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HOUSING INVESTIGATION AUTHORISED
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY TODAY (TUESDAY) ISSUED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ICAC A CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 18A(2) OF THE ICAC ORDINANCE STATING THAT THE GOVERNOR, HAVING BEEN APPRAISED OF THE FACTS REGARDING THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF THE 26 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE BLOCKS SCHEDULED TO BE DEMOLISHED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, CONSIDERED THAT THESE DISCLOSED THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFENCES SUFFICIENTLY HEINOUS TO WARRANT ACTION.

THE ICAC WILL THEREFORE CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE CORRUPTION OFFENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE BLOCKS.

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PROGRAMME FOR FCO MINISTER'S STOP-OVER
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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR TIMOTHY RENTON, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG FOR AN OVERNIGHT VISIT ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23) AFTER HIS VISIT TO CHINA.

MR RENTON IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT LOWU AT ABOUT 2 PM. DURING HIS SHORT STAY IN HONG KONG, HE WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEFORE JOINING THE GOVERNOR AND UMELCO MEMBERS FOR A MEETING AND DINNER AT THE UMELCO OFFICE.

ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING (JANUARY 24), MR RENTON WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 7.45 AM BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THAILAND AT 9.10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING ARE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING MR RENTON'S ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

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1. ARRIVAL AT LOWU

MR RENTON WILL ARRIVE AT LOWU AT ABOUT 2 PM AND WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE. A FIXED POSITION WILL BE SET UP AT THE LOWU TRAIN STATION FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF HIS ARRIVAL.

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TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO LOWU STATION, WHICH IS INSIDE THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA. A COACH WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 12 NOON SHARP. NO OTHER MEDIA VEHICLES WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS INTO THE CLOSED AREA.

2. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

MR RENTON WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THE COUNCIL'S CHAMBER AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 4 PM. A FIXED POSITION WILL BE PROVIDED INSIDE THE CGO LOBBY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

3. MEETING AND DINNER WITH UMELCO

MR RENTON WILL ARRIVE AT THE UMELCO OFFICE AT 7 PM FOR A MEETING WITH UMELCO MEMBERS WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DINNER. A FIXED POSITION WILL BE SET UP AT THE JACKSON ROAD ENTRANCE TO UMELCO FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

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4. PRESS CONFERENCE AT GIS

MR RENTON WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 7.45 AM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED AND A FULL TRANSCRIPT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

5. DEPARTURE FOR THAILAND

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MR RENTON WILL DEPART HONG KONG FOR THAILAND BY FLIGHT CX 713, ETD 9.10 AM. A FIXED POSITION WILL BE SET UP AT THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE HALL +FINGER+ FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIS DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING AT 8.20 AM.

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CMB KEEPING UP SAFETY, CLEANLINESS STANDARD
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THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF SAFETY AND CLEANLINESS OF ITS BUSES, THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEARNED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE EIGHTH PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TAC WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE SHOWED THAT THE COMPANY'S BUSES IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR HAD AN AVERAGE OF 0.5 SAFETY DEFECT PER BUS COMPARED WITH 0.6 IN AUGUST AND 3 LAST JANUARY.

TAC ALSO NOTED THAT THE RATE OF BUS BREAKDOWNS IN NOVEMBER 1985 SHOWED A 25 PER CENT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PERIOD IN 1984.

THE LEVEL OF BUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY WAS ALSO SATISFACTORY, PARTICULARLY IN OVERALL CLEANLINESS.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE CHARTERED ENGINEER EMPLOYED TO HEAD CMB'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ASSUMED DUTY ON JANUARY 17.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMPANY'S NEW \$35 MILLION DEPOT AT WONG CHUK HANG HAD BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE DECEMBER LAST YEAR. THE NEW DEPOT, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THE OLD WONG CHUK HANG DEPOT AND THE JAVA ROAD DEPOT, HAVE REPLACED FACILITIES AT THE NORTH POINT UPPER DEPOT WHICH HAS BECOME SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENT.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT A BUS WITHDRAWAL PROGRAMME WAS BEING PREPARED BY CMB TO REDUCE THE ASSORTMENT OF MODELS IN ITS BUS FLEET AND ALSO TO PHASE OUT THE AGED BUSES.

THE TAC LEARNED THAT CMB FORMALLY APPLIED ON DECEMBER 30, 1985 TO EXTEND ITS FRANCHISE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS UPON THE EXPIRY OF ITS CURRENT FRANCHISE ON AUGUST 31, 1987.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS ASSESSING CMB'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND WOULD SOON SUBMIT CMB'S APPLICATION FOR THE TAC'S CONSIDERATION.

TAC MEMBERS ALSO HELD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON CMB'S APPLICATION FOR A FARE INCREASE. TAC HAS ESTABLISHED A SUB-COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THEIR INCREASED MAINTENANCE MEASURES AS REFLECTED IN THE COMPANY'S FARE INCREASE PROPOSALS.

ALSO DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING WERE PENALTIES FOR VEHICLE SPEEDING OFFENCES, AND THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ITS CHAI WAN TO KWUN TONG PASSENGER SERVICE. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE MATTERS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

TAC MEMBERS ALSO CONSIDERED THE ROLE OF TAXIS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES' TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR BETTER POLICE WORK
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PLANS OVER FIVE YEARS FOR SPLITTING THE PRESENT KOWLOON POLICE REGION INTO TWO REGIONS -- EAST AND WEST -- TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE FOR THE POLICING OF THE AREA WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THIS, AN INITIAL SUM OF \$103.6 MILLION FOR PUTTING UP AND EQUIPPING TWO NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE REQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH AN ANNUAL RECURRENT SUM OF \$22.7 MILLION.

A NEW BUILDING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE KOWLOON EAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT SAU MAU PING, TO COVER FOUR LAND DISTRICTS: KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, WONG TAI SIN AND JUNK BAY, AND THE NON-TERRITORIAL MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DISTRICT.

AND A NEW BUILDING TO SERVE AS AN OPERATIONAL BASE AT MONG KOK WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE KOWLOON WEST REGION, COVERING THE FOUR LAND DISTRICTS OF KOWLOON CITY, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND YAU MA TEI, AND THE NON-TERRITORIAL AIRPORT DISTRICT, WITH THE PRESENT ARGYLE STREET HEADQUARTERS BEING RETAINED.

A LEAD TIME OF FIVE YEARS STARTING FROM THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR WORK ON THE BUILDINGS.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES RESULT FROM AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF THE POLICE FORCE.

AT PRESENT, THE FORCE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE LAND REGIONS -- HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES -- AND THE MARINE REGION.

THE HONG KONG ISLAND REGION, SPANNING FOUR DISTRICTS -- CENTRAL, EASTERN, WAN CHAI AND WESTERN -- WHICH WILL BE EXPANDED TO FIVE IN 1989 WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, COVERS A POPULATION OF 1.2 MILLION. IN 1985, THERE WERE 16 539 REPORTED CRIMES.

THE KOWLOON REGION COVERS A POPULATION OF 2.4 MILLION, AND HAS A COMMAND SPAN OF SEVEN LAND DISTRICTS -- KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, AND YAU MA TEI -- AND WILL BE EXPANDED TO EIGHT, WITH THE JUNK BAY DISTRICT COMING INTO STREAM IN 1989, TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

IN 1985, THERE WERE 47 365 REPORTED CRIMES IN KOWLOON, OR 186 PER CENT MORE THAN IN HONG KONG ISLAND.

PLANS ARE FOR MANPOWER TO BE BUILT-UP ALSO OVER THE FIVE-YEAR SPAN, WITH IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONAL COMMAND STRUCTURE.

/OTHER REQUESTS

OTHER REQUESTS BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE INCLUDE:

- * SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$33.1 MILLION FOR THE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHEME ;
- * SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$7 MILLION FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PAY THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR BED PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT CARE;
- * AN INCREASE IN AID OF \$4.505 MILLION TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA TO BUILD AND EQUIP A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT TAI PO;
- * CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND OF \$9.197 MILLION FOR THE ASIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HOME FOR THE AGED IN KOWLOON TONG, AND \$12.237 MILLION FOR YAN CHAI HOSPITAL TO CONSTRUCT A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED AT LAI CHI LING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG ; AND
- * ADDITIONAL PROVISION OF ABOUT \$5 MILLION FOR SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS AND STAFF IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, AND ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES.
- * TO AGREE TO CHANGES IN THE STANDARD MORTGAGE TERMS TAKEN OUT BY PURCHASERS OF HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME -- HOS -- AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME -- PSPS -- FLATS, TO ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF MORE OF THESE FLATS.
- * A REQUEST FOR THE RATES OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO OPERATORS OF FISH FRY PONDS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR CLEARANCES IN TIN SHUI WAI TO CONTINUE TO APPLY IN FUTURE CLEARANCES OF FISH FRY PONDS.

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FEES FOR RSD FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES TO REMAIN UNCHANGED
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) DECIDED TO RETAIN THE CURRENT SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

EXPLAINING THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES), MR ALEX NG, SAID THAT THE CURRENT FOUR-TIER FEE STRUCTURE, FIRST IMPLEMENTED ON FEBRUARY 1 LAST YEAR, WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1986-87.

THE FEES WERE SET AT \$10 FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, \$20 FOR ESTABLISHED ACTIVITIES, \$30 FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND \$40 FOR HIGH-DEMAND ACTIVITIES.

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THEY WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, APPLY TO THREE CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PILOT PROJECTS ORGANISED ON A TRIAL BASIS; SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY PEOPLE; AND CARNIVAL-TYPE ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAVE REMAINED FREE FOR THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING FEE LEVEL FOR THE USE OF CAMPS AND WATER SPORTS CENTRES UNDER ITS MANAGEMENT, THAT IS FROM \$3 TO \$30.

ON A PROPOSED SCHEME TO SELL TICKETS FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, LUT SAU HALL, NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL AND TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE THROUGH THE URBAN COUNCIL'S COMPUTERISED TICKETING SYSTEM (URBTIX) IN THE URBAN AREA, THE COMMITTEE AUTHORISED THE DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSAL FOR A SIX-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD STARTING APRIL 1.

MR NG SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIAL SCHEME WAS +TO GAUGE THE DEMAND FOR TICKETS IN THE URBAN AREA FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PRESENTATIONS, AND TO BENEFIT POTENTIAL PATRONS OF THE COUNCIL'S MANY PERFORMING VENUES.+

AT THE SAME TIME, TICKETS FOR A SPECIFIC PORTION OF SEAT, NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE URBTIX, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SOLD MANUALLY AT THE COUNCIL'S VENUES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE SHEUNG YIU FOLK MUSEUM. THE VILLAGE, COMPRISING EIGHT RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN A ROW, A COMMON YARD AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURES INCLUDING A GATE TOWER, TWO PIG PENS, A CATTLE PEN AND A LARGE KITCHEN, WAS PARTIALLY RESTORED AT A COST OF ABOUT \$500 000. BY THE END LAST MONTH, IT HAD ATTRACTED OVER 130 000 VISITORS SINCE ITS OPENING ON JANUARY 21, 1984.

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WARNING ON BRINGING IN ANIMALS, PLANTS
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RESIDENTS VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHINA DURING THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT NOT TO BRING BACK DOGS AND CATS WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT.

THEY ARE ALSO ADVISED TO BE CAREFUL WITH THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS THEY INTEND TO BRING INTO HONG KONG. MANY OF THESE ANIMALS AND PLANTS ARE SUBJECT TO STRICT IMPORT CONTROLS UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD STEP UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL IMMIGRATION POINTS DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD REFRAIN FROM BRINGING IN DOGS AND CATS ILLEGALLY BECAUSE THESE ANIMALS MIGHT BE POTENTIAL RABIES CARRIERS. THEIR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION WOULD POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

+OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE AN EQUALLY SERIOUS OFFENCE IF THE PUBLIC BROUGHT IN +ENDANGERED SPECIES+ AND THEIR PARTS AND DERIVATIVES.

THE MOST COMMON PROTECTED SPECIES INCLUDE THE CHINESE PANGOLINS, OWLS, BIRDS OF PREY, TURTLES, CROCODILES, BIG CATS, PYTHONs, WILD AMERICAN GINSENG AND WILD ORCHIDS.

ILLEGAL IMPORTATION, POSSESSION OR EXPORTATION OF THE SCHEDULED SPECIES WILL LEAD TO PROSECUTION AND A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THOSE WHO WISHED TO IMPORT ANY ANIMALS, BIRDS OR REPTILES INCLUDING THE PROTECTED SPECIES TO APPLY EARLY FOR A LICENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

+THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE ARRANGEMENT IS MADE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF THE ANIMALS OR SPECIMENS, WHETHER THEY ARE LIVE, DEAD OR PARTS,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD.

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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FORM LIAISON COMMITTEE

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO FOSTER BETTER CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND AMONG SCHOOLS THEMSELVES.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 170 SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT, THE MOST IN ANY OF THE 19 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO IMPROVE LIAISON AMONG SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, TO FOSTER BETTER CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOLS IN MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND TO PROMOTE AN INTEREST AMONG SCHOOLS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

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SOME 70 SCHOOLS HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE.

MR LOI TING-SHIIN AND MR KO CHOK-KAI HAVE BEEN SELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN AMONG 14 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

TO MARK THE FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE, AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY AND A SEMINAR ON +INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS+ WILL BE HELD AT THE REGAL MERIDIEN AIRPORT HOTEL AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23).

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES; CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR LOI TING-SHIIN AND MR KO CHOK-KAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL TALK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHILE THE REV. PETER CHOW, CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS AND THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION TO BE LED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR DANIEL TSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE INAUGURATION MEETING AT THE REGAL MERIDIEN AIRPORT HOTEL (OPPOSITE KAI TAK AIRPORT) AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23).

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SURVEY TO PROBE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF DISABLED
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HAS COMMISSIONED THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED IN THE DISTRICT.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), ABOUT 4 000 QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO THE BLIND OR THOSE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 31.

THOSE HAVING DIFFICULTIES COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-7110171 EXTENSION 31 TO ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEWS BY HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONTACT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT TO INTERVIEW ABOUT 200 DISABLED PERSONS.

THE SURVEY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND CONDUCTED BY A DISTRICT BOARD, IS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A WORKING GROUP OF THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR PAO PING-WING, SAID THE SURVEY WAS AIMED AT FINDING OUT THE TRANSPORT PATTERNS OF THE DISABLED, WHAT EXISTING TRANSPORT FACILITIES WERE BEING PROVIDED FOR THEM AND TO RECOMMEND TO GOVERNMENT FUTURE TRANSPORT POLICIES REGARDING DISABLED PERSONS.

MR PAO SAID THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS OF THE SURVEY DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE RESPONSE BY THOSE WHO WERE SENT QUESTIONNAIRES.

HE THEREFORE URGED THEM TO EXTEND THEIR FULLEST CO-OPERATION BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE
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THE SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, ESTABLISHED IN 1961, WILL HOLD ITS SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND OPEN DAY ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AND PLANT A TREE AT THE SCHOOL GARDEN TO MARK THE EVENT ON FRIDAY MORNING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A SILVER JUBILEE EXHIBITION AT THE SCHOOL HALL AT 42 CHAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7 PM ON THE OPEN DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL TO MARK THE SCHOOL'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND OPEN DAY AT 9.50 AM ON FRIDAY.

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VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
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A VARIETY SHOW AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WILL BE STAGED AT THE A.C. HALL, WATERLOO ROAD, ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24).

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND RTHK, SPONSORED BY THE DOW CHEMICAL PACIFIC LTD.

DETAILS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY VARIETY SHOW WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR YIP YUK-LUN, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND MISS JOHANNA LAU, TV EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, TELEVISION DIVISION OF RTHK.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE LOCAL TV ARTISTES AND SINGERS DEANIE YIP, PAT CHAN, ALBERT AU, ANNIE LIU AND TONY LEUNG KA-FAI WHO WILL BE APPEARING IN THE VARIETY SHOW ON FRIDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT, WAH DO HOUSE, WATERLOO ROAD, AT 12.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23).

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BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT CITY POLYTECHNIC
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO LOOK AT ITS FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, THE 15-MEMBER PARTY WILL ARRIVE AT THE INSTITUTION'S PRESENT CAMPUS AT MONGKOK CENTRE AT 9.30 AM, AND MEET THE DIRECTOR, DR DAVID JOHNS, FOR A SLIDE PRESENTATION AND BRIEFING.

MEMBERS WILL THEN TOUR THE CENTRALISED LABORATORIES AND WORKSHOPS, THE COMPUTER CENTRE, THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND THE LIBRARY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO VISIT THE PERMANENT CAMPUS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TAT CHEE ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO JOIN THE VISIT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET AT 9 AM.

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OPENING OF BRADBURY MOVEMENT CENTRE

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LADY YOUDE WILL BE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE BRADBURY MOVEMENT CENTRE AT THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN SHA TIN ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23).

THE CENTRE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

IT WILL ALSO HOUSE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY.

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LAUNCHING OF TAI PO EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TAI PO IS THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT TO LAUNCH THE EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY.

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WORK TO START ON ROAD NETWORK IN FANLING
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT WORTH MORE THAN \$60 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD NETWORK IN A NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA OF FANLING LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR YU KWOK-LEUNG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, LILLEY CONSTRUCTION LTD.

THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA LIES TO THE SOUTH OF SHEK WU HUI BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION AND JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING ABOUT FOUR KILOMETRES OF DISTRIBUTOR AND INTERNAL ROADS AND AN ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AS WELL AS TWO FOOTBRIDGES LINKING SHEUNG SHUI STATION WITH THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA.

WHEN DEVELOPED, THE AREA WILL HAVE A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WITH A MAXICAB TERMINUS AND TAXI STANDS, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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WOMEN'S CLUB SERVING THE COMMUNITY
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING WOMEN'S WELFARE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER OF THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB, MRS CHAN SAID THE CLUB CONSTANTLY ORGANISED GROUP WORK ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MODERN WOMEN FOR KNOWLEDGE AND A FULLER LIFE.

THE CLUB ALSO MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH OVERSEAS WOMEN WELFARE AGENCIES AND EXCHANGED WORKING EXPERIENCE, SHE SAID.

ON MANY OCCASIONS THE CLUB HAD CLOSELY CO-OPERATED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN HELPING THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, ASSISTING THE NEEDY PEOPLE, PROVIDING EDUCATION, OFFERING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY AND CARING FOR CHILDREN, MRS CHAN SAID.

WOMEN OF TODAY MUST BE BOTH INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES, SHE SAID.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR FURTHER MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT

A \$33 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR SITE FORMATION AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK AT MA ON SHAN.

WORK WILL INCLUDE FORMING 3.2 HECTARES OF LAND NEAR WU KAI SHA AND CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 2.3 KILOMETRES OF SINGLE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATH AND CYCLE TRACKS AROUND YIU ON ESTATE WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE STORMWATER DRAINS, A TRUNK SEWER, A FOUL SEWER SYSTEM, A BOX CULVERT AND A PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST SUBWAY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1987.

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DETAILS ON CLEANLINESS AND SAFETY CAMPAIGN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI CLEAN HONG KONG AND KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE CAMPAIGN CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAH, WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 11.30 AM THURSDAY (JANUARY 23) TO INTRODUCE DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEES IN KWAI CHUNG EAST, SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, CENTRAL, KWAI SHING AND TSING YI WILL ALSO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMMES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THERE WILL BE A PENNANT-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WITH MR CHAN PRESENTING PENNANTS TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE VARIOUS ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN ORGANISING THE CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND PENNANT-GIVING CEREMONY.

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1 000 MUSICIANS TO PERFORM AT CONCERT
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MORE THAN 1 000 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE SAME TIME AT A CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 26).

THE 1986 ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA WILL REVIEW THE TRAINEES' ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME RUN BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE GALA WILL BE A GRAND COMBINED PERFORMANCE BY THE 1 000-STRONG ORCHESTRA COMPRISING STRING, WOODWIND AND BRASS PLAYERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

+THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTALISTS COMBINE TOGETHER TO PRESENT SUCH A LARGE SCALE PERFORMANCE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

+IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR THE TRAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN REHEARSING HARD DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS FOR THIS GALA PERFORMANCE,+ HE ADDED.

UNDER THE BATON OF ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR THOMAS WANG, THE 1 000 TRAINEES WHOSE AGES RANGE FROM SEVEN TO 26 WILL PLAY A PIECE ENTITLED +DANCE OF THE YAO+, ARRANGED BY LIU ZHAN-LIN.

THE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROVIDE TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM BEFORE THEIR PARENTS IN PUBLIC.

+WHEN PARENTS WATCH THEIR CHILDREN PERFORM ON STAGE AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, THEY FEEL PROUD OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE YOUNGSTERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND LADY AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING WHICH OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE GALA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERT AT 3 PM.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR ROAD WORKS

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG SHUI FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24) TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THESE ARE:

- * THE SECTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS. TRAFFIC, INCLUDING KMB ROUTES NO. 69, 70, 70K, 73 AND 79K, WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE NEW ROAD PARALLEL TO THE JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.
- * THE SECTION OF THE NEW ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- * THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY AT THE SECTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC WILL BE LIFTED.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, THE PROHIBITED ZONES ON PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL ALSO BE LIFTED.

MEANWHILE, YUK WAH STREET BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND HONG WAH STREET IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE WATER MAINS LAYING WORKS.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES FOR KWAI CHUNG

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 24).

THESE ARE:

- * HING FONG ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FONG ROAD,
- * HING FONG ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 210 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION,

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- * HING FONG ROAD SOUTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION,
- * HING FONG ROAD SOUTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WO HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FUK ROAD, AND
- * KWAI FOO ROAD BETWEEN HING FONG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES ON THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE LIFTED:

- * HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN KWAI FOO ROAD AND TAI WO HAU ROAD,
- * KWAI FOO ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HING FONG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 39 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND
- * HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN KWAI FOO ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF LAM KAM ROAD NEAR PAK NGAU SHEK WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM DAILY FROM JANUARY 23 TO JANUARY 31. DRIVERS OF HEAVY VEHICLES ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE LAM KAM ROAD DURING THIS PERIOD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN POK FU LAM, CENTRAL

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24), THE SECTION OF SANDY BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH VICTORIA ROAD AND THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT SANDY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE MAINS LAYING WORKS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, THE SECTION OF MAN WA LANE FROM A POINT 20 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS. THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM RESTRICTION ON GOODS VEHICLE ON THE SAME SECTION OF MAN WA LANE WILL BE LIFTED.

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MAI PO WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THE WHOLE AREA ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM MAI PO TO LOK MA CHAU ROAD, INCLUDING MAI PO SAN TSUEN, MAI PO LO WAI, MAI PO LUNG, TSING LUNG TSUEN, FAN TIN TSUEN, SAN TIN, AND WING PING TSUEN.

ALSO AFFECTED ARE CASSINO LINES, SHEK WU WAI, ON LUNG TSUEN, TUNG CHAN WAI, SAN LUNG TSUEN AND PREMISES ALONG OCCUPATION ROAD.

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