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LEGCO ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

THE DATE, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), HAS BEEN CHOSEN ON OPERATIONAL GROUNDS AS THE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE NEW SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEGINS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

BEING A THURSDAY, IT WOULD NOT CLASH WITH ANY MAJOR SOCIAL OR SPORTING ACTIVITY AND ALLOW SOME TIME FOR POST-POLLING TIDYING UP BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, HE ADDED.

ALSO ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE ARE APPOINTMENTS OF RETURNING OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THE ELECTIONS.

FOR DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED RETURNING OFFICERS FOR DISTRICTS OTHER THAN THEIR OWN.

AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER IN EACH DISTRICT IS TO ACT AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER FOR HIS OWN DISTRICT AND TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS.

THE SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY SECRETARIES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS WILL BE RETURNING OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THEIR OWN COUNCIL.

FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ELECTORAL SERVICES) OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION WILL BE THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSISTED BY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER AND ASSISTANT REGISTRATION OFFICERS AS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT RETURNING OFFICERS WOULD HAVE THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS.

"THE FIRST THING THEY WILL DO IS TO CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCY FROM JULY 29. THE NOMINATION PERIOD WILL END ON AUGUST 16," HE SAID.

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (JULY 25) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MAY ALSO OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS FORMING THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

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MORE FARMERS APPLY FOR RELIEF GRANTS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REGISTERED APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS FROM A FURTHER 349 FARMERS WHO HAD SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN THE FLOODING THAT OCCURRED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE NEW APPLICANTS, COMPRISING 306 CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND 43 POND FISH FARMERS, BROUGHT TO 517 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR BY THE DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED CROP, LIVESTOCK AND POND FISH FARMERS WHO HAD SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGES OR EXTREME HARDSHIP TO COME FORWARD TO REPORT THEIR LOSSES.

THEY SHOULD MAKE THEIR REPORTS PERSONALLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURAL OFFICES:

- * AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE, AU TAU, YUEN LONG.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE, TAI KIU MARKET, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, YUEN LONG.
- * TAI PO DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.
- * KO PO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, KO PO, FANLING.
- * SAI KUNG AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.
- * MUI WO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, SILVER MINE BAY, MUI WO.

"AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, EACH CASE WILL BE INVESTIGATED, CHECKED AND ASSESSED. AND ONLY THOSE WHO MEET THE EMERGENCY RELIEF CRITERIA WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PAYMENT OF A RELIEF GRANT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,440," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WAS, THEREFORE, FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT THAT FARMERS SHOULD REPORT THEIR LOSSES TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A FULLER ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES SUFFERED.

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REVISED SCHEDULE OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT A REVISED SCHEDULE OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHEDULE WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 25 THIS YEAR.

THE SCHEDULE IS PART OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS, CAP. 60. UNDER THESE REGULATIONS, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE REQUIRE LICENCES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

THE EXISTING SCHEDULE CAME INTO EFFECT IN DECEMBER 1985. THE NEW SCHEDULE REVISES THE EXISTING SCHEDULE TO REFLECT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY SINCE 1985.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMING THE TRADE, BY CIRCULAR LETTER, OF DETAILS OF THE NEW SCHEDULE.

COPIES OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1988, WHICH CONTAINS THE NEW SCHEDULE, ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH, TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON (TELEPHONE NUMBERS 3-7222437 OR 3-7222258).

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE WHICH ADMINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY STUDENTS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM NEW STUDENTS FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A COMBINATION OF GRANTS AND LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FULL-TIME COURSES AT 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 (FOR POST-ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS ONLY).

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE RESIDED OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THEIR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

/PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO SATISFY THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF AND HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO EITHER UNIVERSITY MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG OR THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.

THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THE RESULT SLIPS OF THEIR ADVANCED/HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION OR NOTIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONAL OFFER IN RESPECT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"STUDENTS SHOULD, HOWEVER, SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY THE UNIVERSITIES CONCERNED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE EXPLAINED.

"NEW STUDENTS ADMITTED BY EITHER POLYTECHNIC OR THE BAPTIST COLLEGE MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION."

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND STUDENTS TAKING HIGHER DEGREE OR DIPLOMA COURSES WHO WILL NOT HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR MINIMUM PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF REGISTRATION BY SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION FOR A MASTER DEGREE IS NORMALLY TWO YEARS AND FOR A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, THREE YEARS.

ALL NEW STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED. THE CLOSING DATES FOR SUBMISSION ARE:-

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	: AUGUST 30, 1988
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	: EARLY SEPTEMBER 1988
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	: OCTOBER 10, 1988
CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	: OCTOBER 10, 1988
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	: OCTOBER 10, 1988

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE SUBJECT TO MEANS TESTS, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A STUDENT'S FAMILY INCOME AND ASSETS LESS PERMITTED DEDUCTIONS TO ARRIVE AT THE STUDENT'S ANNUAL DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR SETTING AGAINST HIS GRANT/LOAN REQUIREMENTS.

UPON SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE INVITED THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE INSTITUTION TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WOULD LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MIGHT ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8622738.

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FREE ADVISORY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS GOING ABROAD

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STUDENTS INTENDING TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES ABROAD ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE FREE ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF RUSHING INTO A WRONG DECISION IN SELECTING A SCHOOL.

THE LIBRARY OF THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION IS STOCKED WITH A GOOD COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND REFERENCE MATERIAL ON OVERSEAS EDUCATION.

IT HAS AN AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM FOR SHOWING SLIDES ON FURTHER STUDIES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THERE ARE ALSO DISPLAYS IN THE WAITING AREA PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE OFFICE OFFERED ADVICE TO MORE THAN 26,000 STUDENTS AND HANDED OUT SOME 50,000 COPIES OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON STUDIES IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR.

THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT ROOM 530, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APART FROM OFFERING ADVICE TO INDIVIDUAL VISITORS, THE OFFICE ALSO ADMINISTERS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES, AND ORGANISES DISCUSSIONS AND SEMINARS FOR GROUPS OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

FOR GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND SEMINARS, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS) ON 5-8392568.

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INCREASES IN POSTAL RATES, FEES FROM SEPTEMBER 1

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CERTAIN POSTAL RATES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES WILL BE INCREASED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 UNDER AMENDMENT REGULATIONS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RATES FOR ALL LOCAL AND SURFACE LETTER MAIL AND PRINTED PAPERS WILL BE INCREASED, THE BASIC RATE INCREASE BEING 10 CENTS.

THE ONLY CHANGE BEING MADE TO AIRMAIL RATES WILL BE A 10 CENT INCREASE AT ALL WEIGHT STEPS. THIS MEANS THAT THE BASIC RATES FOR ZONE 1 AND ZONE 2 WILL BE \$1.40 AND \$1.80 RESPECTIVELY.

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THE EXPRESS FEE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$4 TO \$5 AND THE REGISTRATION FEE FROM \$5 TO \$7.

ALL TELECOMMUNICATION FEES WILL BE INCREASED, FROM THE SAME DATE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

FIXED STATION - FROM \$680 TO \$750

MOBILE STATION - FROM \$270 TO \$300

RADIO PAGING SYSTEM

FIXED TRANSMITTING STATION - FROM \$680 TO \$750

RECEIVING STATION - FROM \$70 TO \$80

THE REGULATIONS WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE AND THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE, AND GIVE EFFECT TO PROPOSED INCREASES THAT WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE BUDGET IN MARCH.

THE RATES AND FEES CONCERNED WERE LAST RAISED IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE PUBLISHED

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

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR JUNE 1988 WERE 117.0 AND 117.2 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 6.5 PER CENT AND 6.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JUNE 1987.

COMPARED WITH MAY 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 0.7 PER CENT.

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THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1988, AT 113.1 AND 113.2 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 6.5 PER CENT AND 6.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 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.

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

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR JUN.88	% CHANGE OVER MAY.88	% CHANGE OVER JUN.87	INDEX FOR JUN.88	% CHANGE OVER MAY.88	% CHANGE OVER JUN.87
FOODSTUFFS	115.2	+1.1	+7.6	116.0	+1.0	+8.0
HOUSING	113.1	+0.2	+3.2	110.5	+0.2	+2.8
FUEL AND LIGHT	94.2	+0.9	+1.7	95.0	+1.1	+1.6
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.3	+0.1	+6.4	125.0	+0.2	+6.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	125.6	+0.1	+9.1	128.0	+0.0*	+9.4
DURABLE GOODS	118.6	+0.2	+5.8	117.8	+0.2	+5.9

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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	123.6	+1.8	+6.6	123.8	+1.8	+7.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	120.5	+0.3	+4.4	119.8	+0.3	+5.0
SERVICES	125.7	+0.5	+8.9	125.7	+0.7	+9.3
ALL ITEMS	117.0	+0.8	+6.5	117.2	+0.7	+6.7

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

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

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AND MEDICINES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS, HOUSEHOLD SERVICES AND ADMISSION TO CONCERTS.

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 JUNE 1988, WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

IT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

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THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 122.3 IN JUNE 1988, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER MAY 1988 AND UP BY 8.4 PER CENT OVER JUNE 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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YAU TSIM FIRE SAFETY EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED ON SUNDAY
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AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE SAFETY WILL BE STAGED ON SUNDAY (JULY 24) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE FORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE ONE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

IT WILL FEATURE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENTS, THEIR USAGE AND MAINTENANCE; WAYS TO REMOVE FIRE HAZARDS; AND RELEVANT LEGISLATION.

TWO DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE USE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENTS WILL BE HELD AT 11.15 AM AND 3 PM RESPECTIVELY. VISITORS CAN TRY THEIR HANDS ON SEVERAL TYPES OF EQUIPMENTS COMMONLY INSTALLED IN MULTI-STORRY BUILDINGS. STATIONERY AND STICKERS BEARING THE FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (SOUTH KOWLOON) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR AU BIG-LEUNG.

MEANWHILE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE URGED RESIDENTS TO ENROLL ON FREE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE EVENINGS BETWEEN AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

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THE COURSES WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS THE FUNCTIONS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AND THE MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY RELATING TO BUILDINGS.

SCHEDULE OF THE COURSES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS JULY 30.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JULY 24) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OZP PUBLISHED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE MAJOR AMENDMENT WAS TO REZONE A 2.4-HECTARE SITE TO THE EAST OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT (PELLETIER HALL) ON NGAU CHI WAN STREET FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)".

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SITE BE DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR ABOUT 5,120 PEOPLE WITH A FULL RANGE OF SUPPORTING FACILITIES.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT RELATES TO THE RE-LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED MAXICAB STAND AT FUNG SHING STREET NEXT TO A "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)" SITE TO THE NORTHERN CORNER OF THE "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE TO THE EAST OF THE FILM STUDIO THERE. THE SITE IS REZONED FROM "ROAD" TO "GREEN BELT".

THE ALIGNMENTS OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND ITS APPROACH ROADS ARE ALSO INCORPORATED INTO THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

/THE AMENDMENTS

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THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR AND FOURTH FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, 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 AUGUST 12 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 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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COURTESY CALL ON SWD DIRECTOR

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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN OI TONG TODAY (FRIDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TO DISCUSS WELFARE SERVICES PLANNED BY THE TONG IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR TONY KAN, SAID THAT PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDED A CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE, A SOCIAL CENTRE AND A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE TONG AT PRESENT OPERATES A COMMUNITY CENTRE, A MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, TWO NURSERIES AND A NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE TONG FOR PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH IT IN IMPLEMENTING ITS SERVICES.

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KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER TO BE EXPANDED FOR BYPASS
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT NEW DOLPHINS AND REMOVE TWO EXISTING DOLPHINS NEAR THE SOUTHEASTERN END OF THE AIRPORT RUNWAY AT THE KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER.

THIS IS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE SHELTER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II ELEVATED CARRIAGEWAY WHICH WILL RUN ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE SHELTER.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED - ABOUT 5,000 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED - IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE AT MURRAY BUILDING OR AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR JUNK BAY LANDFILL PROJECT
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FIFTH PHASE OF LANDFILLING AT JUNK BAY.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONTINUATION OF LANDFILLING, EXTRACTION OF EARTH MATERIAL FROM THE NEARBY BORROW AREA FOR DAILY COVERING OF THE COMPACTED REFUSE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FINAL CAPPING FOR PART OF THE SITE.

LANDFILLING CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING OF REFUSE IN LAYERS, AND THE COVERING OF EACH LAYER WITH EARTH AS THE DISPOSAL OPERATION PROCEEDS.

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ALL WORKING FACES OF THE LANDFILL WILL BE SEALED OFF DAILY, THEREBY ELIMINATING HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE FINAL CAPPING IS TO MINIMISE THE INFILTRATION OF RAINWATER INTO THE UNDERLYING REFUSE AND HENCE MINIMISE THE GENERATION OF LEACHATE.

ADDITIONALLY, ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL ENABLE THE LANDFILL TO BE RESTORED AND LANDSCAPED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON AUGUST 19.

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WAN CHAI SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING FOR MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND PEOPLE INVOLVED IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO DRAW ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS, IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SHARE EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THERE WILL BE FOUR SPEAKERS - WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU; SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, MR TUNG CHAN-LONG; SENIOR BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CHIANG CHI-MAN; AND HOUSING MANAGER, MR LAU WING-CHEUNG.

THEY WILL COVER THE ROLE OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN SUMMER; CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS; AND MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS. THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN ROOM 103, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. IT WILL START AT 7.45 PM.

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CAMP CONCERT DRAWS CAPACITY AUDIENCE
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MORE THAN 100 YOUNG MUSIC CAMPERS, PLAYING CHINESE AND STRING MUSIC, TODAY (FRIDAY) GAVE A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL BEFORE A CAPACITY AUDIENCE.

THE CONCERT, FEATURING POPULAR PIECES SUCH AS "SPRING SNOW" AND "SEND ME A ROSE", WAS WELL RECEIVED.

IT WAS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNGSTERS TAKING PART IN THE HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE YOUNGSTERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CAMP'S CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND JUNIOR STRINGS. THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ONE WEEK'S INTENSIVE TRAINING UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OVERSEAS AND LOCAL MUSICIANS.

THE MUSIC CAMP ENDS ON JULY 31, AND A FINALE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON JULY 30 WHEN THE CAMP'S SYMPHONIC BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URBIX OUTLETS: CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY LIMITED (CAMERON LANE, MAN YEE BUILDING, TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA AND HENNESSY ROAD).

THE FINALE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

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MUSIC OFFICE SEEKING PROFESSIONAL STAFF
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IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING, THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS RECRUITING FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN THE CATEGORIES OF AURAL, THEORY AND CHORAL, MUSIC PROMOTION, AND CELLO AND VIOLIN.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL ENTER AS ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II'S WITH A PAY SCALE BETWEEN \$6,640 AND \$10,820 A MONTH.

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CANDIDATES SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF EITHER THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, OR HAVE A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY, OR POSSESS AN APPROPRIATE LICENCIATE QUALIFICATION, SUCH AS LRSM OR LRAM, OR EQUIVALENT.

FINAL YEAR MUSIC STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, AND THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS MAY ALSO APPLY.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENT APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PERSONNEL AND GENERAL), MUSIC OFFICE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, BEFORE AUGUST 1.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235340.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF RAINIER INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN AUGUST

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE 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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AUGUST 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 15 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 18 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 19 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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KMB ROUTE 12B TO BE CANCELLED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT KMB ROUTE NO. 12B PLYING BETWEEN LOK FU AND MEI FOO WILL BE CANCELLED FROM MONDAY (JULY 25).

"THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE BUS ROUTE IS MADE IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUOUS LOW PATRONAGE OF THE SERVICE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

PASSENGERS AT LOK FU HEADING FOR MEI FOO OR SHAM SHUI PO MAY CHOOSE TO RIDE ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY. THEY CAN ALSO GO TO MONG KOK BY TAKING KMB ROUTE NO. 3C AND INTERCHANGE WITH BUS ROUTES HEADING FOR MEI FOO, INCLUDING ROUTES NO. 6 AND 6A.

MEANWHILE, PASSENGERS HEADING FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN MAY TRAVEL ON KMB ROUTES NO. 2B OR 2F AT LOK FU AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

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SECTION OF TUNG FAT ROAD TO BE CLOSED
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A SECTION OF TUNG FAT ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG KWONG ROAD AND TUNG LUNG ROAD IN TUNG TAU ESTATE IS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO TIE IN WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TUNG TAU ESTATE, PHASE VI.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING AND EXTERNAL WORKS INCLUDING ONE BASKETBALL COURT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THEY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 20 THIS YEAR.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WANG TAU HOM ESTATE

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A SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AND A SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD IN WANG TAU HOM ESTATE ARE TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO TIE IN WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, PHASE VI.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CAR PARK BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING WORKS IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN SHAM SHUI PO

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF TONKIN STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM SOUTHBOUND TONKIN STREET ONTO WESTBOUND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 25).

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONKIN STREET, EASTBOUND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, YEN CHOW STREET, YEE KUK STREET AND WESTBOUND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

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