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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JUNE RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JUNE 1989, AT \$98,896 MILLION, GREW BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN JUNE 1989 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$18,956 MILLION IN JUNE 1989, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 34 PER CENT TO \$29,886 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN JUNE 1989 TO \$48,842 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 21 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO \$50,054 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, AT \$539,777 MILLION, INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT TO \$102,058 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT TO \$161,096 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT TO \$263,154 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT TO \$276,623 MILLION.

COMPARING JUNE 1989 WITH JUNE 1988, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN (+15 PER CENT), CHINA (+15 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+14 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (+12 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE LARGEST MARKET INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN JUNE 1989 OVER JUNE 1988, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE USA (+34 PER CENT), ITALY (+34 PER CENT), CHINA (+32 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+24 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+13 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, THE SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER (AFTER CHINA) INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SWITZERLAND DECREASED, BOTH BY 8 PER CENT.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 62 PER CENT, 54 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT AND 47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+36 PER CENT), ITALY (+33 PER CENT), JAPAN (+33 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+19 PER CENT), AND CHINA (+14 PER CENT).

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COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+28 PER CENT), JAPAN (+24 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+16 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+15 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE USA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+41 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+35 PER CENT), CHINA (+34 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+27 PER CENT), THE USA (+24 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+20 PER CENT), JAPAN (+17 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+16 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, THE USA, JAPAN AND CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 63 PER CENT, 56 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 50 PER CENT, 45 PER CENT, 40 PER CENT AND 35 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JUNE 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,031 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$641 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$493 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$1,950 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$220 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT) AND SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$96 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,297 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$5,569 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5,513 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$6,672 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$825 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$135 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,383 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$5,232 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,693 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$4,773 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$390 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$119 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE JUNE 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND AUGUST 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JUNE 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-AUGUST 1989 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
USA	6,281	+ 3	31,261	- 1
CHINA	3,659	+ 15	20,542	+ 28
FR OF GERMANY	1,282	- 4	7,128	- 4
UK	1,294	- 1	6,891	+ 6
JAPAN	998	+ 15	5,765	+ 24
CANADA	563	+ 9	2,902	+ 10
SINGAPORE	479	+ 14	2,655	+ 15
NETHERLANDS	399	- 2	2,257	+ 7
AUSTRALIA	339	+ 12	1,961	+ 10
TAIWAN	363	+ 5	1,842	+ 16

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,326	+ 11	30,035	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,389	- 5	13,004	- 2

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,523	- 4	8,963	+ 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,415	- 3	8,605	+ 6
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,370	+ 14	7,855	+ 7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,409	- 2	7,774	+ 2

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
CHINA	17,258	+ 32	89,397	+ 34
JAPAN	8,653	+ 2	48,495	+ 17
TAIWAN	4,370	+ 13	25,303	+ 27
USA	4,711	+ 34	23,292	+ 24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,445	+ 7	13,965	+ 20
SINGAPORE	1,929	+ 24	10,964	+ 35
FR OF GERMANY	1,163	+ 2	6,938	+ 16
UK	1,098	- 8	6,669	+ 7
ITALY	839	+ 34	4,948	+ 41
SWITZERLAND	766	- 8	4,736	+ 6

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,781	+ 20	35,997	+ 23
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,997	+ 9	28,464	+ 24
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,517	+ 25	19,139	+ 49
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,629	+ 51	18,874	+ 42
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,334	+ 38	16,484	+ 37
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,393	- 8	14,652	+ 16

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
CHINA	8,814	+ 14	52,556	+ 35
USA	6,293	+ 54	29,787	+ 45
JAPAN	1,908	+ 33	10,221	+ 40

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TAIWAN	1,412	+ 22	8,159	+ 25
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,192	+ 19	6,760	+ 19
FR OF GERMANY	1,104	+ 62	5,723	+ 63
SINGAPORE	892	+ 36	5,029	+ 28
UK	835	+ 50	3,891	+ 50
AUSTRALIA	489	+ 47	2,563	+ 50
ITALY	386	+ 33	2,340	+ 56

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

MAJOR MARKET	JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JUN 89 OVER JUN 88 (%)	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 89 OVER JAN-JUN 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,866	+ 37	20,249	+ 31
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,610	+ 12	16,383	+ 35
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,720	+ 55	16,348	+ 49
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,085	+ 75	15,687	+ 50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,300	+ 57	12,111	+ 63
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,225	+ 30	6,371	+ 38

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EXPERIMENTAL 'BOUGHT-PLACE SCHEME' FOR ELDERLY ANNOUNCED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF AN EXPERIMENTAL "BOUGHT-PLACE SCHEME" FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACES IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID \$30.6 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO BUY UP TO 500 PLACES IN PRIVATE ELDERLY HOMES OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

HE SAID THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME WERE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR EXISTING PRIVATE HOMES TO IMPROVE THEIR SERVICE STANDARDS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SETTING UP OF NEW HOMES TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS.

MR CHUI SAID PLACES WOULD BE BOUGHT FROM CURRENTLY REGISTERED HOMES. A COMMITMENT COULD BE MADE TO BUY PLACES FROM HOMES UNDER PLANNING AND EXISTING HOMES WHICH WERE NOT YET REGISTERED BUT WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARDS UP TO REGISTRATION LEVEL, HE ADDED.

MR CHUI SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE HOMES WERE ASSESSED TO BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING GOOD CARE TO ELDERLY RESIDENTS AT A LEVEL IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGISTRATION STANDARDS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME.

"PLACES WILL BE BOUGHT IN THE RANGE OF \$3,700 TO \$4,700 DEPENDING ON THE REGISTRATION CATEGORY AND THE LOCATION OF THE HOME.

"HOMES FROM WHICH PLACES ARE BOUGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR INSPECTIONS BY INSPECTORS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ADVICE IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICE," HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID TERMS AND CONDITIONS WOULD BE LAID DOWN IN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE OPERATOR AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

"PLACES IN HOMES ALREADY REGISTERED CAN BE BOUGHT IN OCTOBER IF THEY OFFER TO MAKE SOME OF THEIR PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

"AS TO EXISTING PRIVATE HOMES THAT ARE NOT YET REGISTERED BUT CAN MEET REGISTRATION STANDARDS, PLACES COULD BE BOUGHT UPON REGISTRATION.

"REGARDING HOMES THAT ARE NOT YET UP TO REGISTRATION STANDARD, A COMMITMENT COULD BE MADE TO PURCHASE PLACES IF SUCH HOMES COULD IMPROVE TO REACH THE REGISTRATION LEVEL WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF COMMITMENT.

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"FOR HOMES UNDER PLANNING, APPLICANTS WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL ABILITY.

"UPON BEING SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSAL IS VIABLE AND PRACTICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BUY PLACES FROM THESE NEW HOMES WHEN THEY ARE REGISTERED," HE SAID.

AS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOUGHT PLACES, MR CHUI SAID IN GENERAL PLACES WOULD BE BOUGHT TERRITORY-WIDE WITH FLEXIBILITY IN BUYING MORE PLACES IN DISTRICTS WHERE THERE WERE CONCENTRATIONS OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND HOMES.

HE SAID BOUGHT PLACES OF A REASONABLE SERVICE STANDARD WOULD BE USED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS ON THE CENTRAL WAITING LIST WHO NEEDED RESIDENTIAL CARE.

"EACH ELDERLY PERSON WILL PAY A FEE OF \$650 TO \$800 PER MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE CATEGORY OF HOME THAT HE OCCUPIED," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 263 PRIVATE HOMES PROVIDING A TOTAL CAPACITY OF ABOUT 9,100 BEDS WITH SOME 7,200 RESIDENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE CLOSE TO 10,000 PLACES IN RESIDENTIAL HOMES OF VARIOUS TYPES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION OF ABOUT 7,000 SUBVENTED PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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HONG KONG SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH IS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT EMERGENCY SERVICE ENJOYING A GOOD REPUTATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR LAU WONG-FAT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT THIS MORNING, MR LAU SAID IT WAS THE DUTY OF FIREMEN AND AMBULANCEMEN TO SAVE LIVES IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS.

"THEIR WORK REQUIRES SUITABLE SKILL, COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE," HE SAID.

MR LAU ADDED THAT WITH THE USE OF ADVANCED FIRE AND AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, THE EFFICIENCY IN RESCUE WORK HAD BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED.

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"THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRE SERVICES TO OFFER BETTER PROTECTION FOR THE SAFETY AND PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

MR LAU POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH IN YUEN LONG, THERE HAD BEEN A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

HE SAID IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS TO HAVE A MODERNISED AND FULLY EQUIPPED FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT IN THEIR DISTRICT AND THE COMMISSIONING OF THIS NEW FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT HAD BEEN TIMELY IN MEETING THE DEVELOPMENT IN AND DEMAND OF THE DISTRICT.

"I HOPE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT WILL BE DEVOTED TO THEIR DUTY AND DO THEIR BEST TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC," MR LAU SAID.

THE REPROVISIONING OF THE YUEN LONG FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT BEGAN IN MARCH 1986.

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG KAM STREET AND FUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN YUEN LONG TOWN (EAST), THEY WERE COMPLETED IN JULY LAST YEAR AND PUT INTO USE TWO MONTHS LATER TO REPLACE THE OLD STATION IN TUNG LOK STREET AND THE OLD DEPOT IN SAU FU STREET.

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#### \$200,000 CASH AID TO CRIME VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED A TOTAL OF \$200,000 IN CASH TO VICTIMS OR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS IN TWO SEPARATE CASES - AN ARSON AND HOMICIDE CASE AND A ROBBERY CASE - WHICH OCCURRED RECENTLY.

THESE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WERE GRANTED FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD AND THE FUNDS WERE RELEASED BY THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPENSATION SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARSON AND HOMICIDE CASE, MORE THAN \$167,000 OF CASH ASSISTANCE WAS AWARDED TO THE FAMILIES OF FOUR MEN, AGED BETWEEN 40 AND 59, WHO DIED, AND TO THREE MEN, AGED BETWEEN 27 AND 54, WHO WERE INJURED.

THE CASE OCCURRED AT A RESTAURANT AT 89 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN ON JULY 7 THIS YEAR. SIX PERSONS DIED AND 12 OTHERS WERE INJURED IN THE CASE.

FAMILIES OF FOUR OF THE DECEASED WERE AWARDED EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS RANGING FROM \$57,810 TO \$32,520 INCLUDING BURIAL GRANTS. THREE INJURED MEN RECEIVED INJURY GRANTS RANGING FROM \$540 TO \$1,080.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL PROCESSING THE APPLICATION FROM THE FAMILY OF A 45-YEAR-OLD VICTIM WHO DIED AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE FAMILY SHORTLY. AS FOR THE SIXTH DECEASED PERSON, HIS FAMILY HAS YET TO BE LOCATED.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROBBERY CASE, \$23,840 IN CASH WAS AWARDED TO THE FAMILY OF A 32-YEAR-OLD CONTAINER TRUCK DRIVER WHO WAS INJURED DURING THE PURSUIT OF ROBBERS AT THE WHAMPOA GARDEN SHOPPING ARCADE IN HUNG HOM ON JULY 29 THIS YEAR.

THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD HAS DOUBLED THE INJURY GRANT IN THIS CASE IN VIEW OF THE VICTIM'S CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND EXEMPLARY EFFORT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PROCESSING OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS, INCLUDING THE INTERIM MAINTENANCE GRANT, BY THE VICTIM'S FAMILY.

STAFF OF THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND FIELD UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES TO THE VICTIMS AND THE FAMILIES CONCERNED.

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FIRST NON-OFFICIAL CHAIRMAN FOR COUNTRY PARKS BOARD

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 16, 1989.

THE APPOINTMENT MADE MR CHEUNG THE FIRST NON-OFFICIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1976 UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE.

MR CHEUNG, AGED 52, IS A CONSULTING CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY PROFESSION. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD SINCE 1983, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SINCE 1985.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MR CHEUNG'S APPOINTMENT FOLLOWED AN AMENDMENT LAST MONTH TO THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD AS CHAIRMAN.

PREVIOUSLY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WAS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WHO IS ALSO THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY.

"BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD ADVISES THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ON MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTRY PARKS, IT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR A NON-OFFICIAL MEMBER TO BE THE CHAIRMAN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF NEW-TERM COUNTRY PARKS BOARD WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED.

THEY ARE MR ALEX ABRAHAM BLUM, DR IVOR JOHN HODGKISS, DR JIM CHI-YUNG, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, MR GEORGE TAN KIN, MR DANIEL TO BOON-MAN AND MR HOWARD YOUNG HOW-WAH.

THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD IS A CONSULTATIVE BODY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS. IT IS SERVED BY TWO COMMITTEES - THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

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#### SHAM SHUI PO DB RELEASES HOUSING REPORT

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A WORKING GROUP OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED A REPORT CONTAINING PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISED SEVEN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND TWO CO-OPTED MEMBERS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENTS ALSO ATTENDED THE WORKING GROUP'S MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.

CHAired BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR FUNG KIN-KEE, THE GROUP WAS FORMED TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLE PERSONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN BOTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN SHAM SHUI PO. IT ALSO LOOKED INTO THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING STREET SLEEPERS.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND APRIL THIS YEAR DURING WHICH MEMBERS DISCUSSED THOSE PROBLEMS IN DETAIL, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE GROUP HAS PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR REDUCING CONFLICTS AMONG FAMILIES SHARING THE SAME UNIT, AND CALLED FOR THE RELAXATION OF SOME OF THE ALLOCATION AND TENANCY POLICIES TO CATER FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS.

THE GROUP WILL REFLECT ITS VIEWS TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON STREET SLEEPERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF HAMMER HILL ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAMMER HILL ROAD LEISURE POOL COMPLEX.

THE LAND TO BE RESUMED COVERS EIGHT PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 1,832 SQUARE METRES.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 186 PRIVATE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 122,061.8 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 254.7 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND, IN FANLING.

THE LAND IS REQUIRED FOR SITE FORMATION AND SERVICING WORKS IN AREAS 18, 19 AND 21 OF THE NEW TOWN.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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MORE ROADS, FORMATION WORKS FOR NEW TOWN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT WHICH FORMS PART OF THE CURRENT PROGRAMME FOR THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE FORMATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOL SITES AND A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN AREA 39 OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN, KNOWN AS THE PAK FUK TSUEN AREA.

IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD D6, FOUR INTERNAL ROADS, A BUS TERMINUS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES AND STREET FURNITURE, AND THE ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS TOGETHER WITH A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND A SUBWAY LINKED AND TO THE EXISTING FOOTPATH/CYCLE TRACK NETWORK IN FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE SAFE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 32 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTANT FOR THE CONTRACT IN WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14 THIS YEAR.

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BEACH CONCERTS TO SPREAD ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS AND BEACH-GOERS WILL ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AT AN ANTI-NARCOTICS BEACH CONCERT TO BE HELD AT BUTTERFLY BEACH ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 13), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

THE ONE-HOUR CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, IS AIMED AT URGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR TO KEEP AWAY FROM DRUGS AND TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY PURSUITS.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT, WHICH IS ENTITLED "JOYFUL MUSIC TO A DRUG-FREE LIFE", WILL BE POP SINGER EDDIE NG AND HIS FIVE-MEMBER BAND.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS AND SOUVENIR ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE CONCERT.

ANOTHER BEACH CONCERT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 20) AT SHEK O ON HONG KONG ISLAND. PERFORMING WILL BE THE BANDS CITY BEAT AND FUNDAMENTAL.

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VARIETY SHOW TO MARK END OF SYP

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14) AS THE FINALE TO THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP).

POPULAR ENTERTAINERS CHEUNG WAI-KIN, AUYEUNG TAK-FUN AND KOO KEI-KWAN WILL PERFORM IN THE TWO-HOUR SHOW.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND WINNERS OF A LOCAL SINGING COMPETITION, AS WELL AS THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE DANCE TROUPE.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AT THE WEST WING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND IN KENNEDY TOWN.

TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

ALL TICKETS ARE OBTAINABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

BEFORE THE SHOW, THERE WILL BE A CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THIS YEAR'S SYP IN WHICH MORE THAN 50,000 LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE HAD TAKEN PART IN OVER 600 ACTIVITIES.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR LAI KWOK-HUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN HAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 14) IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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YUEN LONG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AUTHORISED  
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 14.91 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE YUEN LONG NULLAHS.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION, AN INFLATABLE DAM AND LOW FLOW CHANNELS TOGETHER WITH CONCRETE LININGS FOR THOSE CHANNELS WITHIN THE AREA.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED ABOUT FEBRUARY 1991.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 10, 1990.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT THE PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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HSD REGIONAL OFFICE MOVES TO NEW ADDRESS

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THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED FROM SUNNING PLAZA, CAUSEWAY BAY, TO EAST EXCHANGE TOWER IN THE SAME DISTRICT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE OFFICE'S NEW ADDRESS IS 21ST AND 22ND FLOORS, EAST EXCHANGE TOWER, 38 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8948505.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, THE SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT CHEONG WING ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.01 AM TO 5.30 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 13).

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD HEADING FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KWAI CHUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND, TAI LIN PAI ROAD, KWAI ON ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND.

OWING TO DRAINAGE WORKS, LEI MUK ROAD EASTBOUND SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A LEFT TURN WILL BE ALLOWED FROM CHEUNG WING ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO KWOK SHUI ROAD. MOTORISTS MAY USE CHEUNG WING ROAD AND KWOK SHUI ROAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO LEI MUK ROAD.

IN TUEN MUN, THREE LANES OF THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SHAM TSENG BRIDGE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED IN ROTATION ON SUNDAY, BECAUSE OF ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE FAST AND MIDDLE LANES WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND NOON, AND THE SLOW LANE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 4 PM.

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