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TENTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP  
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FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP:-

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS TENTH MEETING IN LONDON FROM 20-23 SEPTEMBER 1988. THE GROUP DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND ACHIEVED POSITIVE RESULTS. THE GROUP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO OFFICES SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT IN HONG KONG ON JULY 1, 1988.

ON THE BASIS OF WORK DONE BY THE SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY AND IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANISATION - INTERPOL - AND THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION ON TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TWO TYPES OF SEAMAN'S TRAVEL DOCUMENT - THE SEAMAN'S IDENTITY BOOK AND THE SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY - AND REACHED A COMMON VIEW. WITH THIS, THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP HAVE COMPLETED THEIR CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL HONG KONG TRAVEL AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

WITH REGARD TO WORK ON THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION, THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP REACHED A COMMON VIEW ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION IN HONG KONG. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON CIVIL AVIATION AND MERCHANT SHIPPING.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND RELEVANT COUNTRIES, AND REACHED A COMMON VIEW ON QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THIS SUBJECT.

THE GROUP CONFIRMED THEIR FULL AGREEMENT ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TERMS OF SERVICE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY.

THE GROUP CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION ON THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS PUBLIC ORDER.

THE GROUP HAD A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN HONG KONG.

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THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED FURTHER PROGRESS IN CONCLUDING HONG KONG'S AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

THE BRITISH SIDE BRIEFED THE CHINESE SIDE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHIPPING REGISTER FOR HONG KONG.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 6 TO 9 1988.

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PRAISE FOR WORK OF CSD OFFICERS

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY WON MUCH ACCLAIM BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD IN THE REFORM AND REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MISS MARIA TAM, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MISS TAM SAID THAT WITH DEDICATED SERVICE AS A WHOLE, THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD BE FURTHER ADVANCED TO BUTTRESS LAW AND ORDER IN HONG KONG.

MISS TAM ALSO SAID THAT APART FROM PERFORMING CORRECTIONAL FUNCTIONS, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD TIME AND AGAIN BEEN CALLED UPON TO TAKE ON EXCEPTIONAL TASKS.

"THE ACCOMMODATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A LARGE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE WIDELY DEMONSTRATED THE SCALE AND SHAPE OF THINGS THAT MAY COME YOUR WAY.

"THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO SWIFT CHANGES AND DRASTIC DEMANDS UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS IS THEREFORE JUST AS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR SERVICE, AND I AM BOUND TO SAY THAT YOUR SERVICE HAS BEEN COPING WITH THESE CHANGES AND DEMANDS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL," MISS TAM SAID.

MISS TAM SAID THAT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS HAD A TOUGH AND DIFFICULT JOB TO DO.

THERE WOULD BE TIMES WHEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO FACE PRESSURES AND PROVOCATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES.

"IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT YOU REMAIN FAITHFUL TO YOUR CONSCIENCE, AND CONDUCT YOURSELF WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR," SHE STRESSED.

TODAY, 14 OFFICERS AND 32 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENT'S BASIC TRAINING WERE ON PARADE.

MISS TAM PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MR WONG CHO-HUNG AND MR LAM MAN-SHING.

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NEW BORDER DIVISIONAL POLICE HQ OPENS

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THE COMPLETION AND OPENING OF THE BORDER DIVISIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS WILL ENABLE THE POLICE FORCE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF ULTIMATELY TAKING OVER THE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT DUTIES FROM THE BRITISH ARMY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE \$13 MILLION COMPLEX TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR SMALLSHAW NOTED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS IN LINE WITH THE STRONG RESPONSE REQUIRED BY THE POLICE TO TACKLE THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, WHICH WOULD BECOME IN ITSELF AN EVEN GREATER COMMITMENT THAN AT PRESENT.

"THE OPENING OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE A CENTRALISED AND WELL-EQUIPPED SUPPORT FACILITY AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE OPERATION OF THE EXISTING POLICE FACILITIES IN THE BORDER -- NAMELY LOK MA CHAU, TA KWU LING, AND SHA TAU KOK POLICE STATIONS, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THEIR IMMEDIATE AREAS," HE SAID.

MR SMALLSHAW POINTED OUT THAT THE BORDER DIVISION WAS CREATED IN NOVEMBER 1984, AND INCLUDED AN INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY WITH CHINA, PLUS BUSY BORDER CROSSING POINTS AT LO WU RAILWAY TERMINUS, MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK.

NOTING THAT THE HUGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA INVOLVED IN THE BORDER AREA, WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS THE SIZE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR SMALLSHAW SAID THAT THIS DEDICATED HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WAS DEEMED NECESSARY TO CENTRALISE COMMAND FOR SUCH A LARGE DIVISION.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL POPULATION HAD NOT INCREASED, NONETHELESS, THE BORDER POLICE REMAINED DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT A STRONG, EFFECTIVE AND VISIBLE PRESENCE WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

OBSERVING THAT THE CRIME RATE IN THE AREA WAS LOW AND HAD DROPPED CONSISTENTLY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, MR SMALLSHAW ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF BOTH THE POLICE AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

"THROUGH THE PROVISION OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND ADEQUATE TRAINING, THE POLICE CAN GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS COMBATING CRIMES," HE ADDED.

MR SMALLSHAW ALSO GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT POLICE OFFICERS WORKING IN THE NEW BUILDING WOULD CONTINUE WITH THE TRADITIONALLY GOOD POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, AND BUILD UPON THE STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

MR SMALLSHAW LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING. ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR T.J. MILNES; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

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COMMUNITY CARE AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE AGED

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BOTH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE VIGOROUSLY DEVELOPING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN VIEW OF THE GROWING DEMAND, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF CARE IN THE FAMILY, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SWD HO'S CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHA TIN, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE DIRECTLY MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

MRS WONG SAID THAT IT WAS BEST FOR THE ELDERLY TO SPEND THEIR OLD AGE IN THEIR FAMILIES AND THAT HER DEPARTMENT HAD TRIED TO CULTIVATE THE CONCEPT OF RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

"HENCE, A SERIES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS HOME HELP, SOCIAL CENTRES, MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES AND DAY CARE CENTRES, HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO ASSIST FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS AND TO ENABLE THE SENIOR CITIZENS TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH," SHE SAID.

"HOWEVER, SOME OLD PEOPLE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PROPER CARE IN THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF VARIOUS REASONS SUCH AS THE LACK OF RELATIVES OR FRIENDS TO DEPEND ON, FAMILY DISPUTES OR OTHER SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE REQUIRE INSTITUTIONAL CARE," SHE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY ASSISTING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN RENDERING INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY THROUGH SUBVENTION OVER THE PAST DECADE AND THERE ARE NOW SOME 9,000 SUBVENTED RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR THE ELDERLY, WHICH IS ONE-AND-A-HALF TIMES MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE HO'S CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION FOR DONATING \$1.7 MILLION TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF THE HOSTEL AND FOR ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING.

LATER IN THE EVENING, WHEN ADDRESSING THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MRS WONG REITERATED THAT THE CURRENT POLICY OBJECTIVE IN ELDERLY SERVICE HAD PROVED TO BE CORRECT AND WOULD STILL BE EFFECTIVE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR AUGUST 1988 WERE 118.9 AND 118.7 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7.7 PER CENT AND 7.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER AUGUST 1987.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.5 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1988, AT 114.5 AND 114.6 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.9 PER CENT AND 6.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 AND AUGUST 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR AUG.88	% CHANGE OVER JUL.88	% CHANGE OVER AUG.87	INDEX FOR AUG.88	% CHANGE OVER JUL.88	% CHANGE OVER AUG.87
FOODSTUFFS	119.4	+1.8	+10.6	119.7	+1.5	+10.6
HOUSING	113.7	+0.3	+3.3	111.3	+0.4	+3.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	93.1	-0.9	+0.6	93.8	-0.8	+0.7
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.5	+0.3	+6.6	125.3	+0.4	+6.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	122.6	-2.2	+8.7	124.7	-2.4	+9.1
DURABLE GOODS	119.0	+0.1	+5.9	118.0	-0.0*	+5.9
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	123.0	-0.0*	+4.7	123.0	-0.1	+5.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	120.8	+0.0*	+4.3	120.0	+0.0*	+4.6
SERVICES	126.8	+0.4	+9.1	127.1	+0.6	+9.4
ALL ITEMS	118.9	+0.8	+7.7	118.7	+0.5	+7.5

\* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH JULY 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

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THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, PORK AND LIVE POULTRY AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND THE DOWNWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 2.2 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 2.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND PACKAGE TOURS.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR AUGUST 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 123.5 IN AUGUST 1988, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER JULY 1988 AND UP BY 9.2 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000 - \$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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RESEARCH GRANTS MADE TO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

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THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED ITS FIRST ROUND OF RESEARCH GRANTS, TOTALLING \$120 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 1988-91, TO THE FIVE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

THE FIVE INSTITUTIONS ARE: THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE RESEARCH GRANTS ARE MADE FROM A SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE, PROVIDING \$30 MILLION FOR 1988-89, \$40 MILLION FOR 1989-90 AND \$50 MILLION FOR 1990-91 TO THE INSTITUTIONS.

OF THE \$30 MILLION FOR 1988-89, \$10 MILLION WILL BE DISBURSED IN THE FORM OF SMALL GRANTS BY THE INSTITUTIONS' RESEARCH COMMITTEES AND \$20 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED BY THE UPGC IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE BIDS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE UPGC SAID THAT THE PROJECTS HAD BEEN SELECTED STRICTLY ON THE BASIS OF MERIT.

"THE QUALITY OF THE BIDS IS EXTREMELY HIGH AND THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WORTHY PROJECTS WHICH CANNOT BE SUPPORTED OWING TO LIMITED FUNDS," HE SAID.

"THIS MEANS THAT BOTH THE INSTITUTIONS AND THE UPGC HAVE TO BE VERY SELECTIVE AND THAT THERE IS ALREADY A BACKLOG OF VALUABLE BUT UNFUNDED PROJECTS," HE ADDED.

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THE ALLOCATION OF THIS YEAR'S \$20 MILLION BY THE UPGC, BY SUBJECT AREA, IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>NO. OF PROJECTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT (\$M)</u>
ARTS AND LANGUAGES	4	1.65
ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL STUDIES	5	1.15
BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE	10	5.95
MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND HEALTH	7	4.30
CIVIL ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	2	0.70
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	5	3.50
COMPUTER SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS	3	1.65
MECHANICAL, PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	4	1.10
TOTAL:	40	20.00

THE UPGC HOPES THAT THESE GRANTS WILL STIMULATE RESEARCH GENERALLY, AND THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT AND MATCH THE GOVERNMENT ALLOCATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR TO BE REPLACED

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THE PRESENT CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND HAS CEASED ALL WORK AT VARIOUS SITES.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR A NEW TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR WHICH A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE TENDERING PROCEDURE AND TENDER SELECTION, THE NEW CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN LATE NOVEMBER, THIS YEAR.

A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN THE MEAN TIME, THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING ACTION TO ARRANGE FOR THE MORE URGENT AND PRESSING WORKS TO CONTINUE BEFORE A NEW CONTRACTOR IS SELECTED.

"WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO ATTEND TO COMPLAINTS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADWORKS WHICH MAY IMPOSE A DANGER OR CAUSE UNDUE INCONVENIENCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

"WE REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE NORMAL LEVEL OF SERVICES IN REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, DRAINS AND SLOPE WORKS IN THE AREAS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS," HE SAID.

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FIVE-CENT COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER

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FOR THE NICKEL-BRASS FIVE-CENT COIN, JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR WILL BE D-DAY - DEMONETISATION DAY.

A PROCLAMATION TO THAT EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE MONETARY SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FIVE-CENT COIN HAD DIMINISHED.

"EVEN THOUGH 114 MILLION FIVE-CENT COINS REMAIN OUTSTANDING, FEW, IF ANY, ARE NOW TO BE FOUND IN GENERAL CIRCULATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1989, THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THE FIVE-CENT COINS IN SATISFACTION OF DEBTS NOT EXCEEDING TWO DOLLARS (WHICH IS THE LEGAL TENDER LIMIT FOR FIVE-CENT COINS) IS, THEREFORE, REMOVED AND THERE WILL BE NO OBLIGATION FOR SHOPKEEPERS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND OTHERS TO ACCEPT THESE COINS IN PAYMENT FOR THEIR GOODS AND SERVICES.

"AFTER THAT DATE, HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL STILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE ANY COINS IN THEIR POSSESSION AT ANY BANK FOR OTHER DENOMINATIONS THAT ARE LEGAL TENDER.

"TO FACILITATE SUCH EXCHANGES, ADDITIONAL ONE-CENT NOTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IF THE SITUATION SO DEMANDS."

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PEAK SITE TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A SITE AT THE PEAK NOW OCCUPIED BY A RESTAURANT KNOWN AS THE PEAK CAFE.

MEASURING ABOUT 840 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE LOT AT 121 PEAK ROAD WILL BE FOR RESTAURANT (EXCLUDING TAKE AWAY FACILITIES) AND SUCH OTHER ANCILLARY USES.

TENDERERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFURBISHMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE EXISTING RESTAURANT WHILE PRESERVING THE CHARACTER OF THE PITCHED-ROOF BUILDING.

THEIR PROPOSAL SHOULD ALSO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE FUTURE PLANNED ENVIRONMENT.

A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PANEL, INCLUDING A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, WILL BE SET UP TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT IN SELECTING THE BEST PROPOSAL.

THE LEASE IS FOR FIVE YEARS COMMENCING FROM THE DATE OF POSSESSION AND RENEWABLE FOR A FURTHER TERM OF TWO YEARS ONLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 2.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OZP  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS ARE TO INCORPORATE THE LATEST CHANGES IN LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THE AREA AS WELL AS TO UPDATE THE NOTES OF THE PLAN.

THE REVISED ALIGNMENT OF THE SECTION OF ROUTE 5 BETWEEN SHEK WAI KOK AND CHAI WAN KOK HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT LINK BETWEEN ROUTE 5 (SHAN TIN - TSUEN WAN) AND ROUTE 2 (TUEN MUN ROAD), AND THUS WILL ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC LOAD ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION OF THIS LAST SECTION OF ROUTE 5 IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN 1992 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1995, WHILE THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1989.

THE INCORPORATION OF THIS REVISED ALIGNMENT INTO THE PLAN HAS ALSO RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF ASSOCIATED ZONING BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS IN AREAS 6 AND 21 IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHUNG HANG NULLAH AND TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE MTR TSUEN WAN STATION.

TWO SITES TO THE SOUTH OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ARE REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "OPEN SPACE" AND "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL".

THE PROPOSED NEW OPEN SPACE OF ABOUT 0.76 HECTARE WILL INCREASE THE OPEN SPACE PROVISION IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE.

BEING CONTIGUOUS TO THE TOWN HALL, IT WILL ALSO ENHANCE THE AMENITY AND STATUS OF THE LATTER AS A CIVIC AND CULTURAL FOCUS OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE NEW "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL" SITE, ABOUT 0.5 HECTARE IN AREA, ENJOYS GOOD ACCESSIBILITY AS IT IS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER AND TRANSPORT COMPLEX.

THE PROPOSED TAK WAH STREET PARK HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO 1.7 HECTARES BY REZONING SOME ADJOINING LAND FROM "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL" AND "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "OPEN SPACE".

ANOTHER SITE OF ABOUT 0.43 HECTARE LOCATED TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE PARK IS NOW RESERVED FOR A PROPOSED INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

/THE SOUTH-WESTERN .....

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THE SOUTH-WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLAN IS EXTENDED WESTWARD TO AVOID BISECTING THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PLATFORMS AT YAU KOM TAU.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG
- PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG
- TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 14 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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#### DB TO DISCUSS RETIREMENT SCHEMES

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A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON PRUDENTIAL REGULATION OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE NEW PROCEDURE BEING ADOPTED BY THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT TO PROCESS COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI DRIVERS' MALPRACTICES.

THE DRAFT 1989-1990 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SAI KUNG DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER (PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLANNING DIVISION, NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR CHARLES LAU, WILL BE INVITED TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROGRAMME.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT MA TAU KOK OZP ANNOUNCED  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND TIN KWONG ROAD FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)".

THIS AMENDMENT IS MADE IN PURSUANCE OF A DECISION OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO GRANT A SECTION 16 APPLICATION PERMITTING THE SITE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- \* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY OCTOBER 14 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR AT 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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PUBLIC REMINDED OF LAWS ON EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES  
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ANY PERSON WHOSE BUSINESS IS CONNECTED WITH OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR ANOTHER PERSON OR SUPPLYING PERSONNEL TO AN EMPLOYER BOTH WITHIN OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG MUST APPLY FOR A LICENCE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTRATION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATORS THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, HE SAID, THE AMOUNT OF FEE THAT CAN BE CHARGED TO JOB-SEEKERS FOR FIRST REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL AFTER THREE MONTHS IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5.

THE MAXIMUM COMMISSION CHARGEABLE TO A JOB-SEEKER AFTER SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT IS 10 PER CENT OF HIS FIRST MONTH'S SALARY.

"ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A LICENCE OR CHARGING MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEES AND COMMISSION COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE, UPON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES OR A REPORT ON SUSPECTED UNLICENSED EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES CAN BE MADE TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTRATION, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, OR BY TELEPHONING 5-8523543.

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FIRE SAFETY URGED DURING FESTIVAL  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA CARE IN HANDLING FIRES WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY PERIOD.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR FRANK LAU, SAID: "THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM RELEASING ANY HUNG MING LANTERN AND BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH BARBECUE FIRES AND HAND-HELD CANDLE-LIT LANTERNS."

MR LAU SAID THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL RANKED AMONG THE PERIODS OF VERY HIGH FIRE RISK.

IN THE 1986 FESTIVAL PERIOD THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 42 HILL FIRES, INCLUDING SEVEN CAUSED BY HUNG MING LANTERNS.

/EIGHT HILL .....

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EIGHT HILL FIRES BROKE OUT DURING THE FESTIVAL LAST YEAR DESPITE VERY HUMID WEATHER.

MR LAU SAID THE DECREASING HUMIDITY HAD MADE THE COUNTRYSIDE VERY VULNERABLE TO FIRES ON THIS OCCASION.

"TWO DAYS AGO, A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, BLAZING FOR MORE THAN 20 HOURS AND DAMAGING SOME 50 HECTARES OF COUNTRYSIDE AND 4,000 TREES.

"IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING POTENTIAL DANGER, ANY CARELESS HANDLING OF FIRE COULD EASILY SET THE COUNTRYSIDE ABLAZE," HE SAID.

MR LAU POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FOREST AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE AND THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE TO LIGHT FIRES ILLEGALLY OR TO RELEASE A HUNG MING LANTERN IN A COUNTRY PARK OR ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

"ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, AND A FINE UP TO \$2,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING A FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE SAID.

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#### HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26), THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE EIGHT CLINICS WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLY-CLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE SENSE OF BELONGING  
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A FIVE-MONTH CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE TO PROMOTE AMONG KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR LOCAL YOUTHS, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CIVIC FORERUNNERS SCHEME, CIVIC EDUCATION TRILOGY FOR THE ELDERLY, OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AWARD SCHEME, PRODUCTION OF A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT HANDBOOK, CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS PARTICIPATION SCHEME AND A CLOSING CEREMONY FOR CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL GIVE A SPEECH ON CIVIC EDUCATION, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DISCUSSION BASED ON THE SPEECH.

OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A PUBLICITY BUS TOUR OF THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGES, AND ERECTION OF BANNERS AT FOUR BUSY SPOTS IN EACH SUB-DISTRICT IN KOWLOON CITY.

A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE ERECTION OF TWO BANNERS WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON CITY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN NGA TSIN LONG ROAD AT 4 PM TOMORROW.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WU SHING-SHUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN, AND THE ERECTION OF BANNERS AT THE KOWLOON CITY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, AT 4 PM.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FESTIVE WEEKEND OF FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT AT A NUMBER OF CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS TO BE STAGED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$60,000 TO LOCAL RESIDENTS' BODIES TO ORGANISE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES IN ABERDEEN, AP LEI CHAU, WONG CHUK HANG, SHEK PAI WAN, WAH FU, BAGUIO VILLA AND STANLEY.

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS ALSO SPONSORED THE ACTIVITIES THROUGH A SUM OF \$20,000.

CELEBRATIONS WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND CONTINUE ON MONDAY AND WILL FEATURE LANTERN RIDDLES, LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITIONS, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY ARTISTES.

"WE HOPE THESE ACTIVITIES WILL PROVIDE A GOOD TIME FOR THE RESIDENTS, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HELP PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS AND BOOST COMMUNITY SPIRIT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
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AUGUST 24	STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS CARNIVAL	5.30 PM	STANLEY SOCCER PITCH
	WONG CHUK HANG CARNIVAL	7.30 PM	OPEN SPACE NEAR BLOCK 5, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE
	AP LEI CHAU ESTATE CARNIVAL	7.30 PM	AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL
	ABERDEEN CENTRE CARNIVAL	7 PM	ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE
	SHEK PAI WAN VARIETY SHOW	7.30 PM	SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE SOCCER PITCH NO. 1
	TIN WAN ESTATE VARIETY SHOW	7.30 PM	TIN WAN ESTATE BLOCK 6 SOCCER PITCH
	BAGUIO VILLA VARIETY SHOW	8 PM	BAGUIO VILLA PLAYGROUND
AUGUST 26	WAH FU ESTATE VARIETY SHOW	8 PM	WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE

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LANTERN CARNIVAL IN MONG KOK

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AN EVENING OF FESTIVITIES FEATURING LANTERNS, GAME STALLS AND PERFORMANCES HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR ALL MONG KOK RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FREE OF CHARGE.

TO BE HELD AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN SAI YEE STREET, STARTING FROM 7.30 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26), THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

GAME STALLS OFFERING LANTERN RIDDLES, PALMISTRY AND FORTUNE-TELLING, AND GAMES WILL BE PART OF THE NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING ACROBATICS, SINGING, MAGIC SHOW, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KWOK-MING; CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO FEI-CHI; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE ORGANISERS - MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND MONG KOK CLANSMAN AND COUNTRYMEN ASSOCIATION.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND. LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION IN TSUEN WAN

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A DELIGHTFUL MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

STARTING FROM 7 PM, A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND UNTIL 10.30 PM, FEATURING CANTONESE OPERA, CHINESE FOLK DANCE AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCE.

APART FROM VARIETY SHOW, A HOST OF GAMES STALLS WILL BE SET UP FOR RESIDENTS TO SHARE THE FESTIVE SPIRIT WHICH WILL INCLUDE LANTERN RIDDLES, CHINESE CHESS AND VARIOUS TRADITIONAL CHINESE FORTUNE-TELLING GAMES.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM WILL BE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN LAU-FONG.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

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ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE IN DRAMA PLAY

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AN ANTI-TRIAD PLAY ADVISING PEOPLE AGAINST ASSOCIATING WITH TRIAD ELEMENTS WILL BE STAGED AT PUI SHING MIDDLE SCHOOL, OXFORD ROAD, KOWLOON TONG AT 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE 30-MINUTE DRAMA, TO BE PRESENTED BY THE FRINGE CLUB, IS AIMED AT DISSEMINATING MORE WIDELY THE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IT ALSO DEPICTS THE TRIAD MENACE IN SCHOOLS, EXPOSES THEIR MODUS OPERANDI IN BULLYING STUDENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF GETTING INVOLVED WITH TRIAD MEMBERS.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANTI-TRIAD PLAY TO BE STAGED AT PUI SHING MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1D OXFORD ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, AT 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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SWIMMING GALA FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 200 YAU TSIM RESIDENTS WILL COMPETE IN THE DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA IN LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

FOUR GROUPS IN THE MEN'S DIVISION AND TWO GROUPS IN THE WOMEN'S DIVISION WILL BE COMPETING IN BREASTSTROKE, FRONT CRAWL, BACKSTROKE AND BUTTERFLY RACES.

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TOMORROW'S EVENTS WILL BEGIN WITH AN INVITATION RELAY INVOLVING TEAMS FROM YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT, MR ARTHUR YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER YAU TSIM DISTRICT'S SWIMMING GALA TO BEGIN AT 1.15 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN OCTOBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 20 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE.

DATE		TIME
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OCTOBER 4	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5.30 PM
OCTOBER 5	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 6	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 7	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
OCTOBER 8	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 2 PM
OCTOBER 10	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 11	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 12	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 13	(THURSDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
OCTOBER 14	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
OCTOBER 17	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
OCTOBER 21	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 22	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 24	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 25	(TUESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 26	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 6 PM
OCTOBER 27	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 28	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 29	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 31	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS IN TRANSIT SERVICE AREA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED BUS PASSENGERS IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN THAT FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), KMB'S EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES THAT OPERATE TO AND FROM THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL BEGIN ENFORCING BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 25, KMB BUSES ON LEAVING THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS UNTIL THEY HAVE LEFT THE AREA, BUT BOARDINGS WILL BE ALLOWED.

BUSES ENTERING THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP PASSENGERS WITHIN THE AREA, BUT MAY SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

THE AFFECTED BUS ROUTES ARE NOS. 52, 52M, 53, 54, 57M, 58M, 59A, 59M, 59S, 59X, 60, 60M, 60X, 61X, 62X, 64K, 66, 66M, 66X, 67M, 68, 68A, 68M, 68X, 76K AND 77K.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WILL OPERATE ALL ITS FEEDER BUS ROUTES TO CATER FOR THE INTERNAL TRAVEL DEMAND WITHIN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA.

THE NORTH-WEST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA COVERS THE PART OF YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS IN BETWEEN THE AU TAU ROUNDABOUT AND TAI LAM CHUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS ARE TO ENSURE THAT THE USE OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM WILL BE MAXIMISED FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL IN THE TRANSIT SERVICE AREA SO THAT PASSENGERS MAY BENEFIT FROM GREATER ECONOMY OF OPERATION.

KMB HAS PUT UP INFORMATION NOTICES AT THE AFFECTED BUS STOPS, DISPLAYED STICKERS WITHIN THE VEHICLES AND ASKED THEIR BUS CAPTAINS TO ADVISE THE PASSENGERS OF THE CHANGES.

ALSO FROM SUNDAY, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 44 (LUNG KWU TAN - SAN CHING STREET, TUEN MUN AREA 10) AND NO. 74A (LONG PING ESTATE - FOOK HONG STREET, YUEN LONG TOWN) WILL BE REPLACED BY THE LRT FEEDER ROUTES NO. 520 (LUNG KWU TAN - TUEN MUN FERRY PIER) AND NO. 670 (LONG PING ESTATE - FOOK HONG STREET, YUEN LONG TOWN) RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE SAME TIME, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 43 (SEAVIEWS GARDEN TO TUEN MUN PIER HEAD) WILL BE RE-ORGANISED TO OPERATE BETWEEN SO KWUN WAT AND SAN CHING STREET IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1963-64  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1963 OR 1964 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM OCTOBER 3 TO NOVEMBER 12.

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.  
TEL. NO. 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393  
CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.  
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37  
TSUEN FU STREET.  
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.  
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 0-793291
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA  
YUEN.  
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG  
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.  
TEL. NO. 0-927191.

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THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1965 OR 1966 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK KEPT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON OCTOBER 1.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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HUNG HOM FERRY PIER TO BE RELOCATED  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO HUNG HOM WAN STREET FROM TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THE HYF FERRY SERVICES FROM HUNG HOM TO NORTH POINT AND FROM HUNG HOM TO WAN CHAI WILL BE AFFECTED.

IN ADDITION, THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME OF THE WAN CHAI SERVICE WILL BE ADJUSTED FOR FROM FIVE TO 30 MINUTES BUT THE FREQUENCY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A NEW COVERED WALKWAY WILL LINK THE TEMPORARY PIER TO THE EXISTING HUNG HOM FERRY PIER TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

HE ADDED THAT THE EXISTING FERRY PIER WOULD BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION PHASE II.

A NEW PERMANENT PIER, SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1990, WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION.

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CAUTION URGED ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT PREPARATORY WORKS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER NORTHBOUND NEAR SUNG TAK STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE WHEN DRIVING ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION AND WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR GUIDANCE.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

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