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62 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MARCH

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 62 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN MARCH.

TWENTY-FIVE OF THE PLANS WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 16 FOR KOWLOON AND 21 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PLANS INCLUDED 21 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 23 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND FOUR FOR FACTORY AND WORKSHOP PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 45 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 91,471.4 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 263,549.7 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$2,441 MILLION. THE USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 190,557.8 SQUARE METRES AND 230,752.7 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 43 OCCUPATION PERMITS -- 14 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 20 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 31 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 80 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 627 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 953 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 208 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDING SECTION INSPECTED 435 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED THREE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF EFFICIENT VENTILATION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A REFERENCE GUIDE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFICIENT VENTILATION IN THE WORKPLACE.

ENTITLED "A REFERENCE NOTE ON VENTILATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS", THE PAMPHLET AIMS TO HELP WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AVOID POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS IN BUILDINGS AND WORKPLACES.

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IT HIGHLIGHTS HOW A POORLY DESIGNED OR IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED VENTILATION SYSTEM CAN HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HEALTH.

IN ADDITION, THE HANDBOOK OUTLINES THE FUNCTIONS AND METHODS OF VENTILATION. IT ALSO GIVES ADVICE ON THE VENTILATION REQUIREMENT, FRESH AIR STANDARD AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, THE PAMPHLET IS AVAILABLE FREE AT ALL DISTRICT OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION.

FURTHER ADVICE ON THE SUBJECT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 15TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL OR BY TELEPHONING 852 4041.

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SUMMER JOB INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DRIVE FOR STUDENTS

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THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR STUDENTS HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF SUMMER JOB INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

FORMED IN 1988, THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS.

THE ANNUAL SAFETY AWARENESS PROMOTION PROGRAMME INCLUDES POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, TALKS, TV PROGRAMMES AND A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION.

PART OF THE PROGRAMME IS A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO ENABLE THEM TO ADVISE STUDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WHILE TAKING UP TEMPORARY SUMMER JOBS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JUNE 1) AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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FULL OPENING OF THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD OPPOSITE THE LAM TIN MTR STATION WILL BE FULLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC WITH EFFECT FROM 6 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 29).

THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS INSIDE THE INTERCHANGE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE SECTION OF THE NEARSIDE LANE OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH THE INGRESS TO THE INTERCHANGE AND THE WESTERN EGRESS FROM THE INTERCHANGE WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS LANE 24 HOURS DAILY.

THE EXTENT OF THE BUS LANE WILL BE INDICATED BY APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS.

KMB BUS ROUTES NO. 14, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14X, 62X, 93M, 601 AND 606 WILL CONTINUE TO STOP INSIDE THE INTERCHANGE AND ROUTES NO. 15, 15A, 15B, 15C AND 15X WILL BE DIVERTED BACK TO STOP AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD ON-STREET OUTSIDE THE INTERCHANGE.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTE 38 PLYING BETWEEN KWAI SHING (EAST) AND KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE) WILL BE EXTENDED TO TERMINATE AT LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 24M PLYING BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN (SAM KA TSUEN FERRY) AND LAM TIN MTR STATION WILL CONTINUE TO TERMINATE IN THE INTERCHANGE.

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'SAN-TA' KUNG FU ON DB AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 29) THE PRACTICE OF "SAN-TA" KUNG FU BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT SOME PUPILS ACTED STRANGELY AFTER PRACTISING THIS FORM OF "SPIRITUAL" MARTIAL ART.

A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SERVICES) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR MAK TIT-WAH, WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE SUBJECT.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR GREGORY LEUNG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE REPORT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FIVE YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MAY 29) AT FUNG MING HALL, SIK SIK YUEN, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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RE-ROUTEING OF KMB NO. 3A
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO ENHANCE THE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN AND WONG TAI SIN/CHUK YUEN, KMB ROUTE NO. 3A WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO PROVIDE AN INTER-ESTATE CIRCULAR BUS SERVICE BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN (NORTH) AND CHUK YUEN ESTATE INSTEAD OF PLYING BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN AND WONG TAI SIN, WITH EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (MAY 29).

NOTICES WILL BE PUT UP AT THE EXISTING BUS TERMINAL TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THE RE-ROUTEING ARRANGEMENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 29), ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF HIP WO LANE BETWEEN CHEONG MING STREET AND SHING PING STREET, IN HAPPY VALLEY, 24 HOURS DAILY FOR TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIRS WORK.

AT THE SAME TIME, CHEONG MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, WHILE SHING PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 29), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PITT STREET, IN YAU MA TEI, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY IN PITT STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 29), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHOI HA ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * FOR 24 HOURS DAILY, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE EGRESS OF THE NGAU TAU KOK BUS TERMINUS TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * FOR 24 HOURS DAILY, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ROAD C IN KWUN TONG FACTORY ESTATE.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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