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GOVERNOR OPENS 'BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES' DISPLAY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY THAT NOWHERE WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE MORE EVIDENT THAN IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION STAGED AS PART OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84 AT THE CITY HALL, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING WAS SUBSTANTIAL.

+ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF OUR TOTAL PUBLIC CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND 10 PER CENT OF OUR ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE GO TO PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

+WITH ANOTHER MILLION PEOPLE STILL TO BE REHOUSED BY THE END OF THE DECADE AND HOUSING PRODUCTION PROGRAMMES EXTENDING INTO THE NEXT DECADE, THIS COMMITMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT REMAINED THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, DECENT ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL WHO LIVED IN HONG KONG.

+THIS WILL REQUIRE US TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF HOUSING PRODUCTION FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.+

HE SAID THE PROVISION OF HOUSING WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL PROGRAMMES, AND WAS AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT HONG KONG COULD BE JUSTLY PROUD OF.

+OVER 2.4 MILLION PEOPLE, OR ABOUT 45 PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION, NOW LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.+

IN THE STANDARD OF PUBLIC HOUSING, SIR EDWARD SAID CONSTANT IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE OVER THE YEARS AND THESE WOULD CONTINUE IN LINE WITH RISING EXPECTATIONS AND STANDARD OF LIVING.

+FROM THE BASIC DESIGN OF THE OLD RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS EQUIPPED WITH BASIC ESSENTIALS, WE HAVE GRADUALLY ADVANCED TO THE PRESENT HIGHER STANDARD AND FULLY INTEGRATED ESTATES.+

WITH THIS YEAR MARKING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE EXHIBITION SERVED AS A PROUD REMINDER OF WHAT HONG KONG HAD ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THOSE WHO SERVED ON IT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THOSE IN NEED OF HOUSING OVER MANY YEARS.

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EARLIER IN HIS WELCOME SPEECH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THAT FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN SUCCESSION, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD EXCEED ITS ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION TARGET OF 35 000 FLATS.

+CREDIT SHOULD GO TO THOSE CONCERNED, NAMELY THE PLANNERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND, OF COURSE, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THE IMPORTANT PART PLAYED BY THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH BUILDS THESE FLATS.+

MR LIAO SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS ONE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84 AND WAS DESIGNED TO PORTRAY THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM OF PROVIDING GOOD HOMES FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED.

+THUS, ONE OF THE MORE DRAMATIC FEATURES IS AN AUDIO-VISUAL SHOW WHICH DEPICTS THE EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS AND ILLUSTRATES THE IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING.+

HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO HAD SUPPORTED THE EXHIBITION.

ENTITLED +BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES+, THE EXHIBITION DEPICTS THE MODERN LIFESTYLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND STRESSES THE RESIDENTS' EVER-IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE.

USING ULTRA MODERN SOUND AND VISUAL TECHNIQUES, IT IS DESIGNED TO PRESENT A NEW LOOK TO VISITORS AND TO PROVE TO BE A +STATE OF ART+ IN TERMS OF EXHIBITIONS IN HONG KONG.

IT FEATURES A +TIME TUNNEL+ WHICH, BY MEANS OF SPECIAL EFFECTS AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS, TAKES VISITORS THROUGH VARIOUS STAGES OF THE BIRTH OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FROM PLANNING, CLEARANCE, CONSTRUCTION TO MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

THE MANY OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A SPECIAL STAND WHERE VISITORS CAN VIEW FUTURE NEW TOWNS OF JUNK BAY, MA ON SHAN AND TIN SHUI WAI, SEEN AS IF RIDING ON A HELICOPTER.

THERE ARE EXHIBITS ON IMAGINATIVE SCHEMES OF PUBLIC HOUSING FOR THE YEAR 2001 AS ENVISAGED BY ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE THE WINNING ENTRIES TO A RECENT PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ENTITLED +LIFESTYLE+, DEPICTING THE PLEASANT LIFESTYLE ENJOYED BY ESTATE TENANTS.

THE EXHIBITION, STAGED AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK EXHIBITION HALL, WILL REMAIN OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

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OATHS LINKED WITH PRESENT SYSTEM, BRAY SAYS
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THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE RIGHT UP TO 1997 AND THEREFORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO AFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT OF THAT SYSTEM, SAID THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

MR BRAY WAS SPEAKING ON A TELEVISION PROGRAMME WHERE THE INTERVIEWER RAISED THE QUESTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVING TO SWEAR THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE QUEEN.

MR BRAY DESCRIBED THE ISSUE AS +A BIT OF A TECHNICALITY+ BUT SAID IT WAS ONLY REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT A PERSON WHO WAS PREPARED TO TAKE A SEAT ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IT REPRESENTED.

ON OTHER ISSUES, MR BRAY WAS ASKED WHETHER AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO MAKE AS MANY CHANGES AS POSSIBLE AHEAD OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

HE REPLIED THAT THE CHANGES WERE INTENDED TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A GREATER ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION. THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WAS A CHANNEL FOR CONSULTATION. HE REPEATED THAT BRITAIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG. A COPY OF THE WHITE PAPER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO PEKING AS A COURTESY, SAID MR BRAY.

CHANGES TO PROPOSALS BETWEEN THE WHITE AND GREEN PAPERS WERE THE RESULT OF THE COMMENT AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

MR BRAY WAS ASKED WHY PEOPLE COULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE DIRECTLY FOR MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS BUT WERE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE DIRECTLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IN REPLY HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1985, THOUGH THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER IN LATER YEARS.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE THE WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS TOOK EFFECT FOR CANDIDATES AND GROUPS TO ORGANISE PROPERLY. MR BRAY SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE ALREADY VERY INTERESTED AND THAT ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE WERE ALREADY REGISTERED AS ELECTORS.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1987 TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR BRAY SAID THAT THAT DEPENDED A LOT UPON WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. THE POINT HAD BEEN MADE THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ENOUGH TIME BETWEEN THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE AND THE GREEN PAPERS FOR COMMENT. THERE WAS NOW THREE YEARS FOR JUDGEMENTS AS TO WHETHER THE SYSTEM SHOULD CONTINUE OR CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE.

/MR BRAY

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MR BRAY WAS ASKED ABOUT FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES - IN PARTICULAR THAT FOR THE FINANCIAL SECTOR WHERE THE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATION HAS BEEN NAMED AS THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS. OF THE 135 MEMBERS ONLY 32 ARE LOCAL BANKS.

WHY SHOULD FOREIGN BANKS BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING A MAJORITY SAY IN THE ELECTION?

HE REPLIED THAT FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WERE A DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. FOREIGN BANKS HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG AND MANY HAD BEEN IN THE TERRITORY FOR A VERY LONG TIME. THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GDP WAS VERY SUBSTANTIAL AND BANKS WERE A VERY IMPORTANT SECTOR.

MR BRAY WAS ASKED WHY A MINISTERIAL SYSTEM WAS NOT PROPOSED TO ALLOW UNOFFICIALS TO TAKE OVER EFFECTIVE POWER. IN REPLY HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UNOFFICIALS ALREADY HAD JUST THIS POWER, CONTROLLING BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS. THE SYSTEM OPERATED AS ONE OF CORPORATE, RATHER THAN MINISTERIAL, RESPONSIBILITY. HE FORESAW THAT WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE THE BASIS OF ARGUMENT MIGHT SHIFT FROM BEING BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS TO BETWEEN THE UNOFFICIALS THEMSELVES.

IT WAS SAID THAT AS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OPERATED IN SECRET, PEOPLE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ITS POWER WAS. MR BRAY REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH ITS PROCEEDINGS WERE SECRET ITS POWER WAS KNOWN AND THAT SECRECY WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY THAT CORPORATE CONTROL COULD BE EXERCISED WITH ARGUMENTS TAKING PLACE AND THEN AN AGREEMENT BEING SUPPORTED BY ALL MEMBERS.

ON REMUNERATION AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCES FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR BRAY SAID THAT LEVELS HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. HE WAS ASKED WHETHER MEMBERS COULD RECEIVE DOUBLE PAYMENT IN THE FORM OF ALLOWANCES AND THEIR REMUNERATION FROM THEIR NORMAL JOBS AND HE REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE SO.

MR BRAY DOUBTED THAT PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE WITH REGARD TO CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - SAYING THAT THIS HAD NEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

HE WAS ASKED WHETHER CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD FEEL UNHAPPY AT AN INCREASING ROLE BEING PLAYED BY UNOFFICIALS. MR BRAY SAID THIS WAS UNLIKELY IN VIEW OF THEIR ALREADY CLOSE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION - FOR INSTANCE THE CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE WAS OFTEN AN UNOFFICIAL AND THE SECRETARY WAS AN OFFICIAL BUT BOTH WORKED TOGETHER IN HARMONY.

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CJ OPENS NEW BOYS HOME
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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS COULD BE ACHIEVED BY HARSHNESS, OR EVEN BY FIRMNESS, ALONE.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PUI CHI BOYS' HOME IN QUARRY BAY THIS MORNING.

YOUNG PEOPLE WERE RESPONSIVE TO KINDNESS AND UNDERSTANDING AND TREATMENT WHICH DID NOT CONTAIN THESE WAS UNLIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HE SAID.

SOME PEOPLE, HE SAID, BELIEVED THAT THE SOCIAL WORK APPROACH TO THE CORRECTION AND MODIFICATION OF BEHAVIOUR, AS PIONEERED IN WESTERN COUNTRIES, WAS TOO SOFT.

+CLEARLY WE MUST IMPRESS UPON YOUNG OFFENDERS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR CONDUCT AND THE RISKS WHICH IT POSES FOR THEIR OWN WELFARE AND FOR THE PEACE OF MIND OF THOSE WHO ARE FOND OF THEM,+ HE SAID.

+NO DOUBT THERE MUST BE PUNISHMENT FOR WRONG-DOING, BUT WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS, WHICH IS TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT REPEAT THOSE OFFENCES AND DO NOT FALL INTO A PATTERN OF LONG-TERM CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD THEM TO SPENDING YEARS OF THEIR LIVES IN PRISON.+

SIR DENYS SAID THE PUI CHI BOYS' HOME HAD BEEN PLANNED AS +AN OPEN INSTITUTION WHERE THE BOYS WILL LIVE IN SMALL GROUPS IN A DOMESTIC ATMOSPHERE.+

+THIS HOME,+ HE SAID, +WILL BE RUN BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN DEALING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN UNEASY, UNHAPPY, UNSATISFACTORY OR TURBULENT.+

+THEY WILL, I AM SURE, DEAL WITH THEM WITH SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING SO THAT THEY EMERGE FROM THE HOME BETTER EQUIPPED TO TAKE A PROPER PLACE IN SOCIETY THAN WHEN THEY ENTERED IT,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE COURTS' DIRECTIONS ON THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS BY MEANS OF PROBATION SUPERVISION, RESIDENTIAL TRAINING AND AFTERCARE SERVICES.

THE RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID, PROVIDED TRAINING IN A DISCIPLINED AND CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT, USING SOCIAL ATTITUDES SO THAT THE YOUNG OFFENDERS WOULD LIVE AS LAW-ABIDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE.

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+FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE FIVE EXISTING HOMES TO MEET THE DEMANDS THAT ARE MADE UPON THEM,+ HE SAID. SEVERAL OF THE HOMES HAD HAD TO TAKE IN MORE OFFENDERS THAN THEIR INTENDED CAPACITY.

HE EXPRESSED DELIGHT THAT THE BUILDING NOW USED AS THE HOME HAD BECOME AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSION INTO AN ADDITIONAL HOME FOR BOYS.

THE NEW HOME, CONVERTED FROM A JUNIOR ENGLISH SCHOOL, HAS FOUR DORMITORIES, TWO CLASSROOMS, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, AN AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM, A DINING HALL, A SICK BAY AND AMPLE OPEN SPACE FOR SPORTS.

IT PROVIDES LIVING AND TRAINING ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 60 BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 13.

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+GOOD NEIGHBOUR+ SPIRIT ENCOURAGED
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A SPIRIT OF NEIGHBOURLINESS CAN DO MUCH TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN ANY COMMUNITY.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY OF A TWO-DAY FESTIVAL AT THE CHOI HUNG ESTATE.

ATTENDED BY LOCAL DIGNITARIES, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND HUNDREDS OF TENANTS, THE CEREMONY MARKED THE START OF A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES TO CELEBRATE BOTH THE ESTATE'S 22ND ANNIVERSARY AND THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84.

+ALTHOUGH CHOI HUNG WAS BUILT SOME 22 YEARS AGO, THE FACILITIES HERE COMPARE FAVOURABLY WITH MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AS A RESULT OF A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE OVER THE PAST YEARS BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

+THESE HAVE INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF TOWN GAS, A COMMUNAL TV AERIAL SYSTEM, BETTER ROOF INSULATION AND MORE REST GARDENS,+ MR FORD SAID.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BUILDINGS IN THE ESTATE WAS THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT FOR WHICH IT WAS FAMOUS, MR FORD SAID.

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+IT IS NOT SURPRISING THEREFORE THAT CHOI HUNG WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ESTATES TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A HOUSING FESTIVAL WHEN IT WAS INITIALLY SUGGESTED.+

MR FORD THANKED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE CHOI HUNG ESTATE SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION, THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS AND ABOVE ALL THE PEOPLE OF CHOI HUNG FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

+IT IS THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND EFFORTS THAT HAVE HELPED MAKE THE HOUSING FESTIVAL HERE SUCH A SUCCESS,+ HE ADDED.

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PARENTS URGED TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM DRUGS
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PARENTS WERE URGED TODAY (SATURDAY) TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM HEROIN AND OTHER DRUGS.

MAKING THIS APPEAL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER, SAID THEY COULD DO SO BY MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND SHOWING THEM LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

THIS WAS A DUTY WHICH NO PARENT COULD AFFORD TO NEGLECT, HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN ANTI-NARCOTICS FAMILY CAMP IN SAI KUNG.

+HOWEVER, PARENTS NEED INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE THEM TO TALK EFFECTIVELY TO THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE,+ HE ADDED.

THE TWO-DAY CAMP IS ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AS ONE OF ITS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES FOR 1984-85.

MR MORTIMER SAID HE FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT THE CAMP OFFERED A RICH EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME.

IT WOULD AROUSE PARENTS' AWARENESS, ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND SHOW HOW THEY COULD PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST THESE DANGERS, HE SAID.

BESIDES DRUG EDUCATION TALKS BY NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS, THERE ARE SLIDE AND FILM SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND GAMES WITH AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

THE CAMP, WHICH IS BEING HELD AT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE'S SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, HAS ATTRACTED 160 PARTICIPANTS FROM FAMILIES IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

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YOUTHS BEAT DISABILITY IN SPORTS
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MORE THAN 85 PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS OF A SPORTS AWARD SCHEME DESIGNED FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PROVED THAT THEY COULD OVERCOME THEIR DISABILITY AND MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN AWARD.

THIS WAS MADE KNOWN BY MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY, WHEN HE PRAISED THE YOUNG SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN FOR THE DETERMINATION, CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE THEY HAD SHOWN IN TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN, WHEN 30 OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED GOLD OR SILVER PRIZES, AND 63 OTHERS RECEIVED BRONZE OR +PROGRESS+ PRIZES.

THE SPORTS AWARD SCHEME FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED, HAD BEEN LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER.

UNDER THE SCHEME, 120 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED TRAINING IN SEVEN SELECTED SPORT ACTIVITIES -- ATHLETICS, SWIMMING, HIKING, ORIENTEERING, DANCE, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL WAS OFFERED TO SOME 120 PARTICIPANTS. THEY WERE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROGRESS DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

MR WILLIAMSON COMMENDED THE ORGANISERS, VOLUNTARY COACHES AND HELPERS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THE SCHEME A HIGHLY WORTHWHILE EVENT.

THE SCHEME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND SPONSORED BY NCR (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

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ACTIVE EVENTS FOR THE ELDERLY
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A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT BETWEEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND DECEMBER 16.

FEATURING MORE THAN 20 RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, THE THREE-WEEK SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT VENUES IN AND OUT OF THE DISTRICT.

/THE HIGHLIGHT

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A BANQUET AND A TALENT QUEST BY 1 000 OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT. OTHER DISTRICT-WIDE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE HOME HELP SERVICES, MEDICAL CHECK-UPS, AN ORTHOPAEDICS EXHIBITION, CHINESE PAINTING AND PENMANSHIP COMPETITIONS.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD CONTRIBUTING \$90 000 TOWARDS THE TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$140 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL.

TOMORROW, DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG WILL OFFICIATE AT THREE OPENING CEREMONIES IN SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 9.30 AM; IN SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICT CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 10.30 AM; AND IN RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 2 PM TO START A SERIES OF AREA BASED ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE THREE AREAS.

AFTER THE CEREMONIES, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED IN THE SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR 600 OLD PEOPLE IN SAI KUNG, WHILE 400 SENIOR CITIZENS IN HANG HAU WILL GO ON A PICNIC IN CHUK LAM SIM YUEN IN TSUEN WAN.

IN THE RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 600 OLD PEOPLE WILL BE TREATED TO MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, A LUCKY DRAW AND SEVERAL SPECIALLY DESIGNED GAMES STALLS.

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TAI PO RESIDENTS URGED TO TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED RESIDENTS OF TAI PO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF THE LOK SIN TONG CHU TING CHEONG HOME FOR THE AGED, MR HSU SAID THOSE WHO WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTLY COULD STAND AS CANDIDATES IN THE ELECTIONS.

+THEY CAN THEN REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS AND HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN FORMULATING POLICIES THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR HSU REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 15 000 RESIDENTS IN TAI PO HAD SIGNED UP AS VOTERS IN THE RECENT REGISTRATION EXERCISE, BOOSTING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO MORE THAN 27 800.

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IN ADDITION, HE SAID, HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE NOW FACING THE FUTURE WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE, FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

+THE DOCUMENT HAS LAID A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

MR HSU ALSO PRAISED THE LOK SIN TONG FOR ITS LONG SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND FOR PROVIDING A HOME FOR THE AGED IN TAI PO.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO LEARN THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO OPERATE A CLINIC IN THIS HOME FOR THE AGED, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY
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A ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2 PM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE END OF THIS YEAR'S TUEN MUN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE ROAD SAFETY DAY INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS, EXHIBITIONS OF A ROAD SAFETY BUS AND VARIOUS TYPES OF VEHICLES AND THE FINALS OF THE ROAD SAFETY RECITATION COMPETITION.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD FOR WINNERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY RECITATION COMPETITION, A DRAWING COMPETITION AND A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MARTIN BROWN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

THE WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

'OUTSIDERS' BEHIND MOST CRIMES

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THE MAJORITY OF CRIMES IN THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ARE COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION QUIZ COMPETITION, MR LEUNG SAID A RECENT POLICE SURVEY SHOWED THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE DISTRICT WERE NOT BY RESIDENTS OF YAU MA TEI, WHILE 70 PER CENT OF THE VICTIMS WERE NON-LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE, EIGHT PER CENT OF WHOM HAVE CRIMINAL RECORDS,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

+THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY SHOW THAT MOST OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID THE POLICE WOULD BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT OUTSIDERS WERE GOING INTO THE DISTRICT TO COMMIT CRIMES AND WOULD BE ADOPTING MEASURES TO HELP PREVENT LOCAL RESIDENTS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF CRIME.

THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 170 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN YAU MA TEI, BUT ABOUT 310 000 PEOPLE FROM OTHER AREAS PASS THROUGH THE DISTRICT DAILY, PARTICULARLY IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHERE THERE IS A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF COMMERCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT REGULAR VISITS TO OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES BY STAFF OF THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH HAD BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC.

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HK'S FIRST +ORIENTEERING TRIM COURSE+ OPENS

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YOUNGSTERS WHO PREFER OUTDOOR EXERCISES THAT ARE MORE CHALLENGING THAN JOGGING OR HIKING CAN NOW TRY THE NEW +ORIENTEERING TRIM COURSE+ IN THE POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK.

THE COURSE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS DESIGNED BY THE ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (OAHK) AND SET UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON BY MR HOWARD YOUNG, PATRON OF OAHK AND AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR YOUNG SAID: +ORIENTEERING IS A HEALTHY OUTDOOR PURSUIT WHICH PROVIDES PHYSICAL EXERCISE IN THE OPEN AIR TEMPERED WITH THE MENTAL CHALLENGE OF MAP READING AND ROUTE SELECTION AS WELL AS THE STIMULUS OF COMPETITION.+

+THE SPORT IS A FAIRLY RECENT INTRODUCTION TO HONG KONG BUT IS FAST BECOMING POPULAR WITH YOUNGSTERS WHO PREFER AN INDIVIDUAL FORM OF OUTDOOR EXERCISE WITH GREATER INTEREST THAN SIMPLE JOGGING OR HIKING.+

HE SAID THAT AS THE TRIM COURSE IS CLOSE TO TOWN, HE WAS SURE IT WOULD SOON BECOME VERY POPULAR WITH ORIENTEERS AND HELP PROMOTE THE NEW SPORT.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING WERE DR LAWRENCE LEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AND MR P.E. BIRNEY, PRESIDENT OF OAHK.

THE TRIM COURSE HAS A TOTAL OF 16 CONTROL POSTS. ORIENTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO LOCATE THESE POSTS ERECTED THROUGHOUT THE PARK IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

THE LOCATIONS OF THESE POSTS, EACH ABOUT ONE METRE HIGH WITH A LETTER CODE ON IT, ARE MARKED ON A MAP, WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY OAHK.

A GROUP OF POLICE CADETS LATER DEMONSTRATED THE USE OF THE COURSE TO THOSE PRESENT.

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SIU CHAI WAN TO BE DEVELOPED
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A 400-METRE-LONG SEAWALL WILL BE BUILT AND ABOUT 13.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED RECLAIMED IN SIU CHAI WAN BAY.

THE PROJECT IS THE FIRST STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIU CHAI WAN, WHICH LIES TO THE EAST OF CHAI WAN.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IN THE REMAINING STAGES, ADDITIONAL LENGTHS OF THE SEAWALL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, MORE LAND RECLAIMED AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AND FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AUCTIONED

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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$879 800 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DD1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$190 000.

NUMBER 338 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$185 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR AB2204 AND DD1701.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

DD2823	\$ 2 800	AT8888	\$ 39 000	DD 778	\$ 10 000
DD 981	\$ 2 400	DD 668	\$ 15 000	CY 827	\$ 3 000
DD 118	\$ 13 000	DB 3	\$ 46 000	1949	\$ 16 000
DD8889	\$ 12 500	DD1323	\$ 1 200	DD 907	\$ 2 000
BC 368	\$ 9 000	DD 389	\$ 4 800	AC 8	\$ 70 000
DC9129	\$ 2 400	DD 331	\$ 6 500	DD3033	\$ 4 000
DD 248	\$ 2 800	DD 88	\$170 000	DD6328	\$ 8 000
DD 103	\$ 4 400	DD 711	\$ 3 500	DD 284	\$ 2 000
DD 980	\$ 9 000	DD3368	\$ 5 500	DD 663	\$ 10 000
BC 678	\$ 10 000	DD9832	\$ 3 500	DC 4	\$ 14 500

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 94TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$32 592 332.

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CALLIGRAPHY ON SHOW

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AN EXHIBITION OF MORE THAN 100 CHINESE PAINTINGS AND CALLIGRAPHY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) JUST INSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3 PM.

THE DISPLAYS ARE THE PRODUCTS OF LAST YEAR'S GATHERING OF ABOUT 200 FAMOUS CHINESE PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS IN HONG KONG ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI CULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION.

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PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS NEED LICENCE
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PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS IN HONG KONG ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED.

MR NG YING-NEEN, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SHA TIN, POINTED THIS OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR NT PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL OPERATORS.

MR NG TOLD THE 20 PARTICIPANTS THAT ANY SWIMMING POOL MANAGED BY A CLUB, AN INSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER ORGANISATION NEEDS A LICENCE.

UNDER THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, TWO OR MORE QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS MUST BE ON DUTY AT SUCH A POOL.

THE POOL MUST HAVE A FILTRATION PLANT AND REGULAR WATER SAMPLING TESTS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE GOOD HYGIENE STANDARDS.

MR NG SAID THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE POOL MUST ALSO BE KEPT CLEAN.

STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSPECT PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS REGULARLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLIED WITH.

MR NG SAID THAT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, DETAILS OF THE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICE.

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MAINS WORK IN YUEN LONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO FIVE AREAS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 27) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE FIVE AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM LAM TEI PUMPING STATION TO AU TAU, INCLUDING WANG CHAU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN TIN SECTION) FROM AU TAU TO SAN TIN, INCLUDING FAIRVIEW PARK,
- * KAM TIN ROAD FROM AU TAU TO SHEUNG TSUEN,
- * KAM SHEUNG ROAD FROM KAM TIN ROAD TO SHEUNG TSUEN, AND
- * FAN KAM ROAD FROM KAM TIN ROAD TO PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL, INCLUDING SHEK KONG CAMP AND ALL THE ADJACENT VILLAGES.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 18 DAYS NEXT MONTH (DECEMBER).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DECEMBER 1 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 3 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 4 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 5 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 6 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 7 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 10 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 11 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 13 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 14 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 15 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 18 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 20 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 21 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 22 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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STREET RE-ROUTED

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 26), THE SECTION OF SHUI WO STREET BETWEEN KA LOK STREET AND FU YAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE RE-SITING OF HAWKERS IN SHUI WO STREET.

THE RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND AND THE LEFT-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM SHUNG YAN STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO SHUI WO STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN SHEUNG SHUI

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THE SECTION OF ROAD D4 NEAR SHEUNG SHUI MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 26 AND 27).

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR YUEN LONG AND SHEK KONG FROM MAN KAM TO WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, ROAD D1, FANLING ROUNDAABOUT, ROAD L2 AND TAI PO ROAD.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM TAI PO WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FANLING ROUNDAABOUT, ROAD L2 AND TAI PO ROAD.

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