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REPORT ON STATISTICAL PROJECTION OF MANPOWER
REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPLY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS CARRIED OUT A STUDY ON WHETHER THE MIX OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE EDUCATIONAL OUTPUT WILL BE BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE MIX OF ITS FUTURE REQUIREMENT IN THE 1990'S.

UNDERTAKEN BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE, THE STUDY ASSESSES THE REQUIREMENT FOR AND SUPPLY OF EDUCATED MANPOWER AT DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS IN TWO FORECAST YEARS - 1991 AND 1996.

RELEASING THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, EMPHASISED THAT THE STUDY WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH DETERMINING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE LABOUR FORCE.

"THE PROJECTION IS CONCERNED ONLY WITH DETERMINING WHETHER THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A MISMATCH BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR AND SUPPLY OF EDUCATED MANPOWER ON THE BASIS OF CURRENT AND PLANNED PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS FROM THE STUDY SUGGESTED THAT IN 1996 THERE WOULD BE PROJECTED SURPLUSES AT SOME EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AND SHORTFALLS IN OTHERS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, SURPLUSES ARE PROJECTED AT THE LOWER SECONDARY LEVEL, THE NON-DEGREE TERTIARY EDUCATION LEVEL AND THE POST-GRADUATE LEVEL, WHILE THERE WILL BE SHORTFALLS AT THE UPPER SECONDARY, SIXTH FORM AND FIRST DEGREE LEVELS."

HE SAID THESE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE FURTHER EXAMINED BEFORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS COULD BE FORMULATED.

"HOWEVER, THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY WILL BE PUT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO ASSIST THEM IN THE REVIEW OF EXISTING PROGRAMMES AND THE PLANNING OF NEW COURSES," HE SAID.

"THE STUDY WILL ALSO BE UPDATED AND ROLLED OVER ANNUALLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE."

THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS FROM THE STUDY FOR THE DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LOWER SECONDARY LEVEL (UP TO SECONDARY 3):

THE PROJECTED SURPLUS OF 56,800 IN 1996 INDICATES AN ACCUMULATION OF EDUCATIONALLY UNDER-EDUCATED PEOPLE, WHO WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY REDUNDANT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF FALLING DEMAND FOR MANPOWER WITH LOW EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

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THIS CONFIRMS AND REINFORCES THE NEED FOR OPEN LEARNING IN THE LONG-TERM, BUT PROBABLY POINTS TO THE NEED FOR SOME RETRAINING IN THE SHORT-TERM. FORTUNATELY THE NUMBERS ARE NOT LARGE.

UPPER SECONDARY LEVEL (COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 5):

THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF 49,600 IN 1996 SUGGESTS THAT PERSONS WITH TRADITIONAL SECONDARY EDUCATION ARE STILL IN GREAT DEMAND.

AS THE PLANNED PROVISION OF SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES WILL REACH 85 PER CENT OF RELEVANT AGE GROUP BY 1993 (OR 95 PER CENT IF TECHNICAL EQUIVALENTS IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES ARE INCLUDED), THERE IS LITTLE SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION.

SIXTH FORM LEVEL (INCLUDING SECONDARY 7):

THE SHORTFALL OF 23,500 IN 1996 ALSO INDICATES A STRONG DEMAND FOR MANPOWER AT THIS LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT. THE PRESENT APPROVED POLICY IS TO PROVIDE SIXTH FORM PLACES FOR ONE-THIRD OF THE STUDENTS ENTERING FORM 4 TWO YEARS EARLIER. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE PRESENT PROVISION OF SIXTH FORM PLACES.

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS:

THERE WILL BE A SMALL SURPLUS OF 3,300 PERSONS AT CRAFT LEVEL AND 5,000 PERSONS AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL IN 1996, INDICATING THAT SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENT AT THESE LEVELS WILL BECOME MORE OR LESS IN BALANCE.

NON-DEGREE TERTIARY LEVEL:

THE LARGE SURPLUS OF 17,300 INCLUDES SOME 9,000 LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, WHO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ALL THE CRITERIA FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT. THE SURPLUS IS PERHAPS MORE APPARENT THAN REAL.

FIRST DEGREE AND POST-GRADUATE LEVELS:

THERE WILL BE A SHORTFALL OF 36,700 PERSONS WITH FIRST DEGREE AND A SURPLUS OF 27,300 AT POST-GRADUATE LEVEL. TAKEN TOGETHER, THERE WILL STILL BE A SMALL SHORTFALL OF 9,400 PERSONS WITH DEGREE QUALIFICATIONS IN 1996.

ON THE FACE OF IT THIS IS WORRYING. BUT AS THE FULL IMPACT OF THE TERTIARY EXPANSION PROGRAMME WILL ONLY BE FELT IN 1997, IN WHICH YEAR 15,000 FIRST DEGREE HOLDERS WILL EMERGE, THE SHORTFALL IN 1996 WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED FROM 1997 ONWARDS.

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THUS, THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR BELIEVING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S 18 PER CENT TARGET FOR FIRST YEAR, FIRST DEGREE PLACES IS WRONG. IN FACT IT SEEMS, WITH HINDSIGHT, TO BE JUST ABOUT RIGHT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN HONG KONG'S CONTINUING DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF DEGREE HOLDERS, IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO TAKE A MORE PRO-ACTIVE STANCE IN ATTRACTING BACK HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND FACILITATING THEIR RETURN.

TURNING TO THE EMPLOYMENT SIDE, MR YEUNG SAID THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATED MANPOWER REFLECTED A SHIFT OF EMPLOYMENT FROM MANUFACTURING TO TRADING AND SERVICES, AND ALSO REFLECTED CHANGES IN THE OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURES WITHIN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

"AS A RESULT, THE GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT WILL BE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONGST MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS. EMPLOYMENT IN PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY ABOUT 26 PER CENT (ABOUT 93,400 PERSONS) BETWEEN 1988 AND 1996, WHILST PRODUCTION WORKERS AND LABOURERS WILL DECREASE BY 6.2 PER CENT (-64,000 PERSONS)," HE SAID.

"THIS PATTERN OF EMPLOYMENT GROWTH POINTS TO AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR BETTER EDUCATED MANPOWER."

HE NOTED THAT THE PROJECTED MANPOWER SUPPLY HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WASTAGE DUE TO DEATH, RETIREMENT, EMIGRATION AND OVERSEAS STUDY ON THE ONE HAND AND NEW SUPPLIES FROM IMMIGRANTS AND RETURNED EMIGRANTS, STUDENTS RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS, AND THE OUTPUT OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS ON THE OTHER.

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1989 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS FOR 1989 HAS JUST COMMENCED.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND SALES LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

ABOUT 8,100 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES: WHOLESALE; RETAIL; IMPORTS AND EXPORTS; RESTAURANTS; HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (THAT IS WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), OPERATING EXPENSES, TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AS WELL AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED IN THE GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, 1990.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEY, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 556 1394.

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12 APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC PAGING LICENCES APPROVED

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT 38 APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC PAGING LICENCES WERE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION ISSUED IN THE GAZETTE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 12 WERE APPROVED. THE COMPANIES ARE: KANTONE PAGING CO. LTD, HUTCHISON PAGING LTD, FINANCIAL TELECOM LTD, FIRST PACIFIC PAGING CO. LTD, META COMMUNICATIONS LTD, ABC COMMUNICATIONS LTD, HONG KONG TELECOM CSL LTD, CHEVALIER PAGING SERVICES LTD, KOLOMNA CO. LTD, TELECOM SERVICE LTD, NEW WORLD COMMUNICATIONS LTD AND EPRO SYSTEMS LTD.

"ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE REMAINING APPLICATIONS BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN ON THEM," MR WONG SAID.

"THE WHOLE EXERCISE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF JUNE."

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DB TO DISCUSS RECREATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS

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THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE RECREATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS UNDER THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE REPORTS BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

AFTER THE MEETING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE LOCAL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

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NEW CLINIC FOR MA ON SHAN ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A CLINIC IN MA ON SHAN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO ASK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL THIS YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS TO COMBAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY), MEASURES TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE IN THE DISTRICT WHICH IS WORSENING AS A RESULT OF RAPID COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DB'S WORK PLAN FOR 1990-91 AND THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL RAIN SHELTER AT WYLIE ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC STUDY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A TRAFFIC STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE STUDY WILL INVESTIGATE THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT WITH A VIEW TO DEVISING IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER AN INFORMATION PAPER ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF SHUI FAI TERRACE AND STUBBS ROAD.

THEY WILL ALSO ASK ABOUT DESIGNATING THE EASTERN SIDE OF TAI WONG STREET EAST AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY AND THE LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES OF GOODS VEHICLES AND PRIVATE CARS AT THE KERBSIDE OF FENWICK STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION (ABOUT 320 METRES IN LENGTH) OF ONE TRAFFIC LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR HUNG MUI KUK, IN SHA TIN, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM MAY 7 TO 11, AND ON MAY 13 AND 14.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER EASTBOUND
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER EASTBOUND, IN YAU MA TEI, WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 9).

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 238.454 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 226.148 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 38.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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