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FS VISITS GARMENT FACTORY IN KWUN TONG

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS. TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED A GARMENT FACTORY IN KWUN TONG WHICH HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN MANUFACTURING COTTON JEANS FOR EXPORT.

SIR PIERS WAS BRIEFED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF WING TAI GARMENT INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED.

HE WAS TOLD THAT IN THE FACE OF QUOTA LIMITATIONS, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY ARE PRODUCING HIGHER QUALITY AND HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO LARGE SOPHISTICATED MARKETS.

AS FOR WING TAI, ONE THIRD OF ITS PRODUCTS ARE SOLD TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER TWO THIRDS TO MARKETS IN EUROPE INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED ON A TOUR OF THE WING TAI PLANT BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HOW THE 16-MODULE INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEM "GM-SYS" ASSISTS IN THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT.

THE "GM-SYS" SYSTEM IS A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM PACKAGE INTRODUCED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO LOCAL CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS.

IT HAS PROVED AT WING TAI THAT THIS SYSTEM CAN IMPROVE THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDE A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ITS DAILY OPERATIONS.

ON THE PRODUCTION SIDE, WING TAI HAS EMPLOYED THE COMPUTERISED GRADING AND MARKER-MAKING SYSTEM SINCE 1982 WHILE CONVENTIONAL SEWING MACHINES ARE STILL IN USE.

THE COMPANY WAS SET UP IN HONG KONG IN 1955 WITH JUST 50 WORKERS. NOW IT HAS GROWN INTO A DIVERSIFIED MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATION EMPLOYING MORE THAN 8,000 PEOPLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ALONE.

AT THE KWUN TONG PLANT, WING TAI EMPLOYS ABOUT 800 PEOPLE OF WHICH 700 ARE OPERATIVES.

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\$84M CONTRACT FOR BUILDING ACCESS ROAD TO LANDFILL
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A \$84 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTING A SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO THE PROPOSED WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL AT NIM WAN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR KWONG HON-SANG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA HARBOURS ENGINEERING COMPANY, MR FANG TIANZHONG.

MR KWONG SAID THE NIM WAN LANDFILL WAS ESSENTIAL FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST AREA UPON THE EXHAUSTION OF THE PRESENT CONTROLLED TIP AT PILLAR POINT VALLEY.

HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT THERE WAS ONLY A SUB-STANDARD SINGLE LANE ROAD CONNECTING TAP SHEK KOK AND LUNG KWU TAN, AND THERE WAS NO PROPER VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED LANDFILL AT NIM WAN.

ON COMPLETION, THE NEW ACCESS ROAD WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN TAP SHEK KOK AND THE NIM WAN LANDFILL, AND IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN LUNG KWU TAN AND LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN IN TERMS OF SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE, HE SAID.

THE CONTRACT COVERS MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 7.3-METRE WIDE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATHS FROM TAP SHEK KOK TO TSANG KOK AT NIM WAN.

CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, BOX CULVERTS, ASSOCIATED SLOPE WORKS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT DESIGNED THE PROJECT AND WILL ALSO SUPERVISE ITS CONSTRUCTION.

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FEE REMISSION FOR SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
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SECONDARY 4 TO 7 STUDENTS WHO ARE IN A SITUATION OF GENUINE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FEE REMISSION SCHEME RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS OF PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTED PLACES.

FULL GRANT, THREE-QUARTER FREE OR A HALF-FREE PLACE WILL BE AWARDED TO AN APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECKONER SYSTEM TO ASSESS THE FAMILY'S INCOME.

/APPLICATION FORMS

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FEE REMISSION ARE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOLS AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FEE REMISSION IS AWARDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. RECIPIENTS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY AGAIN.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1989-90. THE SCHOOL FEE CHARGEABLE AT SECONDARY 4 AND 5 GRAMMAR, TECHNICAL, PREVOCATIONAL AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS IS \$1.300 PER ANNUM. AND THAT FOR SECONDARY 6 AND 7 IS \$1.700.

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COMPETITION IN MAKING SCULPTURE FROM WASTE MATERIAL

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A COMPETITION IN MAKING SCULPTURE FROM WASTE MATERIAL, AIMED AT GENERATING PUBLIC INTEREST IN TURNING WASTE INTO AN ART FORM, IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

"THE EVENT ALSO AIMS AT REINFORCING KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES THROUGH THE CREATIVE USE OF LITTER." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THIS COMPETITION, THE SCULPTURE IS DEFINED AS ANY WORK OF ART WHICH CONSISTS PREDOMINANTLY OF WASTE MATERIAL.

THE WASTE MATERIAL, WHICH SHOULD BE REASONABLY CLEAN AND CHEMICALLY INERT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, CAN BE OF GLASS, PAPER AND OTHER PULP PRODUCTS, RUBBER, WOOD, METAL, COTTON, AND WOOL AND OTHER FABRICS. THERE CAN BE ANY MIX OF MATERIALS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GROUPED UNDER THE STUDENT SECTION WHILE RESIDENTS AGED OVER 15 YEARS CAN ENTER THE OPEN SECTION.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY. PRIZES WORTH \$500 EACH WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO 10 ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION THAT RECEIVE AN HONOURABLE MENTION.

THE PRIZES AND PRINTED MATERIALS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE SPONSORED BY HENDERSON LAND DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. AND HONG KONG TELEPHONE.

WINNING SCULPTURE AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN KOWLOON PARK IN MID DECEMBER AND AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IN JANUARY.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE ENTRY FORMS WITH DETAILED DESIGN LAYOUTS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR WASTE SCULPTURES FOR PRELIMINARY JUDGING.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 6. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE ON 5-669129.

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FACTORY OWNERS REMINDED ON CHEMICAL SAFETY
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED FACTORY OWNERS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING NEW INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS.

"IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO KNOW THE TECHNICAL DATA OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES USED AND TO ENSURE THAT THE OPERATORS ARE AWARE OF SUCH INFORMATION," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT IN A RECENT CASE, WORKERS OF A KWUN TONG FACTORY HAD BREATHED IN THE CHEMICAL VAPOUR OF A DEGREASING AGENT USED IN A NEWLY INSTALLED MACHINE.

"IF THE CHEMICALS ARE VOLATILE, AN EFFICIENT EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED, ESPECIALLY IN AIR-CONDITIONED WORKPLACES WHERE THE AIR FLOW IS RESTRICTED," HE STRESSED.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, FACTORY PROPRIETORS HAVE THE DUTY TO ENSURE THAT WORKROOMS ARE NOT CONTAMINATED BY DUSTS, FUMES, OR OTHER IMPURITIES INJURIOUS TO HEALTH.

"THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED BY LAW TO CORRECTLY LABEL INFLAMMABLE, TOXIC, CORROSIVE AND OTHER DANGEROUS CHEMICALS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR RISKS AND THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"SUITABLE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR THE WORKERS WHO SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE RISKS AND THEIR PRECAUTIONS."

AS FOR THE WORKERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY ALSO HAD THE DUTY TO OBSERVE THE SAFETY RULES AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR OWN GOOD.

ILLUSTRATIVE LEAFLETS ON GENERAL CHEMICAL SAFETY ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

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CHINESE VERSION OF ENVIRONMENT REVIEW ON SALE

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THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE "ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1989". A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE REPORT WENT ON SALE LAST MONTH.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REPORT CONSISTS 193 PAGES. ILLUSTRATED WITH DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, THE PUBLICATION REVIEWS THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1988 TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

THE REPORT'S COVER IS A PICTURE PRODUCED BY COMPUTER GRAPHICS ON THE CALCULATED WATER POLLUTION LEVELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. THIS IS ONE OF THE ADVANCED TECHNICAL METHODS THE DEPARTMENT USES TO PLAN FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH SIMPLY A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, A CHAPTER HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW OUTLINING, IN NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

FOR READERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS OF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL FIELDS, THERE ARE SEPARATE CHAPTERS COVERING WATER AND WASTES, AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, NOISE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT.

THERE IS A NEW CHAPTER ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WHICH EXPLAINS THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN ENHANCING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC, EDUCATING THE INTERESTED GROUPS ON SPECIFIED TECHNICAL MATTERS, AND STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THE REVIEW, AT \$25 A COPY, IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GPO BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

REPORTERS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE "ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1989" CAN CONTACT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON THE 28TH FLOOR, SOUTHOBN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN FOUR AREAS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES TO TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, INCLUDING SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, HA KWAI CHUNG AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 3 PM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS AT AH KUNG KOK SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE AH KUNG KOK FISHERMEN'S NEW VILLAGE, CHEVALIER GARDEN, HENG ON ESTATE, KAM ON COURT, YIU ON ESTATE, KAM HAY COURT, WU KAI SHA NEW VILLAGE, LOK WO SHA, TO TAU AND THE WHITEHEAD VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRE.

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RE-ORGANISATION OF BUS SERVICES IN TAI PO

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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK FOR PASSENGERS IN TAI PO, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL RE-ORGANISE KMB ROUTES 71K AND 72K FROM FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

ROUTE 71K WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN FU SHIN AND TAI WO VIA TAI PO KCR STATION, WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA KWONG FUK ON BOTH BOUNDS WITH THE OMISSION OF TAI PO KCR STATION.

ROUTE 72K FROM KWONG FUK TO TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE BETWEEN TAI PO KCR STATION AND TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE TWO BUS ROUTES WILL OPERATE AT A BASIC HEADWAY OF 10 MINUTES.

DURING WEEKDAYS, PASSENGERS FROM FU SHIN AND KWONG FUK CAN MAKE USE OF THE FREE KCR FEEDER SERVICES, ROUTE K17 AND K18 RESPECTIVELY, FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TAI PO KCR STATION.

ROUTE K18 WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE ACCESS ROAD TO WANG FUK COURT. BOTH ROUTES K17 AND K18 WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 12.48 AM.

A SPECIAL NEW SERVICE, KMB ROUTE 71S, FROM FU SHIN AND KWONG FUK TO TAI PO KCR STATION WILL BE INTRODUCED ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 3).

THIS SERVICE OPERATES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT A BASIC HEADWAY OF 12 MINUTES TO CATER FOR THE TRANSPORT NEEDS WHEN THE TWO KCR FREE BUS SERVICES ARE NOT IN OPERATION.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), HAIPHONG ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EXCEPT TWO AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THESE AREAS ARE THE TWO TAXI STANDS AND THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HAIPHONG ROAD; AND THE LOADING/UNLOADING BAY ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HAIPHONG ROAD TO THE WEST OF HANKOW ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN THE ROUNDABOUT OUTSIDE TERMINAL 7 AND THE ROUNDABOUT CONNECTING TO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

IN TSING YI, TWO SECTIONS OF CHEUNG WAN STREET WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THESE SECTIONS ARE THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND CHEUNG TAT ROAD, AND THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE BETWEEN CHEUNG TAT ROAD AND CHEUNG FAI ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF A SECTION OF CHEUNG FAI ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH CHEUNG WAN STREET AND CHEUNG LUNG STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON CONDUIT ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS FROM A POINT ABOUT EIGHT METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 74 METRES TO THE EAST (EXCLUDING THE LAYBY OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 54) WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY RESCISSION OF TRAM LANE ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EXISTING TRAM LANE ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AND THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

THE TRAM LANE IS LOCATED ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SUN SING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE WEST.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN LEFT FROM JAFFE ROAD ONTO STEWART ROAD IN WAN CHAI.

THE LEFT-TURN BAN WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

VEHICLES ON JAFFE ROAD HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONNOCHY ROAD.

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