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SIR MURRAY LEAVING ON SATURDAY

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HE THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 8, AND WILL BE FLYING DIRECT TO LONDON.

THE DOCTORS ATTENDING THE GOVERNOR CONSIDER THAT SIR MURRAY HAS RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO ENABLE HIM TO TRAVEL BUT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS DEPARTURE TO BE A CEREMONIAL ONE.

ON DOCTORS ORDERS THE NUMBERS OF THOSE INVITED TO SAY FAREWELL AT EDINBURGH PLACE AND QUEEN'S PIER HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THEIR WIVES IN ADDITION TO A FEW OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

A NUMBER OF OTHER GUESTS WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO EDINBURGH PLACE UNDER THE ORIGINAL DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ASKED TO GO TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 7, TO SEE THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BOARD +THE LADY MAURINE+ AT QUEEN'S PIER TO TRAVEL ACROSS THE HARBOUR TO KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER. THEY WILL DRIVE TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE ON FLIGHT BA 20.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DETAILS OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 37.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 216.689 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 172 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 221.790 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 38.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP STRESSED
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THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES WAS STRESSED BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (MONDAY).

DESCRIBING HONG KONG AS A PLACE OF GREAT CHANGE, HE SAID:
+WE NEED THE RIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE AT ALL LEVELS AT THE RIGHT TIME AND IN ALL SITUATIONS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF THIS CHANGING WORLD.+

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN PROVIDED THE GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES WHILE THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDED FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT.

+THIS YOU MIGHT SAY IS OUR HONG KONG PHILOSOPHY, AN ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR: THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING BASIC POLICY GUIDELINES AND FINANCE AND ENSURING THAT SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, LEAVING THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, TO DO AS MUCH OF THE WORK OF PROVIDING THE ACTUAL SERVICES AS POSSIBLE.

+PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE LEADS TO AN UNFOLDING OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE: PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DISSIMILAR ORGANISATIONS LEADS TO GROWTH, PROGRESS, ADAPTATION AND EVOLUTION BORN OF THE CREATIVE TENSION BETWEEN THE PARTNERS.

+THUS IN THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WE ACHIEVE OUR BEST RESULTS FOR THE PEOPLE.

+CREATIVE TENSION, HOWEVER, MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH FRICTION AND DISAGREEMENT, WHICH IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS LEADS TO SEPARATION AND DIVORCE. THIS WE MUST AVOID,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES ALSO THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY DURING THE PAST 35 YEARS.

+I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND GROW FOR THE COMMON GOOD,+ HE ADDED.

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WARNING ABOUT BRINGING IN ENDANGERED ANIMALS

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HEAVY FINES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON 11 PEOPLE FOR ILLEGALLY IMPORTING ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS INTO HONG KONG.

IN SEPARATE COURT CASES OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, NINE MEN AND TWO WOMEN WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$18 950 FOR BRINGING IN LIVE BUZZARDS, LIVE AND DEAD OWLS, A DEAD PANGOLIN AND COOKED PANGOLIN MEAT AND FUR SKINS OF LEOPARD CATS.

ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS WAS FINED \$2 000 FOR BRINGING IN TWO FUR SKINS OF LEOPARD CATS AND ONE DEAD PANGOLIN.

THEY WERE PROSECUTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE WHICH IS THE LOCAL LEGISLATION GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

THE LAW PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ON CONVICTION FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, AND UP TO \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN WARNED THAT RESIDENTS RETURNING TO HONG KONG AFTER VISITS ABROAD SHOULD NOT BRING BACK SOUVENIRS OF LIVE OR PRESERVED ANIMALS AND PLANTS LISTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR 182 PEOPLE WERE CONVICTED AND FINED \$52 000 FOR IMPORTING ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS INTO HONG KONG.

HE SAID RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN POSSESSION OF LIVE ANIMALS SUCH AS OWLS, PANGOLINS AND EAGLES AS WELL AS STUFFED SEA TURTLES AND ANIMAL SKINS.

SOME RARE PLANTS, INCLUDING WILD ORCHIDS AND WILD AMERICAN GINSENG ARE ALSO PROTECTED SPECIES.

PARTS OF SOME ANIMALS ARE ALSO PROTECTED UNDER THE LAW.

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DEALING WITH PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

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THE COMPLAINTS OFFICER OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, MR MICHAEL BYRNE, DEALT WITH 507 COMPLAINTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 621 IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1981.

NEARLY HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS -- 227 OR 44 PER CENT -- WERE ABOUT ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

OTHER COMPLAINTS CONCERNED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, WATER SUPPLIES AND NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES.

MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS, 74 PER CENT, WERE RECEIVED ON THE TWO COMPLAINTS HOTLINES: 5-244744 (ENGLISH) AND 5-221616 (CHINESE). ANOTHER 24 PER CENT CAME FROM RADIO PROGRAMMES WHILE THE REMAINING TWO PER CENT WERE WRITTEN COMPLAINTS.

MR BYRNE, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE JOB FOR ALMOST A YEAR, SAID THAT QUITE OFTEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO VISIT THE SITE TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM.

+DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE SITE AND THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM, A SITE VISIT CAN TAKE AN HOUR OR HALF A DAY,+ HE SAID.

MR BYRNE, WHO WAS WITH THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT THE PWD CEASED TO EXIST FROM APRIL 1 FOLLOWING ITS RE-ORGANISATION.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME TO RE-ORGANISE THE TRANSPORT RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, FIVE DIVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT BRANCH OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 1.

THEY ARE THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (HONG KONG) DIVISION, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (MAINLAND) DIVISION, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION, TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE DIVISION AND ROAD SAFETY DIVISION.

THIS MEANS THAT COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS ARE NOW HANDLED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, MR BYRNE SAID, HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT MATTERS CONCERNING THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES UNDERWAY

FOLLOWING A SIMPLIFIED ECONOMIC SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS CONDUCTED LAST YEAR, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A BENCHMARK ECONOMIC SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT DATA RELATING TO THE YEAR 1981.

THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR 1981 COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, CONTAINER HAULAGE, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AIRLINES AND SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT, SUCH AS CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 9 000 ESTABLISHMENTS FROM A TOTAL OF 35 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THESE SERVICES. ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 10 OR MORE PERSONS ARE FULLY COVERED IN THE SURVEY WHILE THOSE WITH LESS THAN 10 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, BUSINESS EXPENDITURE, BUSINESS TURNOVER, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL STOCK.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND WILL BE NEEDED FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED, WHICH WILL BE USEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT.

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 70 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON MARCH 5.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO MANAGERMENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM PROMPTLY, AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH SURVEY STAFF.

WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS WITH GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRES, IF NECESSARY.

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FINANCIAL AID FOR YOUNG SPORTSMEN

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STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WISHING TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN PRACTISING FOR AND PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM THE FREDDY ZIMMERN SPORTS FOUNDATION.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE FOUNDATION TO INITIALLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN, BUT OTHER APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AFTERWARDS,+ HE SAID.

THE FOUNDATION AIMS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE FEES TO TAKE PART IN SPORT OR RECREATIONAL EVENTS, TO PURCHASE ITEMS OF SPORTING APPAREL OR EQUIPMENT BEYOND THEIR MEANS, TO TAKE PART IN LOCAL COACHING COURSES, TO PURCHASE BOOKS OR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, OR TO APPLY FOR GRANTS OR BURSARIES TO TAKE PART IN OVERSEAS COACHING OR TRAINING COURSES OR SPORTING EVENTS.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FORWARDED VIA THE APPLICANT'S SCHOOL OR A SUPPORTING AGENCY, AND APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTACT MRS K. HUANG OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 3-884111 EXT. 283, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON 3-302381, OR THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON 3-300667.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:-

- (A) THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.
- (B) THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, ROOM 1114, PARK IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 11/F., 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.
- (C) THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, OXFORD COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 9/F., 494-6 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.
- (D) THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, WING ON CENTRE, 11/F., 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.
- (E) THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 3/F, HONG KONG.

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CLEAN HONG KONG DISPLAY AT YUEN LONG

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AN EXHIBITION TO ILLUSTRATE THE WORK OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE WILL BE MOUNTED AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL BETWEEN FRIDAY AND NEXT MONDAY (MAY 7 AND 10).

THIS IS THE SECOND ROUND OF THE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST ONE AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL LAST MONTH AND IS AIMED AT GETTING THE MESSAGE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN ACROSS TO PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

RESPONSE TO THE TSUEN WAN DISPLAY WAS ENCOURAGING AND MORE THAN 5 000 VISITORS WERE RECORDED DURING THE FOUR-DAY EVENT, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AT THE FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE MAIN HALL OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MANAGEMENT OF TOWN HALL, YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WILL SEE THE WORK OF THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS.

THE WORK INCLUDES THE CLEANING UP OF THE FORMER HEAVILY-POLLUTED KAM TIN RIVER AT YUEN LONG AND OTHER OPERATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

VISITORS AT THE DISPLAY WILL HAVE A BRIEF UNDERSTANDING OF THE EFFORTS MADE TO CLEAR VARIOUS LITTER-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS IN THE NEW TOWNS, RURAL AREAS, BEACHES AND HEAVILY POLLUTED RIVER COURSES.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES OF THE RURAL CLEANSING FACILITIES DESIGN COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WHICH INCLUDED MODELS AND SKETCHES OF LITTER BINS, VILLAGE-TYPE PUBLIC TOILETS AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

ATTRACTIVE AND BRIGHTLY COLOURED MURAL PAINTINGS ILLUSTRATING THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN BY A GROUP OF SAI KUNG STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG

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THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF SUFFOLK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN NORFOLK ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE SECTIONS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF KENT ROAD SOUTH OF SOMERSET ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT MAXICABS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DISTRICT BOARD BRIEFING
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A PRESS BRIEFING WILL BE HELD BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 5) AT 11 AM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR CHAN HONG-KEE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MONG KOK AND MRS LILIAN WONG, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, AND WILL DEAL WITH MATTERS CONSIDERED AT THE COMMITTEE'S SECOND PRIVATE MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 4).

THE MATTERS WILL INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN SOY STREET AND PORTLAND STREET, AND THE USE OF THE TONG MEI ROAD TEMPORARY MARKET.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS BRIEFING.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF HUNG HOM CAR PARK
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ABOUT 150 PARKING SPACES IN THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) FOR THE CEREMONIES MARKING THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KCR.

THE FIRST STAGE OF ELECTRIFIED SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WILL BEGIN THAT DAY.

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