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LONDON VISIT TO BRIEF UK MINISTERS - GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WOULD, DURING THEIR VISIT TO LONDON NEXT MONTH, BRIEF BRITISH MINISTERS ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN HONG KONG SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL SUMMER CAMP AT WU KAI SHA, SIR EDWARD SAID A LOT HAD HAPPENED IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND IN HONG KONG DURING THE PERIOD.

+SO WE INTEND TO GIVE MINISTERS A GENERAL ROUND UP OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AND SEE WHAT VIEWS THEY HAVE ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HONG KONG'S POLITICAL STRUCTURE WOULD BE DISCUSSED, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME REVIEW OF HOW PEOPLE WERE FEELING ON THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD BEEN WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY WHAT THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SAYING ON THE SUBJECT, AND AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, +WE'RE THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN THE 1987 REVIEW. SO I WOULD EXPECT THAT SUBJECT TO BE COVERED.+

ASKED WHETHER TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD INCLUDE THE DAYA BAY ISSUE, SIR EDWARD SAID THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC AGENDA FOR THE TALKS.

+WE SHALL BE CONVEYING TO MINISTERS IN LONDON THE FEELING IN HONG KONG. AND OF COURSE I SHALL BE GOING TO PEKING BEFORE THEN, AND I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MUCH OF THE ATMOSPHERE HERE TO PEKING AT THAT TIME AS WELL.+

ON THE QUESTION OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DAYA BAY ISSUE, HE SAID: +THE POSITION IS STILL THAT THE MISSIONS ARE GOING TO PRESENT THEIR REPORTS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AND MEMBERS WILL THEN WANT TO DISCUSS THOSE REPORTS. SO I'M WAITING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THAT DISCUSSION.+

SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS MAKING HIS PEKING TRIP AT THE INVITATION OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR RICHARD EVANS.

+IT'S IMPORTANT THAT HE AND I SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH, BUT IT ALSO GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SOME OF THE CHINESE LEADERS AT THE SAME TIME.

+AND THEN I'M HOPING TO MAKE A SHORT VISIT TO CHENGDE OVER SATURDAY NIGHT TO DO A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING OVER THE WEEKEND.+

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SIR EDWARD VISITS JPC CAMP
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JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE TODAY (THURSDAY) DISPLAYED VITALITY AND PERFORMANCES TO RECEIVE A PROMINENT VISITOR -- THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, WAS FIRST GREETED BY THE JPC LION DANCE TEAMS ON ARRIVAL.

SIR EDWARD WAS THEN WELCOMED BY THE 1,800 CAMPERS WHO PERFORMED A SPECTACULAR WORD DISPLAY -- JPC SALUTES -- AND SINGING.

ADDRESSING THE CAMPERS, SIR EDWARD SAID THE ANNUAL CAMP GAVE THE JPC MEMBERS A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE IN AN INFORMAL WAY AND IN THE MOST RELAXING SURROUNDINGS.

SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S ''CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND GETTING TO KNOW IT BETTER'' WAS CHOSEN FOR THE CAMP.

''I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY TO USE YOUR ENERGY, OR TO CHANNEL YOUR EFFORTS,''.

THE GOVERNOR SAID JPC WAS, IN MANY WAYS, A UNIQUE ORGANISATION AND HE WAS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT IF PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON PRACTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE NEEDY, THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED.

BEFORE TOURING THE CAMP, SIR EDWARD CUT A RIBBON TO FLY HIGH A JPC EMBLEM.

SOME 850 JPC MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY SPENT FOUR DAYS IN THE CAMP THEY WERE JOINED TODAY BY 1,000 FELLOW MEMBERS WHO SHARED A DAY OF FUN AT THE YOUTH VILLAGE.

SIR EDWARD WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CAMP, RANGING FROM ARCHERY, ORIENTEERING, SWIMMING, TRAMPOLINING, ROLLER-SKATING, CIRCUIT TRAINING TO ROPE COURSE, FILM SHOWS AND BALL GAMES.

HE LEARNED THAT BALANCED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES WERE ALSO LINED UP FOR THE CAMPERS. THEY INCLUED FORUMS, SEMINARS, DISCUSSIONS, TALKS AND EXHIBITIONS ON CRIME PREVENTION.

THE FIVE-DAY CAMP IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE POLICE FOR JPC MEMBERS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

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TUEN MUN HOSPITAL TOPPED OUT

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THE TOPPING OUT OF TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, THE LARGEST CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WAS PERFORMED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE HOSPITAL, SIR DAVID SAID, WAS A MILESTONE IN THE OVERALL PROGRAMME OF IMPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS BY 14 000 OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

+THIS HOSPITAL, TOGETHER WITH THE EXPANSION OF YAN CHAI AND POK OI, NOT ONLY REINFORCES MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE NORTHWEST OF HONG KONG, IT IS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT FACILITIES IN THE NORTHWEST, WHICH IS A LONG WAY FROM KOWLOON, SHOULD NOT DROP BEHIND OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

THREE OTHER HOSPITALS WERE BEING PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS: THE HONG KONG EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL WITH 1 600 BEDS, AND TAI PO AND EASTERN KOWLOON EACH WITH 1 500 BEDS.

THESE WOULD ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG LIVED NEAR TO THEIR OWN REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

+BUT MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE NOT JUST MEASURED IN BUILDINGS AND BEDS, WE NEED TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THE SYSTEM= THE CONSULTANCY ON MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND WILL BE OF GREAT HELP IN ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+WE MUST ALSO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO LEAD A HEALTHY LIFE.+

THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT HAD ADOPTED THE THEME OF +HEALTHY LIVING - EVERYONE A WINNER+ WHICH WOULD CULMINATE IN A MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN NOVERMBER.

+I CONCLUDE BY WISHING YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPY LIVING.

+I ALSO CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE CONCERNED FOR THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS TUEN MUN HOSPITAL,+ HE SAID.

THE HOSPITAL, DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1988, WILL HAVE 1 656 BEDS AND COST ABOUT $2 000 MILLION.

IT WILL SERVE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE EIGHT-HECTARE SITE ON WHICH IT IS BEING BUILT CLOSE TO CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WAS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN FOR ITS ACCESS TO BUS SERVICES AND THE FUTURE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

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BESIDES THE HOSPITAL BUILDING, THE SITE INCLUDES FACILITIES FOR TAXIS, PARKING FOR STAFF, PUBLIC CARS AND SERVICES VEHICLES, INTERNAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS, A HELIPORT ADJACENT TO THE CASUALTY UNIT AND STAFF RECREATION FACILITIES.

LANDSCAPING WILL ALSO BE A FEATURE OF THE SITE.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES FOUR 10-STOREY MAIN WARD BLOCKS, A 10-STOREY OPERATING THEATRE BLOCK, A THREE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK AND A FOUR-STOREY BLOCK TO HOUSE SPECIAL FACILITIES.

THE GROSS AREA OF THE BUILDINGS IS ABOUT 116 000 SQUARE METRES.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION AND PILED FORMATIONS TOOK ABOUT A YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1983.

THE MAIN CONTRACT STARTED IN AUGUST 1984, AND INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATION OF SERVICES SUCH AS AIR CONDITIONING AND ELECTRICAL, FIRE PREVENTION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

ON ADJACENT SITES, SEPARATE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN LET FOR A NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS AND SENIOR MEDICAL STAFF QUARTERS.

A CONTRACT FOR A LAUNDRY IS TO BE LET NEXT YEAR.

COMPLETION OF THESE IS PROGRAMMED TO COINCIDE WITH COMPLETION OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE DESIGN OF THE HOSPITAL IS BASED ON THE NEED TO SEPARATE PSYCHIATRIC BEDS FROM GENERAL BEDS.

THIS IS ACHIEVED BY LOCATING THE GENERAL WARDS IN A DOUBLE CRUCIFORM MAIN BLOCK AND THE SPECIAL BLOCK WITH PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTALLY RETARDED BEDS IN ANOTHER FOUR-STOREY RECTANGULAR BLOCK.

A MAIN ENTRANCE BLOCK LINKS BOTH BLOCKS AND PROVIDES DISTRIBUTION TO EACH BLOCK FROM A SINGLE MAIN ENTRY.

BELOW THE LEVELS OF THE WARDS ARE THE SUPPORTING CLINICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENGINEERING FACILITIES, ALL DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EASY ACCESS TO AND FROM THE WARDS.

A FOUR-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK LINKS DIRECTLY WITH THE GROUND AND BASEMENT LEVELS OF THE MAIN BLOCK.

A DETACHED BASEMENT LEVEL BLOCK HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE RADIOTHERAPY AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE FACILITIES WHICH IS LINKED TO THE MAIN CIRCULATION AND LIFTS AREA OF THE MAIN BLOCK.

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A SERVICES PLANT ROOM AND CAR PARKING IS PROVIDED AT GROUND LEVEL ABOVE THIS BASEMENT AREA.

A TUNNEL WILL LINK THE HOSPITAL AND NURSES' QUARTERS SITES, PASSING UNDER THE ADJACENT PUBLIC ROAD, AND WILL CARRY BUILDING SERVICES AND PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN LINK FOR STAFF.

THE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED ON THE SITE TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

DESIGN ALLOWANCES HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED FOR FUTURE EXTENSIONS OF SEVEN FLOORS TO THE PATHOLOGY BLOCK, TWO FLOORS TO THE SPECIAL BLOCK AND ONE FLOOR TO THE RADIOTHERAPY BLOCK.

THE MAIN CONTRACTOR, WHO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL BUILDING SERVICES INSTALLATION CO-ORDINATION, IS AOKI CORPORATION.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1986

DISTRICT ELDERLY SERVICES AT NEW HEIGHT

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SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ELDERLIES IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT HAS REACHED A NEW HEIGHT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S ELDERLY EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FREE EYE TESTS AND CORRECTIONAL SPECTACLES FOR ELDERLIES IN THE DISTRICT AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

MR CHAU SAID THAT ABOUT 9 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE, OR ONE-FIFTH OF THE QUALIFIED POPULATION, WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICE.

+THE CAMPAIGN SHOWS OUR RESPECT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS,+ HE SAID.

+FREE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ELDERLIES ARE WHAT THEY DESERVE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG,+ MR CHAU SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YUEN CHAU, SAID THE CAMPAIGN ALSO PROVIDED EXHIBITIONS AND INFORMATION BOOKLETS FOR ELDERLIES TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ELDERLY EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22. EYE TESTS AND EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRES AND CENTRES FOR ELDERLY IN THE 12 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WERE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR ROBERT CHAN.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT PLANS CIVIC EDUCATION STRATEGY

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THE AIM OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S COMING CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IS TO MAKE RESIDENTS PROUD OF HONG KONG AND THEIR DISTRICT, SAID THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD.

AT A RECENT SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LORD SAID PARTICIPATION WAS THE ESSENCE OF CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE -- BY THINKING ABOUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS, EXPRESSING OPINIONS AND TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+WE NEED, THEREFORE, TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE PEOPLE WHO TAKE LITTLE INTEREST IN THE LIVES OF THEIR FELLOW MEN AND WHO DO NOTHING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, AND TEACH THEM TO BECOME TRUE CITIZENS,+ HE SAID.

MR LORD SAID THAT IN ACHIEVING THIS END, CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS WHICH WERE TO BE FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES WOULD HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY.

THE SEMINAR WAS HELD TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE YEAR-LONG CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE -- INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES -- EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE DIRECTION OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THE METHOD OF FORMING THE CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS.

UNDER THE CIVIC EDUCATION STRATEGY 1986-87 ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS WOULD SERVE AS EXECUTIVE ARMS IN CARRYING OUT BASIC CIVIC EDUCATION AT GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL.

THE TEAMS WOULD COMPRISE AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL BODIES. THEY WOULD CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE REACHED THE HOMES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR PAUL YOUNG, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP RESIDENTS REALISE WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN.

HE SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT PEOPLE WERE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

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VILLAGERS MAY APPLY FOR RATES EXEMPTION

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INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN TUEN MUN LIVING IN THEIR OWN VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSES OUTSIDE DESIGNATED VILLAGE AREAS IN THE DISTRICT, CAN APPLY FOR EXEMPTION FROM RATES THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

A TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT UNDER THE PRESENT POLICY EXEMPTION COULD BE GRANTED IF THE HOUSE OWNER COULD PROVE THAT THE PREMISES WAS A GENUINE VILLAGE HOUSE FOR SELF-RESIDENCE, AND HE ALSO MET CERTAIN CRITERIA.

THE EXEMPTION ALSO APPLIES TO INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOR PORTIONS OR THE WHOLE HOUSE OCCUPIED BY THE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS THEMSELVES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN FOR RATES TO BE EXEMPTED. SUCH CONSIDERATION COULD ALSO BE GIVEN IF THE HOUSE BECAME VACANT.

+HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ONCE THE PREMISES WERE RENTED OUT, OR WHERE THE OCCUPANTS WERE NEITHER THE HOUSE OWNER NOR FAMILY MEMBERS, THE HOUSE OWNER NO LONGER ENJOYS THE BENEFITS OF EXEMPTION,+ HE SAID.

WHERE AN INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS OWNED SEVERAL VILLAGE HOUSES, ONLY ONE OF THEM WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR EXEMPTION.

IN GENERAL TERMS, A GENUINE VILLAGE HOUSE CAN BE DEFINED AS A STRUCTURE WITH NOT MORE THAN 64.8 SQUARE METRES OF ROOFED-OVER AREA AND NOT EXCEEDING 25 FEET IN HEIGHT, OR ONE BUILT BEFORE AUGUST 1945 FOR NEW TERRITORIES DWELLERS.

INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS SATISFYING THE CONDITIONS CAN SEND APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AND THEY WILL THEN BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS FOR APPROVAL.

+IT TAKES ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED, AND RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD FIRST SETTLE THE RATE DEMAND NOTE ISSUED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT. ONCE AN EXEMPTION IS GRANTED, THE AMOUNT OF RATES EXEMPTED WILL BE PAID BACK IN A REBATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MORE PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT BY STUDENTS URGED

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AN ALTERNATE PROPOSAL FOR THE FIRST CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION EVER HELD IN THE TERRITORY WAS APPROVED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY).

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR WALTER M. SULKE, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT THE COMPETITION SHOULD INCLUDE ACTUAL PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THE CLEANING UP OF SCHOOLS RATHER THAN PURELY INVOLVING THEM IN ACADEMICAL WORK.

/+PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT .....

+PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT DEFINITELY HAS A STRONGER IMPACT ON THE YOUNG PERSONS,+ HE STRESSED.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSAL, PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TEAMS FORMED BY STUDENTS WILL EACH HAVE TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM DETAILING THE SCOPE OF THEIR CLEANING ACTIVITIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

ONCE ACCEPTED, THE TEAM WILL HAVE TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROPOSALS WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO FILE A REPORT ON ALL THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR ADJUDICATION.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPETITION WAS SCRAPPED DUE TO THE LIMITATIONS THAT ACTUAL VISIT AND INSPECTION OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS BY THE JUDGING PANEL IS NOT PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE, AND THAT STUDENT INVOLVEMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO A MINOR SCALE AS SCHOOLS ARE OFTEN CLEANED UP BY MINOR STAFF.

IN ADDITION, SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RENOVATED WOULD HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

THIS RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE JOINT UC/RC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL HOLD ITS FIRST OPEN MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4 AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT EDINBURGH PLACE. IF APPROVED, A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ORGANISED IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO LAUNCH THE COMPETITION.

IN TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS ALSO CONSIDERED TWO OTHER PAPERS INCLUDING THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN'S LATEST ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE STRATEGY FOR A TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN IN 1986-87.

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TAI KOK TSUI SITE CLEARED FOR TEMPORARY MARKET

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A CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT TODAY (THURSDAY) IN TAI KOK TSUI TO MAKE WAY FOR A TEMPORARY MARKET FOR MORE THAN 65 000 RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SITE, BOUNDED BY FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND IVY STREET, WILL PROVIDE 20 MARKET STALLS AND 200 MINISTALLS FOR A WIDE RANGE OF GOODS.

THE MARKET WILL HELP RESITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF ON-STREET HAWKERS SCATTERED ALONG BUSY STREETS IN THE VICINITY.

SOME 120 SQUATTER STRUCTURES, USED AS SHOPS, WORKSHOPS AND DWELLING PLACES, WERE DEMOLISHED.

A TOTAL OF 107 FAMILIES, CONSISTING OF 358 PERSONS, WERE AFFECTED. ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN OFFERED RESETTLEMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS. EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES HAD ALSO BEEN PROVIDED TO 36 ELIGIBLE SHOP OPERATORS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE TEMPORARY MARKET WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED

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IN ITS MOUNTING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY TO VICTORIA COURT ON OCTOBER 30 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER ON STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF AND WITHIN THE STAIRCASE ENCLOSURES AT THE ROOF LEVEL OF 20-24, IRVING STREET, HONG KONG.

THE AUTHORITY FEELS THAT THE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE CLOSED SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPIERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IT POSTED NOTICES ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY) SAYING IT WOULD BE APPLYING TO THE COURT FOR THE CLOSURE ORDER.

OCCUPIERS OF THE STRUCTURES HAVE IGNORED A DEMOLITION ORDER WHICH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED A YEAR AGO.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAYS IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COURT ISSUES THE CLOSURE ORDER.

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FIRST INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM FORMED

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THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY, HAS BEEN FORMED IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT.

THE FOUR-MEMBER TEAM IS HEADED BY A HOUSING MANAGER, MR LEE KANG-SUM, ON ATTACHMENT TO THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE TEAM, ALSO COMPRISING AN ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER AND HOUSING ASSISTANTS, IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER IN FORMULATING PLANS AND PROVIDING ADVICE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PROBLEMATIC INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TEAM WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND PROMOTE AND OFFER ADVICE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

TEAM MEMBERS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT AS PART OF A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMMES AND MEET WITH KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR NGAU TAU KOK AREA

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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TOURED NGAU TAU KOK TODAY (THURSDAY) TO LEARN ABOUT ENVIRONMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, THEY VISITED THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE NEW JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ESTATE IN EAST NGAU TAU KOK.

THE ESTATE WILL CONSIST OF TWO TRIDENT III BLOCKS TO ACCOMMODATE 7 896 PERSONS. SITE FORMATION WORK HAS STARTED AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1990.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT ON COMPLETION, THE EXISTING MARK I AND II BLOCKS OF JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE, ADJACENT TO THE NEW JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ESTATE, WILL BE DEMOLISHED AND RESIDENTS WILL MOVE INTO THE NEW ESTATE.

MEMBERS LATER WALKED THROUGH THE KAM KUK VILLAGE ACCESS TO THE CHUN WAH ROAD MORNING WALK TRAIL SITE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS AGREED TO SPEND $57 000 TO RESURFACE THE EXISTING FOOTPATH AND TO ADD RAILING AND TO ERECT A PAVILION.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND TO BE COMPLETED BY 1987.

AT LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, MEMBERS VISITED THE SITE OF A MINI-ROUNDABOUT TO BE BUILT AT THE 4TH AND 5TH STREET.

THE MINI-ROUNDABOUT, PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WOULD EASE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MINI-ROUNDABOUT HAS BEGUN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

DURING THE VISIT, MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE HAWKING AND TRAFFIC SITUATION, AND RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

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VARIETY SHOW WINDS UP CENTRAL AND WESTERN SYP

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CONCLUDED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING WITH A FUN-FILLED VARIETY SHOW ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF TEENAGERS AND CHILDREN AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED SINGING, MAGIC DEMONSTRATIONS, AND MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCES. TELEVISION ARTISTES AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WERE AMONG THOSE TAKING PART AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CHILDREN'S CHOIR ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO, SAID THE CENTRAL THEME OF +CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, GETTING TO KNOW IT BETTER+ WAS INCORPORATED INTO THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUNG-YING, SAID MORE THAN 500 ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED, AND MORE THAN 30 000 YOUNGSTERS TOOK PART.

HE THANKED THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, WAS AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IN THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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CONCERT TO CLOSE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT IN A CONCERT ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 30) AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE CONCERT WILL MARK THE CLOSE OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED IN MID-JULY.

+ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED WITH MORE THAN 15 000 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN 50 EVENTS ORGANISED BY 18 LOCAL COMMUNITY BODIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE CONCERT INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY WINNERS OF TWO SINGING CONTESTS ORGANISED BY THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY CHOI YUEN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES CENTRE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT JAYCEES, TALK SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL POP SINGERS.

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AMONG GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE CONCERT ARE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG WAI-CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT SYP CLOSING CEREMONY AND CONCERT ON SATURDAY AT 7 PM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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SEMINAR BEING HELD FOR MAC MEMBERS
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A SEMINAR ON THE FUNCTIONS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 30) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, STARTING AT 8 PM.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU AREA COMMITTEE FOR ALL MAC OFFICE BEARERS IN THE DISTRICT.

A LECTURER OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR TANG LUNG-WAI, HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK ON +THE SOCIAL ROLES OF MAC'S IN HONG KONG AND ITS PAST DEVELOPMENT+.

THE SHAM SHUI PO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TSANG HING-KAY, WILL EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON MAC'S.

COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR. SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG PING-HON, WILL SPEAK ON +THE ROLE OF MAC'S IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT+.

THE CHAIRMAN OF AN MAC SURVEY GROUP OF THE LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU AREA COMMITTEE, MR HUI KIM-CHIR, WILL TALK ON +MAC'S IN THE EYES OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT+.

LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR IP KAN-KAY, WILL BE THE MODERATOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY EVENING.

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CHOIR ENTERTAINS MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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ABOUT 40 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WERE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND FUN TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN THE SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR VISITED THEIR WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR ALSO PARTICIPATED IN GAMES WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE, AND PRESENTED THEM WITH HAND-MADE FRIENDSHIP CARDS AND GIFTS.

THE SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS FORMED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION WHICH IS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

ABOUT $91 600 WAS GRANTED TO THE CHOIR BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ANNUAL CONCERTS, VISITS TO SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS AND GATHERINGS.

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ETV NOTES ON SALE FROM MONDAY

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THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION (ETV) NOTES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL TERM WILL BE ON SALE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

BULK SALES OF ETV NOTES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS STORE, 665 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, WHILE INDIVIDUAL SALES WILL AS USUAL BE HANDLED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL, AND MAJOR BOOKSTORES.

PRODUCED BY THE ETV SERVICE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE NOTES ARE PUBLISHED FOR USE WITH THE AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAMMES OF THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION.

NOTES FOR USE BY TEACHERS AND PUPILS ON FOUR SUBJECTS - CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES - WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY 3 TO 6, WHILE TWO ADDITIONAL TEACHERS' NOTES ON HEALTH EDUCATION AND NATURAL SCIENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CLASSES 3 TO 5.

FOR SECONDARY LEVELS FORMS 1 TO 3, ONLY TEACHERS' NOTES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FIVE SUBJECTS - CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, NATURAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

THE PRICE FOR ETV PUPILS' NOTES IS $2 PER COPY AND $6 EACH FOR TEACHERS' NOTES.

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ISLAND VISIT TO SEE FIRE DRILL

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED A VISIT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR LOCAL LEADERS TO OBSERVE A REGULAR FIRE DRILL ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE FIRE DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY SITE ON THE ISLAND AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 1.45 PM AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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FIRE SERVICES SWIMMING GALA

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THE FINALS OF THE FIRE SERVICES ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES SPORTS AND WELFARE CLUB WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL, FROM 1 PM.

MORE THAN 200 DISCIPLINED AND CIVILIAN STAFF WILL TAKE PART IN 22 EVENTS, HIGHLIGHTED BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL INVITATION RELAY RACE OF 10 DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GALA.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP IN CENTRAL

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 30), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS UNDER THE EXCHANGE SQUARE WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:

* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE ACCESS ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 72 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCEPT THE SECTION FROM A POINT ABOUT 32 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES SOUTH OF SAME JUNCTION.

* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE ACCESS ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOITER PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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KWUN TONG, TUEN MUN TRAFFIC CHANGES

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THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF HIP WO STREET AND HIU KWONG STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE BANNED TO ALL VEHICLES FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM HIU KWONG STREET WESTBOUND TO HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND AND FROM HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND TO THE ACCESS ROAD OF CHEUNG WO COURT.

MOTORISTS FROM SAU MAU PING HEADING FOR SHUN TIN ESTATE SHOULD USE SAU MAU PING ROAD. TRAFFIC ON HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR CHEUNG WO COURT SHOULD USE YUET WAH STREET AND HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF PUI TO ROAD IN TUEN MUN BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND MING KAM ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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