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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR CORRIDOR OPENING

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN TAI KOO SHING, NORTH POINT AND CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 8) TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE FOUR-KILOMETRE CORRIDOR HAD INTERCHANGES AT HING FAT STREET (CAUSEWAY BAY), TONG SHUI ROAD, HEALTHY STREET WEST (NORTH POINT) AND TAI KOO SHING WHERE TRAFFIC CAN ENTER OR LEAVE THE CORRIDOR.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN TAI KOO SHING WILL BE REROUTED :

* TAI KOO SHING ROAD BETWEEN TAI FUNG AVENUE AND THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD EAST OF BLOCK T45 WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

* TAI FUNG AVENUE BETWEEN TAI KOO SHING ROAD AND TAI KOO WAN ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

* TAI WING AVENUE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

* TAI KOO WAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI FUNG AVENUE AND TAI WING AVENUE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

* TAI KOO WAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI FUNG AVENUE AND TAI MOU AVENUE WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

* A TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD LINKING TAI KOO WAN ROAD WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD FRONTING BLOCK T44 WILL BE OPEN TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED :

* RIGHT TURNS FROM TAI KOO SHING ROAD EASTBOUND INTO TAI FUNG AVENUE SOUTHBOUND.

* RIGHT TURNS FROM THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD FRONTING BLOCK T45 INTO TAI KOO SHING ROAD WESTBOUND.

* RIGHT TURNS FROM TAI KOO SHING ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND, EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES.

* RIGHT TURNS FROM SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND INTO TAI KOO SHING ROAD NORTHBOUND AND LEFT TURNS FROM KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND INTO TAI KOO SHING ROAD NORTHBOUND FOR VEHICLES OVER 6 TONNES GROSS, OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES AND VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI WING AVENUE AND TAI FUNG AVENUE SOUTH OF TAI KOO SHING ROAD TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

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ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ITS SLIP ROADS, TAI KOO SHING ROAD AND WESTLANDS ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON THE CORRIDOR WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MPH.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY:

* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NEW ROAD LINKING JAVA ROAD WITH KING'S ROAD NEAR HEALTHY STREET WEST.

* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONG SHUI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS :

* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONG SHUI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MARBLE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTHWARDS.

* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONG SHUI ROAD FROM KING'S ROAD TO 20 METRES SOUTH OF MARBLE ROAD.

* ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TAI KOO SHING, INCLUDING ITS SLIP ROADS.

* TAI KOO SHING ROAD FROM SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF TAI FUNG AVENUE.

* TAI FUNG AVENUE FROM TAI KOO WAN ROAD TO 25 METRES SOUTH OF TAI KOO SHING ROAD.

* TAI WING AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KOO WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION= AND THE SAME AVENUE FROM TAI KOO SHING ROAD TO A - POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION.

* TAI KOO WAN ROAD FROM TAI WING AVENUE TO 10 METRES EAST OF TAI MOU AVENUE.

* THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD LINKING TAI KOO WAN ROAD WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD FRONTING BLOCK T44 IN TAI KOO SHING.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS WITHIN THE ABOVE ROAD SECTIONS.

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MOREOVER, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES :

* THE DECELERATION LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONG SHUI ROAD FLYOVER ABOUT 45 METRES NORTH OF KING'S ROAD.

* A 30-METRE SECTION OF THE OUTERMOST TRAFFIC LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOO SHING ROAD NEAR SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

COPIES OF MAPS SHOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CORRIDOR'S INTERCHANGES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884 KING'S ROAD.

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QUARTERLY SURVEYS OF RESTAURANT SECTOR

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THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR WERE ESTIMATED AT $16 029 MILLION AND ITS TOTAL PURCHASES AT $7 025 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT OVER 1982.

THESE FIGURES WERE AMONG THE SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE SECTOR RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

WHEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE CHANGES, THE SECTOR'S TOTAL RECEIPTS DECLINED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN 1983, FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF RECEIPTS (16 PER CENT), COMPARED WITH 1982.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (10 PER CENT), CHINESE RESTAURANTS (5 PER CENT), AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (2 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS, HOWEVER, DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS AND BY 2 PER CENT FOR NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL RECEIPTS DECLINED BY 14 PER CENT FOR BARS, BY 2 PER CENT FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BY 3 PER CENT FOR OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES.

ANALYSED BY QUARTER IN 1983, BOTH CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND BARS RECORDED THE LARGEST VOLUME OF RECEIPTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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AT 99 IN THE FIRST QUARTER, THE VOLUME INDEX (WITH 100 AS THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982) OF RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS DROPPED TO 85 IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT ROSE TO 99 IN THE THIRD AND TO 109 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

A SIMILAR PATTERN WAS OBSERVED FOR BARS. STARTING AT 91 IN THE FIRST QUARTER, THEIR VOLUME INDEX OF RECEIPTS DROPPED TO 77 IN THE SECOND, BUT INCREASED TO 80 IN THE THIRD AND TO 96 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND CATERING OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY, ETC.) WERE FOUND TO PEAK AROUND THE MIDDLE OF 1983, WITH VOLUME INDEXES STANDING AT 104 IN BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. ITS VOLUME INDEXES FOR THE FIRST AND FOURTH QUARTERS WERE 87 AND 90 RESPECTIVELY.

NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND FAST FOOD SHOPS RECORDED THE SMALLEST VOLUME INDEXES IN THE FIRST QUARTER (96 AND 98 RESPECTIVELY), AND THE HIGHEST VOLUME INDEXES IN THE THIRD (106 AND 119 RESPECTIVELY).

THE VOLUME INDEXES OF RECEIPTS OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS WERE 101 IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND 103 IN THE FOURTH. THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES OF FAST FOOD SHOPS WERE 109 AND 108.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A SERIES OF QUARTERLY SURVEYS OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES IN 1983, COLLECTING DATA RELATING TO 1982 AND EACH QUARTER OF 1983. A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO PROVIDE AN INDICATOR OF CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS IN GENERAL AND CONSUMER SPENDING IN RESTAURANTS IN PARTICULAR, AND TO PROVIDE DATA FOR NATIONAL ACCOUNTS ESTIMATION.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE 1982 AND 1983 FIGURES FOR TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR EACH TYPE OF RESTAURANT AND THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT $2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PUBLISHED SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-7216024.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN 1982 AND 1983

ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR

PERIOD	TOTAL RECEIPTS ($'M)	TOTAL PURCHASES ($'M)
ANNUAL 1982	15 028	6 468
ANNUAL 1983	16 029	7 025
Q1 1983	3 853	1 655
Q2 1983	3 601	1 535
Q3 1983	4 085	1 807
Q4 1983	4 490	2 028

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR Q1 TO Q4 1983

(QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 = 100)

TYPE OF RESTAURANT	INDEX OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS	1983 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	AVERAGE
CHINESE RESTAURANTS	VALUE	103	91	106	121	105
	VOLUME	99	85	99	109	98
NON-CHINESE-RESTAURANTS	VALUE	101	109	115	115	110
	VOLUME	96	101	106	103	102
FAST FOOD SHOPS	VALUE	101	114	127	122	116
	VOLUME	98	109	119	108	108
BARS	VALUE	101	89	91	108	97
	VOLUME	91	77	80	96	86
OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	VALUE	91	110	110	98	102
	VOLUME	87	104	104	90	97
ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR	VALUE	103	96	109	120	107
	VOLUME	98	90	101	107	99

NOTE : THE AVERAGE 1983 INDEXES MAY NOT EQUAL THE ARITHMETIC MEAN OF THE QUARTERLY 1983 INDEXES DUE TO ROUNDING.

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STUDENTS URGED TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO JOINT-SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS '84, MR LAM SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO LEARN THAT MORE STUDENTS WERE MAKING USE OF THIER SPARE TIME TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THAT STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO BE TAUGHT, THROUGH THE CURRICULUM, THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY.

MR LAM PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISER OF THE EVENT -- THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE -- FOR ITS SUPPORT TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WORK AS WELL AS FOR ITS EFFORT IN BUILDING A CLOSE TIE AMONG SCHOOL MANAGEMENT, TEACHING STAFF, PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

+TONIGHT'S GATHERING ENABLES OUR PERFORMERS AND AUDIENCE TO APPRECIATE THE ESSENCE OF CHINESE AND WESTERN CULTURE, AND ALSO LEADS THEM A STEP FORWARD TO KNOWING THEIR DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME FEATURED A SERIES OF DANCES, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES, CHOIR SINGING AND PROSE RECITALS BY MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS FROM 16 LOCAL SCHOOLS.

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REFUSE BARRIER FOR REPULSE BAY

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THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL LAY A +BOOM LINE+ OFF REPULSE BAY BEACH TO PREVENT SEA-BORNE REFUSE FROM REACHING THE SWIMMING AREA.

IF THIS DEVICE PROVED SUCCESSFUL, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER INSTALLING IT AT OTHER BEACHES, MR PAUL CHEUNG, SENIOR AMENITIES OFFICER (SWIMMING), SAID.

THE SYSTEM, WHICH MR CHEUNG DESCRIBED AS +SIMPLE AND PRAGMATIC+, WILL COST ABOUT $250 000.

+THE LINE CONSISTS OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PLASTIC BUOYS, 1 500 METRES OF NYLON ROPE, 2 000 SQUARE METRES OF POLYETHYLENE NET, 1 000 METRES OF GALVANISED IRON CHAIN AND 40 CONCRETE BLOCKS,+ MR CHEUNG EXPLAINED.

/THE BUOYS .....

THE BUOYS WILL BE STRUNG TOGETHER, COVERING THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE NYLON ROPE, AND THE NETTING WILL BE DRAPED OVER IT TO FORM A DOUBLE-PLY BARRIER.

ABOUT ONE METER OF THE NET WILL BE UNDERWATER AND 20 CM ABOVE THE SURFACE SO THAT MOST FLOATING AND SEMI-SUBMERGED REFUSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH.

THE TRAILING EDGES OF THE NET WILL BE HELD IN PLACE UNDERWATER BY THE GALVANISED CHAIN.

TO KEEP THE SYSTEM FROM DRIFTING, THE BOOM WILL BE ANCHORED BY THE 40 CONCRETE BLOCKS.

WORKERS IN +SEACATS+, SPECIALLY MODIFIED CATAMARANS, WILL COLLECT ANY REFUSE ACCUMULATED AT THE BOOM LINE.

+THIS WILL BE DONE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE AS WE ALSO EXPECT SOME REFUSE TO DRIFT OUTWARD FROM THE SWIMMING AREA,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

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WALKATHON ON EASTERN CORRIDOR

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MORE THAN 3 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A WALK AND A RUNNING RACE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WHICH WILL OPEN TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN A WEEK'S TIME.

MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, OFFICIATED AT THE START-OFF CEREMONY TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR F.E. SHORT.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AFTER THE RACE, MR WIGGHAM DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS +RARE AND MEANINGFUL+ AS NO PEDESTRIANS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE CORRIDOR AFTER THE OPENING OF ITS CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAI KOO SHING SECTION ON JUNE 8 (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THAT THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IS A HUGE GOVERNMENT PROJECT TO EASE TRAFFIC IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, 10 AREA COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS ALSO SENT TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE-KILOMETRE WALK.

PARTICIPANTS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE HARBOUR VIEW AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE CORRIDOR WITH THE MAJOR PART BUILT ABOVE THE SEA.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOY WING-ON.

THE RACE AND WALKATHON WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE POLICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE, AND THE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION.

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MEASURES TO REDUCE BEACH POLLUTION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING MEASURES TO REDUCE POLLUTION OF STANLEY MAIN BEACH.

A SUBMARINE SEWER OUTFALL IS TO BE LAID IN A 4 700-SQUARE-METRE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED TO THE SOUTH-EAST OF THE BEACH.

IT WILL BE 70 METRES LONG AND 375 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER.

THE DISCHARGE WILL BE FURTHER AWAY FROM THE BEACH THAN THAT OF AN EXISTING SEWER OUTFALL PIPE WHICH IT WILL REPLACE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PROPOSED WORK IS GAZETTED UNDER THE PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS ORDINANCE.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN:

* ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE;

* AT LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND

* AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, STANLEY SUB-OFFICE, 88 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY, HONG KONG.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS IN WRITING WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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GARDEN ROAD FIRE STATION TO BE RELOCATED

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THE TEMPORARY FIRE STATION IN GARDEN ROAD IS TO BE RELOCATED AT VICTORIA BARRACKS, AS PART OF THE SITE IT NOW OCCUPIES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE BANK OF CHINA BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE IS THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM SIX-MINUTE RESPONSE TIME IN CENTRAL AND MID-LEVELS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT WAS PREVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR USE AS A CAR PARK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRE STATION WAS AS UNOBTRUSIVE AS POSSIBLE AND FITTED IN WITH THE BARRACKS ENVIRONMENT.

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+PARTICULAR CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO PRESERVE THE TREES,+ HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, THE HEIGHT OF THE FIRE STATION WOULD BE LIMITED SO AS NOT TO SPOIL THE VIEW FROM FLAGSTAFF HOUSE - NOW THE MUSEUM OF TEA WARE - OR AFFECT A GARDEN, AVIARY AND ZOOLOGICAL EXHIBITS PLANNED IN THE AREA.

HE SAID THE SITE OF THE TEMPORARY FIRE STATION IN GARDEN ROAD WOULD BE DEVELOPED BY THE BANK OF CHINA AS PART OF A CIRCULATORY ROAD SYSTEM TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE BANK BUILDING AND THE SITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH.

THE SITE TO THE SOUTH WAS EXPECTED TO FETCH A PREMIUM OF $333 MILLION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. ONE BENEFIT OF THIS WOULD BE THAT TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA WOULD BE IMPROVED.

TENDERS TO BUILD THE NEW FIRE STATION WILL BE INVITED IN JULY AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BEFORE THE END OF NEXT YEAR WHEN THE BANK OF CHINA WILL REQUIRE THE SITE TO BUILD THE CIRCULATORY ROAD SYSTEM.

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MORE MANPOWER FOR ELECTRONICS

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THE DEMAND FROM THE ROBUST ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY FOR WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE, ACCORDING TO THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THEREFORE, A SURVEY IS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S PRESENT MANPOWER SITUATION AND ITS TRAINING NEEDS, SAID A BOARD SPOKESMAN.

THE SURVEY WILL HELP THE BOARD FORMULATE TRAINING PLANS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS ON HOW THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY CAN BE MET.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 900 OF THE ESTIMATED 2 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY. INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EMPLOYERS FROM JUNE 13 TO 22 TO HELP COMPLETE AND COLLECT THE FORMS.

ALL DATA WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND ONLY STATISTICAL SUMMARIES, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL FIRMS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY, WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY.

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SLOPE REMEDIAL WORK AT LAI YIU ESTATE

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SLOPES WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF LAI YIU ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG, ARE TO BE STRENGTHENED.

THE WORK, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO DRAINAGE, IS INTENDED TO BRING THE SLOPES UP TO CURRENT GEOTECHNICAL STANDARDS.

LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO ENHANCE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE ESTATE AREA.

SIMILAR WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEARBY LAI KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THE WORK IS PROGRAMMED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY JUNE 29.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN A REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM AUGUST 6 TO AUGUST 24.

LESSONS WILL BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY IN TWO SESSIONS: 9 AM TO 12 NOON, AND 2 PM TO 5 PM.

THE MORNING SESSION WILL CATER FOR 225 TEACHERS AND THE AFTERNOON SESSION 125 TEACHERS.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE ARE TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' ACCURACY AND FLUENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH AND TO INTRODUCE TO THEM A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES TAILORED TO THE REVISED SECONDARY ENGLISH SYLLABUS.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH), ENGLISH SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, BY JUNE 13.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL, EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-8392440 OR 5-8392441.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSK FOR BIDDING

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

THE STADIUM IS A POPULAR VENUE FOR ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL MATCHES AND OTHER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE A STANDARD TURFED SOCCER PITCH, A RUNNING TRACK AND SPECTATOR-STANDS FOR 5 000 PEOPLE.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON AUGUST 1 ON A 20-MONTH CONTRACT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, ROOM 314, 3/F, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, BEFORE JUNE 29 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-792261, EXT. 173.

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CLEARANCE OPERATION

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A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND OVER-HANGING EXTENSIONS AT SEVEN REAR LANES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE PULLED DOWN ON TUESDAY (JUNE 5).

THE REAR LANES ARE AT TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, SAN CHING STREET, KAI MAN PATH, KAI FAT PATH, YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TAK CHING CIRCUIT AND MING NGAI STREET.

THE CLEARANCE HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN. IT WILL BE JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, HOUSING, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND LANDS DEPARTMENTS.

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CLOSURE OF GRASS PITCHES

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THE URBAN COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GRASS PITCHES AT THE ABERDEEN AND HAPPY VALLEY SPORTS GROUNDS AND THOSE AT THE HO MAN TIN EAST SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE RETURFING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THESE GROUNDS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE PAST MONTHS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PITCHES WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

MEANWHILE, THE GRASS PITCHES AT MORSE PARK AND TAI HANG TUNG RECREATION GROUND WILL BE CLOSED FOR THREE MONTHS, STARTING FROM MID-JUNE.

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ADDITION OF MARRIED CHILDREN AND SPOUSES TQ PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCIES

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ALTOGETHER 290 SONS-IN-LAW AND 1 410 DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW WERE ADDED TO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCIES IN 1983, THUS ALLOWING SOME 1 700 SECOND-GENERATION FAMILIES TO LIVE IN ESTATES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE NORMAL WAITING LIST PROCEDURE.

THIS IS REVEALED IN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH IS AT PRESENT CONTINUING TO SEEK MORE PUBLIC VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES.

AMONG THE ISSUES COVERED BY THE DOCUMENT IS THE ADDITION OF MARRIED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCIES, ON WHICH THE AUTHORITY WOULD WELCOME MORE VIEWS.

THE DOCUMENT RAISES THE POINTS OF WHETHER MARRIED CHILDREN, AND THEIR SPOUSES, OF AUTHORISED PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MOVE OUT, OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS.

IT SETS OUT THE BACKGROUND AND EXISTING POLICY, POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

UNDER PRESENT POLICY, ADDITION IS ALLOWED IF THERE IS SPACE IN THE FLAT AND NO OVERCROWDING WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT, AND IF THE TENANT OR HIS SPOUSE IS SOCIALY OR FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE DOCUMENT SAYS: +WHILE THIS POLICY IS GENERALLY WELL ACCEPTED BY TENANTS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE FAIR TO APPLICANTS ON THE WAITING LIST, BECAUSE THE SECOND-GENERATION FAMILIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY INCOME TEST.

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+TENANCIES ARE AT PRESENT IN MOST CASES INHERITED, AND THE AUTHORITY IS COMMITTED TO AN OPEN-ENDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSING SUCCESSIVE GENERATION OR FAMILIES, WHO HAVE NO INCENTIVE TO MOVE OUT OF SUBSIDISED HOUSING OR TO PURCHASE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS EVEN IF THEY COULD WELL AFFORD TO DO SO.

+IT IS FOR CONSIDERATION WHETHER MARRIED CHILDREN (AND THEIR SPOUSES) OF AUTHORISED OCCUPANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MOVE OUT.

+ANY POLICY CHANGE REQUIRING MARRIED CHILDREN TO LEAVE THEIR PARENTS' PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS WOULD BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FORMER SHOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT HOUSEHOLD ON MARRIAGE AND NOT RELY ON THEIR PARENTS FOR ACCOMMODATION.+

THE DOCUMENT SAYS THAT TO REQUIRE ANY CHILD TO MOVE OUT UPON MARRIAGE WOULD LIMIT PUBLIC HOUSING COMMITMENT STRICTLY TO ONE GENERATION IN RESPECT OF EACH TENANCY.

+IT WOULD ALSO OBVIATE THE NEED TO CATER FOR THE EXPANSION OF SECOND GENERATION FAMILIES BY THE OFFER OF LARGER OR ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION.

+HOWEVER, THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS IN REQUIRING MARRIED CHILDREN TO LEAVE THE ESTATE, SPECIALLY IN CASES WHERE THERE IS GENUINE HARDSHIP.

+IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTURE OF MARRIED CHILDREN WOULD TEND TO ACCELERATE THE 'AGEING' PROCESS OF THE ESTATE COMMUNITY.+

ALTERNATIVELY, THE DOCUMENT SAYS, MARRIED CHILDREN (AND THEIR SPOUSES) OF AUTHORISED OCCUPANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO STAY UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS. FOR EXAMPLE:

* COMBINED HOUSEHOLD INCOME SHOULD BE WITHIN THE LIMITS FOR THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST;

* THE WHOLE FAMILY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY A HIGHER RENT;

* THE WHOLE FAMILY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION ON THE WAITING LIST WHILE RETAINING THEIR EXISTING FLAT;

* ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY SHOULD MOVE OUT OF THE PUBLIC RENTAL FLAT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD AFTER THE DEATH OF THE ORIGINAL TENANT OR HIS/HER SPOUSE (WHICHEVER IS LATER) UNLESS THE COMBINED INCOME OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ARE WITHIN THE WAITING LIST ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

COPIES OF THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, OTHER HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS.

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$10 MILLION SPECIALISED VEHICLES TO JOIN FLEET

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TWO BATCHES OF SPECIALISED VEHICLES WILL BE ARRIVING FROM BRITAIN AND JAPAN NEXT MONTH TO JOIN THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CLEANSING FLEET.

PURCHASED AT A COST OF OVER $10 MILLION, THE VEHICLES COMPRISE 25 REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES AND TWO GULLY CESSPIT EMPTIERS.

THEY ARE EITHER TO REPLACE AGING STOCK OR TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORKLOAD.

AT PRESENT, THE COUNCIL MAINTAINS SOME 750 VEHICLES, OF WHICH ABOUT 450 ARE SPECIALISED ONES SUCH AS REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES, STREET WASHERS, MEAT VANS AND MECHANICAL SWEEPERS. THE REST ARE GENERAL-PURPOSE VEHICLES INCLUDING PICK-UP VANS, MOTOR CYCLES AND LORRIES.

+SPECIALISED VEHICLES ARE VITAL TO THE SMOOTH OPERATIONS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THEIR TASK IS FORMIDABLE BECAUSE DAY IN AND DAY OUT, THEY MAKE THEIR ROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA TO GATHER AND DISPOSE OF A HUGE AMOUNT OF REFUSE.

+WITHOUT THEM, CLEANSING WORK IN HONG KONG COULD BE PARALYSED.+

TO ACHIEVE GREATER EFFICIENCY IN CLEANSING WORK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE COUNCIL ORDERS FROM TIME TO TIME MODIFIED VEHICLES WITH THE LATEST IN SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO COPE WITH PRACTICAL NEEDS.

+FOR EXAMPLE, TRAILER-MOUNTED HIGH COMPRESSION COMPACTORS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+ONE FEATURE OF THE COMPACTORS IS TO CUT DOWN ON THE STACKING OF REFUSE IN BASKETS WHILE AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF VEHICLES.

+THEY ALSO REDUCE CONSIDERABLY THE OPERATIONAL NOISE AS ELECTRICITY IS USED TO SET THE WHOLE MECHANISM IN ACTION.+

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT, MOST SPECIALISED VEHICLES ARE INTRODUCED INTO THE UC FLEET ONLY FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE LOCAL EVALUATION.

EACH OF THE PRESENT APPROVED MODELS IN THE FLEET IS THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE TESTS AND TRIALS OF VEHICLES MANUFACTURED WORLDWIDE, IN HONG KONG CONDITIONS.

+THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES WHICH ARE WORKED HARDER IN HONG KONG THAN IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EVERY REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE IN HONG KONG SERVES ABOUT 12 000 PEOPLE WHEREAS A SIMILAR VEHICLE IN BRITAIN SERVES ONLY ABOUT 5 500 PEOPLE.+

TO KEEP ITS BIG FLEET RUNNING, THE COUNCIL OPERATES TWO DEPOTS - ONE IN KING MING STREET ON THE ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON. THEY PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES.

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