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PROPOSED NEW VEHICULAR FERRY ROUTES

The Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company proposes to introduce two new vehicular ferry services -- one between North Point and Kwun Tong and the other between Jubilee Street and Tai Kok Tsui.

When the proposed services come into operation, the existing North Point and Kowloon City service will be terminated as some commuters are being served by the cross-harbour tunnel. The existing Jordan Road to Central vehicular service will continue running.

Vehicular ferry berths, ramps and double-deck structures at Kwun Tong and Tai Kok Tsui, suitable for the operation of double-deck ferries, will be constructed to cater for the two new services.

"It is envisaged that with the introduction of the new services a better cross-harbour transport service will be provided," a Government spokesman said today.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, will move a resolution in the Legislative Council tomorrow to seek approval in principle for the company's application.

The resolution also seeks to make changes on some of the demolished piers listed in the schedule to the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company (Services) Ordinance. It also seeks to adjust the pier rents taking into consideration the deletion of the Kowloon City ferry pier and the inclusion of the Kwun Tong pier for which the company now has exclusive use.

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WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND BEING EXPANDED

The Hong Kong Society for the Blind is carrying out major renovations to the To Kwa Wan Workshop for the Blind to improve the welfare and working condition of the workers there.

For this purpose, the Legislative Council has approved a recommendation from the Social Welfare Advisory Committee for a grant of almost \$520,000 to the Society from the Lotteries Fund.

The Workshop will be expanding its woodwork section on the ground floor. Two new sections - light industry and sewing - will come into operation, bringing more employment and better pay for the blind workers.

The sewing section will be situated on the second floor with over 40 sewing machines. It will produce uniforms for junior government staff, towels and white sleeves for the traffic police.

There are also the chalk and paper box sections on the second floor, and the broom and brush section on the first floor.

A spokesman for the Workshop said: "It is hoped that our expansion scheme will have the support of the Government. In fact, several government departments have expressed their willingness to submit orders for our manufactured goods."

Working conditions of the workers will also be improved. More fans will be installed, the workers will be provided with individual lockers and there will be better lighting for the partially blind workers.

The renovations have already begun and are expected to be completed by mid-October.

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CLIMBING LANE FOR TAI PO ROAD

A section of Tai Po Road near the Chinese University is to be widened to make way for a climbing lane to reduce the heavy traffic congestion caused at this point by slow moving vehicles.

The climbing lane will be 4,800 feet long with a 10-foot wide carriageway. When completed, the entire carriageway along this section will be 34 feet wide with a five-foot pathway.

The project forms part of the Government's overall plan to improve the New Territories circular road network.

In connection with the road widening, the Government intends to resume 27,972 square feet of private agricultural land at Chek Nai Ping.

A notice announcing the proposed resumption under the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance was published in last week's Gazette.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN TAI HANG TUNG

The water supply of the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Estate will be cut off for five hours from 1 a.m. on Thursday (August 31).

The temporary water stoppage is to enable the Watterworks Department to carry out a leakage test.

The section affected is blocks 9 to 14.

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PUBLIC CARS ALLOWED TO USE ALL GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS

The Transport Department announced today that with effect from 8 a.m. on September 1 (Friday), public cars will be allowed to use all government car parks.

At present, these cars are restricted to the Middle Road, Murray Barracks and Harcourt Road (Central) car parks on an experimental basis.

Under the new arrangement, they can also use the government car parks at Star Ferry, City Hall, Garden Road, Yau Ma Tei, Rumsey Street and the Ex-Naval Dockyard (Harcourt Road). But the Transport Department may terminate the arrangement if it is discovered that public cars are taking up spaces required for private cars.

Monthly tickets will not be issued for public cars, and they will be charged the same price as private cars.

A notice indicating the various categories of vehicles allowed to use the car parks operated by the Urban Council will be displayed in a prominent position at the entrance to each car park.

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NEW BERTHS FOR FIREBOATS IN KOWLOON

The Fire Services Department will have new berthing facilities at the Canton Road fire station to improve the operation of its fleet of boats.

Funds have been approved for new berths to be built near the fire station to speed up loading of specialised equipment not normally carried on the fireboats.

The new berths will enable fireboats to tie up closer to the firemen's standby quarters and the crews will have less distance to cover when responding to an emergency call.

Working drawings for the new berths are being prepared and tenders for their construction will be called in due course.

The Canton Road fire station is well sited for dealing with fires in the commercial anchorage as well as the oil installations at Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan.

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DRAW FOR 54TH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

Winning numbers for the 54th Government Lottery, the second last lottery this year, will be drawn by four well-known TVB personalities -- Miss Pearl Au, Miss Gigi Wong, Mr. Gung Shui-fan and Mr. Leung Tin.

This was revealed today in a press conference by the Chairman of the Government Lottery Management Committee, Mr. Alex S.C. Wu.

The draw will be held on September 9 (Saturday) in the City Hall Concert Hall.

Mr. Wu also urged members of the public to support the special lottery commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Government Lottery. Tickets are now on sale at \$2 each.

The draw for the special lottery will be held on September 23, immediately after the draw for the 55th Government Lottery.

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SPECIAL SHIPMENT SCHEME FOR CERTAIN EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

Exports of all cotton, man-made fibre and wool textiles to the United States against quotas and export authorisations must be licensed on or before September 4, 1972 for shipment up till the end of September this year.

As an exception to this rule there will be certain special arrangements applicable to categories subject to unfinished consultations with the United States Government. Individual quota holders have been notified separately.

The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Jack Cater, said today that the object of the exercise, which was being introduced rather earlier than usual, was to ensure maximum utilisation of the available quota.

A special shipment scheme will be operated from September 6 to September 29. Under it all quotas not licensed on or before September 4 will be made available to all applicants for shipment before the end of the month.

Full details of the scheme are announced in Notice to Exporters: Series 2 No. 16/72 which was issued today.

Trade Associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for Notices to Exporters, Series 2 have been sent copies of this Notice. Any one else who wishes to know the details is invited to contact one of the following officers of the Commerce and Industry Department:-

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The scheme has been introduced by the department on the advice of the Textiles Advisory Board.

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