATE ENTITLEMENT TO ANNUAL LEAVE PAY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE PERIOD OF SERVICE IS THREE MONTHS OR MORE. THE PRESENT PROVISION IS FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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THREE DECADES OF EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT

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THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF MASSIVE ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WAS THE SUBJECT OF A SPEECH BY MR. COLVYN HAYE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST TODAY (TUESDAY).

+WHEN HONG KONG WAS LIBERATED FROM THE JAPANESE IN 1945, ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS WAS UNDER 50,000. SCHOOL BUILDINGS LAY IN RUINS, EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN DESTROYED, TEXTBOOKS WERE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT AND, WORST OF ALL, THERE WAS A DEARTH OF TRAINED TEACHERS.

+THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATING THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WAS LABORIOUS AND DIFFICULT. THE BUDGET FOR EDUCATION IN 1946 WAS \$6.4 MILLION, MOST OF IT COMMITTED TO REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS.

+TODAY THE BILL FOR EDUCATION STANDS AT \$1,967 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTS 19.2 PER CENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE. THERE ARE NOW NEARLY 2,600 SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, WITH ABOUT 1.4 MILLION PUPILS,+ MR. HAYE SAID.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, MR. HAYE DESCRIBED THE HUGE GOVERNMENT BUILDING PROGRAMMES OF THE '50'S, AT THE PEAK OF WHICH ABOUT 45,000 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES WERE ADDED EACH YEAR, THE EXTENSION OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE '60'S AND '70'S TO ASSURE ALL CHILDREN OF THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP FREE EDUCATION FOR NINE YEARS, AND THE TARGET FOR THE '80'S OF FURTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VIRTUALLY ALL WHO WANTED IT.

+WITH QUANTITATIVE TARGETS IN THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNERS' MINDS, QUALITY IN EDUCATION WAS NOT FORGOTTEN+ MR. HAYE SAID.

IF THE FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO GET AS MANY CHILDREN INTO SCHOOLS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE NEXT WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED WAS THE BEST HONG KONG COULD AFFORD, HE SAID.

+TEACHER TRAINING WAS IMPROVED AND COURSES LENGTHENED, GREATER RESOURCES WERE POURED INTO CLASSROOMS OF SCHOOLS OF IMPROVED DESIGN, THE CURRICULUM WAS LIBERALISED, THE PRESSURE OF PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS EASED, AND HONG KONG LED SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THE HARNESSING OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE CLASSROOM TEACHING,+ MR. HAYE SAID.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MR. HAYE SAID PRIVATE INITIATIVES HAD MET THE ASPIRATIONS OF MANY IN THE LAST TWO DECADES.

+THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING BODIES HAS NOT PRECLUDED PRIVATE INDEPENDENT BODIES MEETING SHORTFALLS IN AREAS OF NEED,+ HE SAID.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNERS, HOWEVER, WERE FAR FROM COMPLACENT, MR. HAYE ADDED, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE RESULT WAS THE BEST THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MANAGE WITHIN OUR RESOURCES, THE SYSTEM WAS NOT PERFECT.

+THERE IS STILL PROGRESS TO BE MADE, AND TO THIS PROGRESS THE GOVERNMENT IS DEDICATED,+ HE SAID.

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PRESTIGE ISLANDS DISTRICT SITES SOLD AT RECORD PRICES

THREE PRESTIGE RESIDENTIAL SITES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WERE SOLD AT RECORD PRICES AT A PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE LOTS — ONE ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHERS ON PENG CHAU — FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$3.24 MILLION IN A SESSION OF COMPETITIVE BIDDINGS.

A 1,398 SQUARE-METRE LOT AT CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU WAS SOLD FOR \$2.65 MILLION — MORE THAN DOUBLE THE OPENING BID OF \$980,000.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WAS SOUTH KOWLOON LAND INVESTMENT CO. LTD. WHO PAID THE EQUIVALENT OF \$1,896 PER SQUARE-METRE, A 44 PER CENT INCREASE ON THE RECORD \$1,323 PER SQUARE-METRE MADE AT THE LAST LAND SALE FOR THE AREA IN JUNE, 1978.

THE SECOND AND THIRD LOTS WHICH ARE ADJACENT SITES OF 372 SQUARE METRES ON WAI TSAI PEAK ON PENG CHAU WENT TO QUADPOINT LTD. FOR \$290,000 AND \$300,000 RESPECTIVELY — EQUVALENT TO \$780 AND \$806 PER SQUARE-METRE.

THE PRICES WERE 209 AND 219 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS PRICE FOR LAND ON PENG CHAU IN 1977.

THE THREE SITES, THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES LOTS PUT ON THE MARKET THIS YEAR, ARE FOR TWO-STOREY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. KEITH HEALY WHO DESCRIBED THE PRICES AS +MOST SATISFACTORY+.

+THE BIDDING WAS VERY KEEN ESPECIALLY FOR THE TWO PENG CHAU LOTS,+ MR. HEALY SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AFTER OPENING THE BIDDING FOR THE FIRST PENG CHAU LOT AT \$80,000 HE DECIDED TO RAISE THE OPENING BID TO \$240,000 FOR THE SECOND.

+IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN BOTH SITES,+ HE SAID.

+THE SECOND LOT WAS SOLD IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES,+ HE ADDED.

MR. HEALY ATTRIBUTED THE BIG INCREASE IN THE PRICE PAID SINCE THE LAST SALE TO THE GENERAL TREND ON THE PROPERTY MARKET IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

+BUT TODAY'S AUCTION REFLECTS THE INCREASING INTEREST OF DEVELOPERS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AS IDEAL AREAS FOR HIGH QUALITY HOUSING,+ HE ADDED.

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RESULTS OF LATEST TENDER FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PROCESSED THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES.

A TOTAL OF 550 INDIVIDUAL TENDERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON DECEMBER 29 LAST YEAR. THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$292,500 AND THE LOWEST, \$26,800.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT 299 OF THE 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THOSE OFFERING A UNIT PREMIUM RANGING FROM \$248,990 TO \$292,500.

THE REMAINING LICENCE WAS DETERMINED BY PUBLIC BALLOT THIS AFTERNOON BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO TENDERS EACH WITH AN IDENTICAL UNIT PREMIUM OF \$248,888 SEEKING A TOTAL OF TWO TAXI LICENCES.

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS \$258,538, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 5.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE LAST TENDER IN AUGUST 1978 WHEN THE AVERAGE PREMIUM WORKED OUT AT \$244,240.

THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE SHOULD AMOUNT TO MORE THAN \$77.5 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TOMORROW TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS WOULD BE INSPECTED IN EARLY FEBRUARY. ALL 300 TAXIS SHOULD BE ON THE ROAD BY THE END OF APRIL.

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'CHECK IN EARLY AT KAI TAK' APPEAL
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HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO WILL BE TAKING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ABROAD ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE BY CHECKING IN EARLY ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AND MOVING TO THE IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY CONTROLS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

MAKING THIS APPEAL A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT CO-OPERATION FROM THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL HELP RELIEF CONGESTION IN THE DEPARTURE HALL TREMENDOUSLY.

+IT WILL ALSO BE OF GREAT HELP IF HOLIDAY-MAKERS WILL ALSO DISSUADE THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES FROM SEEING THEM OFF AT THE AIRPORT,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS AMONG THE BUSIEST AIRPORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT HANDLES AN AVERAGE OF OVER 15,000 PASSENGERS A DAY.

+CONGESTED CONDITIONS ARE UNAVOIDABLE WHEN LARGE CROWDS OF HOLIDAY-MAKERS LEAVE BY AIR, MOST OF THEM TO TAIPEI, SINGAPORE AND MANILA, IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL DAILY TRAFFIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION, ALL PASSENGER FACILITIES AT KAI TAK WILL BE FULLY STAFFED AND AN ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION DEPARTURE CONTROL CHANNEL WILL BE OPENED TO HELP SPEED UP PASSENGER PROCESSING.

+WE HOPE TO MAKE THE PASSENGER PROCESSING FLOW AS SMOOTHLY AND SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONGESTION BUT THIS IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT DURING THE PRESENT TIME WHEN EXTENSIVE TERMINAL AND APRON DEVELOPMENT IS STILL TAKING PLACE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR DUTY FREE BRANDY
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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT TRAVELLERS ARRIVING FROM MACAU DURING THE TWO DAYS FOLLOWING LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 29 (MONDAY) AND JANUARY 30 MAY EACH BRING INTO HONG KONG FREE OF DUTY ONE BOTTLE OF PORTUGUESE BRANDY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE LITRE INSTEAD OF THE ONE-QUART BOTTLE OF GRAPE WINE NORMALLY ALLOWED.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLINICS
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT EIGHT PUBLIC OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON JANUARY 30 AND 31 -- THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE CLINICS ARE:

- * ON HONG KONG ISLAND -- VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC, WAN CHAI AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, SHAU KEI WAN-
- * IN KOWLOON -- THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, KWUN TONG- THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, YAU MA TEI AND THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE- AND
- * IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN- YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC.

ALL GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND EVENING CLINICS OTHER THAN THESE EIGHT WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FROM JANUARY 28-31.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN WEST KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WEST KOWLOON TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW:

STREET RE-ROUTINGS

- * SHEK KIP MEI STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TAI NAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * KIU KIANG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND FUK WING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * FUK WAH STREET BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * FUK WING STREET BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND.

CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS

- * URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. INSTEAD OF 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND KWEILIN STREET-
- * A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY RESTRICTION (7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT) WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF FUK WAH STREET FROM THE JUNCTION WITH YEN CHOW STREET TO A POINT 20 METRES NORTHWARDS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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