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PUBLIC URGED TO MAKE MORE USE OF
CROSS-HARBOUR COACH SERVICE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE NEW CROSS-HARBOUR EXPRESS COACH SERVICE WHICH RUNS BETWEEN KAI TAK AIRPORT AND CENTRAL DISTRICT VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY AREA.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE WEEK-OLD EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE HAD NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS EXPECTED, BUT HE HOPED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD MAKE USE OF IT.

HE SAID THE NEW SERVICE, ROUTE 200, WAS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO WANTED A MORE COMFORTABLE AND YET RELATIVELY CHEAPER FORM OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

ROUTE 200 WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEEK BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WITH THE BACKING OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS AND PUBLIC CARS, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO HELP EASE THE DEMAND AT THE AIRPORT FOR TAXIS AND PUBLIC CARS WHICH HAVE AT TIMES BEEN A SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS OF OVERCHARGING BY PASSENGERS. HE SAID.

THE INTRODUCTION OF ROUTE 200 WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO OBTAIN PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR AIR TRAVELLERS, PEOPLE SEEING THEM OFF OR BACK, AS WELL FOR AIRPORT STAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT SHOULD PROVE PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT FOR TOURISTS AS MOST HOTELS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT LIE ALONG THE ROUTE, EACH HAVING AN ADJACENT BUS STOP OBSERVED BY THE SERVICE. THE COACHES ALSO STOP OUTSIDE THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL IN GLOUCESTER ROAD VERY NEAR OTHER HOTELS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AREA.

USING 42-SEATER LUXURY COACHES WITH GUARANTEED SEATS, ROUTE 200 RUNS TO A FIXED SCHEDULE OF 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 8.15 P.M. CHARGING A FLAT FARE OF \$3.

JOURNEYS FROM THE AIRPORT BUILDING TERMINAL TO CENTRAL OPERATE VIA OLYMPIC AVENUE, TAM KUNG ROAD, MA TAU WEI ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, WATERFRONT ROAD FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD, WATERFRONT ROAD, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN VICTORIA STREET.

COACHES BOUND FOR THE AIRPORT FROM CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS TRAVEL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CHATER ROAD, MURRAY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, ARSENAL STREET, WATERFRONT ROAD, FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, MA TAU WEI ROAD, CHI KIANG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND OLYMPIC AVENUE.

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LICENSED AREA RESIDENTS GET PROPER POWER SUPPLY

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MORE THAN 5,000 RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S KOWLOON BAY FIRST VILLAGE AND CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREAS 'D' AND 'E' ARE NOW ENJOYING A LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INSTALLED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE POWER COMPANY.

THEY ARE AMONG THE FIRST TO GET PROPERLY INSTALLED POWER SUPPLY UNDER THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME IN LICENSED AREAS.

CHAI WAN LICENSED AREAS 2 AND 3 ARE NEXT ON THE COMPLETION LIST. INSTALLATION WORK IS NOW NEARLY FINISHED AND RESIDENTS WILL PROBABLY GET THEIR SUPPLY IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

APART FROM THESE FIVE AREAS, INSTALLATION WORK IS PROGRESSING IN SIX OTHER LICENSED AREAS. THESE ARE SAM KAR CHUEN (TERRACES 10, 11, AND 18-23), HIP WO STREET, WANG TAU HOM, JUNCTION ROAD, SHEK YAM AND TUEN MUM. THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY JULY OR AUGUST.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS AT PRESENT FINALISING SIMILAR POWER SUPPLY PLANS FOR TIN WAN, SAI CHO WAN, HA KWAI CHUN AND WONG CHUK HANG LICENSED AREAS, AND TENDERS FOR THE INSTALLATION WILL BE INVITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES OTHER LICENSED AREAS, WILL COST THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT MORE THAN \$6 MILLION.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT YUEN LONG

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT YUEN LONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON TO INSPECT THE RESULTS OF A CLEAN-UP OPERATION AT KAM TIN RIVER AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN YUEN LONG TOWN.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT. A 9-SEATER VAN, AM.2175, WILL TAKE THEM TO YUEN LONG, LEAVING AT 1.15 P.M. FROM THE GOVERNMENT SUB-POOL BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND RETURNING AT ABOUT 6.30 P.M.

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DISAPPOINTMENT OVER AMERICAN GSP DECISION

OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ARE DISAPPOINTED OVER THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE HONG KONG IN THE FIRST LIST OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE U.S. GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT MADE THIS STATEMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE G.S.P. ANNOUNCEMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, HONG KONG HAS ONLY BEEN INCLUDED IN A SECOND LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CASES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY PRESIDENT FORD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS SURPRISED THAT HONG KONG'S CASE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEFERRED IN THIS WAY WHEN ITS CLOSEST ASIAN COMPETITORS - TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA AND SINGAPORE - HAVE ALL BEEN GRANTED BENEFICIARY STATUS IN THE FIRST LIST.

+HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, +HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED AS A BENEFICIARY IN THE G.S.P.'S OF ALL THE MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICAN G.S.P. WOULD NOT COME INTO EFFECT FOR ANOTHER FEW MONTHS. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR HONG KONG'S INCLUSION IN THE SCHEME IN THE MEANTIME.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HONG KONG IN FAVOUR OF TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA AND SINGAPORE WILL BE SEEN HERE AS UNREASONABLE AND AS UNFAIR COMPARISON OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THESE THREE PLACES AND HONG KONG.+

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PHONE COMMISSION RECEIVES MORE REPRESENTATIONS
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A TOTAL OF 59 WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS HAS SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MORE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

THE COMMISSION IS NOW ENGAGED IN ANALYSING MATERIALS OBTAINED FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND THE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THOSE FURNISHED BY THE PUBLIC. A DETAILED INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASH FLOW SITUATION OF THE COMPANY IS ALSO BEING CONDUCTED.

TO HELP ITS INVESTIGATION, THE COMMISSION WILL VISIT A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMISSION HAS ON MARCH 21 CONCLUDED ITS FIRST SERIES OF OPEN HEARINGS WHICH FORMED PART OF THE PRELIMINARY STAGE OF THE INQUIRY TO OBTAIN PUBLIC VIEWS ON ALL MATTERS FALLING WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS DURING WHICH 18 WITNESSES HAD TESTIFIED, THE COMMISSION ALSO HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN PRIVATE DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO HEAR OTHER WITNESSES WHO WISHED TO TESTIFY IN CAMERA.

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BETTER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM PLANNED
FOR TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG
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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO IMPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE FROM THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AREAS.

AT PRESENT, SEWAGE FROM TSEUN WAN IS DISCHARGED INTO RAMBLER CHANNEL THROUGH AN OUTFALL IN THE SEAWALL ADJACENT TO TEXACO ROAD, WHILE SEWAGE FROM KWAI CHUNG FLOWS INTO THE CHANNEL FROM AN OPENING IN THE SEAWALL AT PILLAR ISLAND NEAR TSING YI BRIDGE.

IT IS INTENDED TO BUILD A TWIN SUBMARINE OUTFALL, EXTENDING ABOUT 1,060 METRES FROM THE SEAWALL AT PILLAR ISLAND INTO RAMBLER CHANNEL, TO SERVE THE TWO DISTRICTS.

THE NEW SUBMARINE OUTFALL, TOGETHER WITH A PROPOSED LINK SEWER CONNECTING THE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS OF BOTH TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, WILL SATISFACTORILY CARRY SEWAGE EFFLUENT AWAY FROM THE SEAWALLS FOR BETTER DILUTION AND DISPERSION IN DEEP WATER IN RAMBLER CHANNEL.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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SPECIAL TEAM SET UP TO EXPLAIN LABOUR RELATIONS BILL

THREE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY APPOINTED TO HANDLE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROPOSED LABOUR RELATIONS BILL.

THEY ARE MR. TSUI TIM-FOOK, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER, MR. CHAN SIU-TUNG, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER AND MR. TO SAU-HONG, LABOUR OFFICER. BOTH MR. TSUI AND MR. TO CAN BE CONTACTED ON 5-282523 AND MR. CHAN IS AVAILABLE ON 3-242779.

THE LABOUR RELATIONS BILL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY (MARCH 21) FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE ITS INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN MAY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY HIS DEPARTMENT HAD PREPARED A GUIDE IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

THE GUIDE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS AVAILABLE FREE FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BILL ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE APPOINTED OFFICERS WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUERIES ON THE PHONE OR ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CALLER IF NECESSARY.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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HOLIDAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN N.T.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AT THE END OF THE WEEK AND THE CHING MING FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON APRIL 5.

TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON ROADS LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY, WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT HEARSEs AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 5 A.M. AND 8 P.M. ON EACH OF THE FOUR EASTER HOLIDAYS -- MARCH 28 TO 31 -- AND ON APRIL 5 AND 6.

A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED ON SEVERAL ROADS ON APRIL 5 AND 6 FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO REVERT TO NORMAL TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THIS SYSTEM MAY ALSO BE ENFORCED ON MARCH 28, 29, 30 AND 31 SHOULD THE SITUATION SO REQUIRE. UNDER THIS SYSTEM, TAI PO ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHWARDS FROM THE JUNCTION OF LAM KAM ROAD TO FANLING ROUNDABOUT, AND FANLING ROUNDABOUT WILL ALSO BE ONE-WAY ALONG TAI PO ROAD TO SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT MAY PROCEED TO KOWLOON VIA THREE ROUTES -- FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT TO SHA TAU KOK ROAD, LUK KENG ROAD, TING KOK ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD= FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT FOLLOWING THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ALONG TAI PO ROAD TO ENTER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD= FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT FOLLOWING THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ALONG TAI PO ROAD, TURNING INTO FAN KAM ROAD TO KAM TIN, THEN EITHER THROUGH ROUTE TWISK TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD OR THROUGH LAM KAM ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD.

IN SHEUNG SHUI, NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES WITH CLOSED AREA PERMITS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MAN KAM ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JOCKEY CLUB ROAD NEXT SATURDAY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED NOT TO PROCEED TO THESE AREAS BY PRIVATE CARS AS PARKING SPACES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED IN SHEUNG SHUI. ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND LO WU WILL BE AVAILABLE. IN TSUEN WAN, THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 5 TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs OR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

SINGLE-LANE NOSE-TO-TAIL PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED, UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION, ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OF TEXACO ROAD.

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ON CHING MING FESTIVAL DAY (APRIL 5), ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED ON KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTES 70, 73, 76 AND 77 FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF WORSHIPPERS ATTENDING CEMETERIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL ROUTE, 82A, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO (SAN UK LING) VIA MAN KAM TO ROAD EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AT A FARE OF 20 CENTS.

AS ROUTE 70 MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE SOUTHBOUND ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND LAM KAM ROAD, PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE ROUTES 76 OR 77 BUSES FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO YUEN LONG, AND THEN ROUTE 50 FROM YUEN LONG TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER.

ROUTE 73 MAY BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND. ROUTES 78 AND 79 ON DEPARTURE FROM SHEUNG SHUI WILL OPERATE VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS, WHO ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE GENERAL AREAS NEAR WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY UNLESS THEIR JOURNEY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

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ANTI-DRUG SEMINAR FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE IN WONG TAI SIN HAS ORGANISED A SEMINAR FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY TOO WILL BECOME AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN HELPING TO PREVENT ITS ABUSE.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL INVOLVE ABOUT 100 WORKERS, WILL BE HELD AT THE CALVARY CHURCH SOCIAL CENTRE AT NO. 6 SHATIN PASS ROAD, WONG TAI SIN, FROM 8 - 10 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A PANEL PRESENTATION BY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS, A FILM SHOW AND AN OPEN FORUM. MATERIAL RELEVANT TO DRUG ABUSE WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST SUCH FUNCTIONS ORGANISED TO EDUCATE AND INFORM INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE DRUG SITUATION AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE WHEN TREATMENT IS REQUIRED.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TAKES OVER RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ISSUING CLOSED ROAD PERMITS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FROM NEXT WEEK FOR ISSUING CLOSED ROAD PERMITS TO VEHICLES USING THE RESTRICTED ROADS WITHIN THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WORKS AREA EAST OF THE TAI MONG TSAI BARRIER IN SAI KUNG, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROADS IN THE RESERVOIR AREA ITSELF EAST OF THE LAN NAI WAN BARRIER.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WOULD TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF THE RESTRICTED ROADS AS FROM NEXT TUESDAY (APRIL 1).

THESE RESTRICTED ROADS ARE AT PRESENT CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT BY EITHER THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SAI KUNG= THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER (EASTERN TUNNEL)= THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER (RESERVOIR)= OR THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TAI PO.

WITH THE TAKE-OVER ON APRIL 1, CLOSED ROAD PERMITS FOR VEHICLES USING THESE RESTRICTED ROADS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, OR BY OFFICERS TO WHOM THE POWER TO ISSUE SUCH PERMITS HAS BEEN DELEGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE VALID REASONS TO USE THE RESTRICTED ROADS MAY APPLY FOR A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT.

CONTRACTORS OR SUB-CONTRACTORS OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME MAY APPLY TO THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER (EASTERN TUNNEL) AND THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER (RESERVOIR).

RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG AND TAI PO DISTRICTS MAY APPLY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICERS, WHILE ALL OTHER PERSONS MAY DO SO TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, 2 MURRAY ROAD, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO ADVISE MOTORISTS OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE ROADS.

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