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COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR ANTI-SMOKING LAWS

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THE FIRST OF HONG KONG'S NEW ANTI-SMOKING LAWS, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN NOVEMBER.

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE RECENTLY AMENDED LEGISLATION, AND DETAILS OF THE NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, ARE CONTAINED IN THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) REGULATIONS 1982, SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (NOTICES) ORDER 1982 AND SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) ORDINANCE 1982 (COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 1982, ALL OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

FROM NOVEMBER 15, IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, AND OTHER PRINTED MATTERS PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED IN HONG KONG TO CARRY THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING AND THE TAR GROUP DESIGNATION OF THE CIGARETTES ADVERTISED.

FROM FEBRUARY 15, 1983, MOST OTHER TYPES OF CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS (NOT INCLUDING NEON SIGNS) WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING ONLY.

ANYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENT WHICH DOES NOT CARRY THE REQUIRED HEALTH WARNING WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $5 000 AND A FURTHER FINE OF $500 FOR EACH DAY DURING WHICH THE OFFENCE CONTINUES.

ALSO FROM FEBRUARY 15, 1983, NO-SMOKING AREAS WILL HAVE TO BE DESIGNATED IN 50 PER CENT OF EACH CLASS OF SEATING IN FERRIES, TRAINS AND CINEMAS, CONCERT HALLS AND THEATRES. SMOKING WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC LIFTS, SINGLE DECKER ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT (EXCEPT TAXIS AND HIRED VEHICLES) AND ON THE LOWER DECK OF DOUBLE DECKER BUSES AND TRAMS.

MANAGEMENTS WHO FAIL TO SET ASIDE NO-SMOKING AREAS OR TO DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $5 000. ANYONE WHO SMOKES IN A NO-SMOKING AREA WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $1 000 AND, IF HE FAILS TO PROVIDE CORRECT PERSONAL PARTICULARS TO THE MANAGEMENT ON DEMAND, TO A FURTHER FINE OF $3 000.

ON MAY 15, 1983, THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING TO BE INCLUDED IN CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED TO NEON SIGNS.

FROM AUGUST 15, 1983, IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL CIGARETTE PACKETS AND RETAIL CONTAINERS ON SALE IN HONG KONG TO CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING AND TAR GROUP RATING. ANY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALE OF CIGARETTES IN PACKAGING WHICH DOES NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $5 000.

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THE TAR IN EACH BRAND PRODUCT OF CIGARETTE ON SALE IN HONG KONG WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST WITH THE AID OF A SMOKING MACHINE. THE TAR GROUP RATING WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE CATEGORIES, ACCORDING TO THE TAR CONTENT IN MILLIGRAMS IN EACH CIGARETTE, AS FOLLOWS:

0 - 10 MGS	LOW TAR
11 - 16 MGS	LOW TO MIDDLE TAR
17 - 22 MGS	MIDDLE TAR
23 - 28 MGS	MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR
29 AND OVER	HIGH TAR

WHERE GOVERNMENT TESTS HAVE THE EFFECT OF VARYING THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED TAR RATING, CIGARETTES CAN BE SOLD IN PACKAGING BEARING THE OLD RATING FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS. AS FOR PRINTED PUBLICATIONS, THE PREVIOUS DESIGNATION MAY BE USED IN ADVERTISEMENTS FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE CASE OF NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AT INTERVALS OF ONE WEEK OR LESS AND FOR THREE MONTHS IN THE CASE OF ANY OTHER JOURNAL.

THE TAR GROUP DESIGNATION OF ANY BRAND OF CIGARETTE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE MANUFACTURER OR HIS AGENT IF NO SUCH DESIGNATION IS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST OR IF THE MANUFACTURER ALTERS THE TAR CONTENT AND THEREBY RENDERS THE PREVIOUS DESIGNATION INCORRECT. IN EITHER CASE, WHOLESALERS OF CIGARETTES IN PACKAGING BEARING TAR GROUP DESIGNATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN TWO DAYS AFTER THEY ARE FIRST PUT ON SALE. ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR ACCORDINGLY COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF $2 000.

THE ORDER PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY SPECIFIES THE EXACT FORM THAT THE HEALTH WARNING AND TAR GROUP DESIGNATION SHOULD TAKE.

THE OFFICIAL WORDING OF THE WARNING IS +HK GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING: CIGARETTE SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH+. THE ORDER STATES IN DETAIL THE LANGUAGE, TYPEFACE, SIZE, SHAPE, COLOUR AND LOCATION OF THE HEALTH WARNING AND TAR GROUP DESIGNATION BOTH ON CIGARETTE PACKAGING AND IN ADVERTISEMENTS.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SIGNS TO BE POSTED IN DESIGNATED NO-SMOKING AREAS.

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DRAFT OUTLINE PLAN FOR QUARRY BAY

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DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR QUARRY BAY ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION AREA, THE REVISION OF LAND-USE PROPOSALS ON THE QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION AND THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE SITES FOR COMMERICAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE INCORPORATION OF A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL TO THE SOUTH OF KING'S ROAD KNOWN AS THE +KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT+.

THE +KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT+ WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 35 500 PEOPLE. APART FROM THE DOMESTIC PORTIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS YOUTH CENTRES, CHILDREN CENTRES, NURSERIES, SOCIAL CENTRE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE, AND RECREATIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND CARPARKING FACILITIES.

THE GREEN BELT AREA IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PLANNING AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS PART OF THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK WITHIN WHICH ALL FUTURE USES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, 17THE FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND AND 1ST FLOOR.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AT $10 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND $60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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CENTRAL - TSIM SHA TSUI FERRY SERVICE REMINDER

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED COMMUTERS THAT STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CURTAILED FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 15) DUE TO LOW PATRONAGE.

THE NEW OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 6.30 AM TO 11.30 PM.

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LEASE OF KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 42

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO OFFER BY PRIVATE TREATY GRANT A 10-YEAR LEASE OF KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 42 TO THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

A LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPANY WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE EXISTING PIER STRUCTURE FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS AND MATERIALS CONNECTED WITH THE COMPANY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS SET OUT IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED TODAY.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE WITH THE RELATED PLAN WHICH CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, THE HUNG HOM CITY DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, 32 WUHU STREET, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, KOWLOON CITY, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SEAWALL IN ABERDEEN

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TENDERS WILL SOON BE CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL FRONTING AP LEI CHAU EAST RECLAMATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 500 METRES OF SEAWALL IN THE ABERDEEN CHANNEL, RECLAMATION, ROAD FORMATION WORK AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

ON COMPLETION, ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF LAND TO BE FORMED WILL BE USED AS A REPLACEMENT SITE FOR BOATYARDS DISPLACED BY FURTHER RECLAMATION WORK AT THE NORTHERN COAST OF AP LEI CHAU.

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1985.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE EDD, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN OF THE WORKS.

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CALL TO KEEP UP EXPORT

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS TO KEEP THEIR LEADING POSITION IN THE EXPORT MARKETS BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO PRODUCE HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES.

ADDRESSING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE HONG KONG FACTORY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, HE SAID: +I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS GRADUALLY MOVED UP-MARKET IN RESPONSE TO DEMANDS FOR HIGH QUALITY FASHION GOODS.

+WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMES TAILORED TO THE INDUSTRY'S REQUIREMENTS, THE RISING MANAGEMENT COSTS FOR PRODUCTION CONTROL AND THE NEED TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY, I THINK IT IS INEVITABLE THAT TEXTILE FACTORIES WILL INCREASINGLY USE COMPUTERISED SYSTEMS IN THEIR OPERATIONS.+

HE ALSO NOTED THAT A HIGH RATE OF INVESTMENT AND A READINESS TO INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO MEET COMPETITION - PARTICULARLY THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE ADVANCE EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCTION PROCESSES -- HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY.

+OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS (1977-81), THE NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY ON A YEARLY AVERAGE, ILLUSTRATING THAT NEW INVESTMENT IS ENTERING THE INDUSTRY AT A STEADY PACE,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO WAS CONFIDENT THAT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THE TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY WOULD REMAIN THE MAINSTAY OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

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BRITISH YOUTHS CALL ON GOVERNOR

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SIX YOUNG BRITONS VISITING HONG KONG UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN THE GROUP FROM SOUTH GLAMORGAN, WALES, ARE MISS ELAINE JOHNS, MISS JENNIFER LENCZNER, MR BRIAN JOHNSON, MR BRIAN MURPHY, MR ANDREW KNILL AND MR PETER HIGGINS.

THEY PRESENTED THE GOVERNOR WITH A BOOK ON SOUTH GLAMORGAN, A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL, AND A PLAQUE.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MISS SARAH WU, AND THREE OF THE SIX HONG KONG YOUTHS WHO VISITED THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME LAST YEAR.

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EXAMINATION CANDIDATES SHOULD BE WELL PREPARED

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MOST CANDIDATES SAT EXAMINATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY TO OPERATE PLEASURE VESSELS WITHOUT ADEQUATE PREPARATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS EXPLAINED WHY ONLY 238 OUT OF 956 CANDIDATES LAST YEAR PASSED THE EXAMINATIONS HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES EITHER HAD ATTENDED COURSES OR WERE REPEATERS, HE ADDED.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 12 000 LICENSED VESSELS IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING 4 500 PLEASURE BOATS.

+THE AIM OF THE EXAMINATION IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO USE HONG KONG WATERS FOR COMMERCIAL, PLEASURE OR OTHER PURPOSES,+ HE POINTED OUT.

FOR THIS REASON, EXAMINERS OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ESTABLISH A CANDIDATE'S COMPETENCY TO TAKE CHARGE OF A PLEASURE VESSEL, HE EXPLAINED.

BUT MANY CANDIDATES, HE ADDED, DID NOT UNDERSTAND THIS REQUIREMENT.

AS THE DEPARTMENT COULD ONLY HANDLE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR EACH EXAMINATION, SOME OF THOSE WHO NEEDED THE CERTIFICATE FOR EMPLOYMENT SUFFERED DELAY IN TAKING THE EXAMINATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CANDIDATES ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS THEY HAVE GAINED GOOD PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND HAVE COVERED THE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS,+ HE SAID.

COPIES OF THE SYLLABUS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXAMINATION CENTRE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE RUMSEY STREET CAR PARK BUILDING.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC CONDUCTS COURSES IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE ON HOW TO OPERATE PLEASURE VESSELS.

SIMILAR COURSES ARE ALSO OFFERED BY SAILING CLUBS AND SOME PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES WHO HAD ATTENDED COURSES PASSED THE EXAMINATION AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT.

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LIFE GUARD CLUB PRAISED

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MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB HAVE SAVED A TOTAL OF 14 490 LIVES SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1956. LAST YEAR ALONE, THE GUARDS SAVED 901 LIVES, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF RESCUE STARS TO 30 CITIZENS THIS AFTERNOON, MR RIDDELL-SWAN CONGRATULATED THE CLUB ON ITS FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND DEDICATION IN HELPING TO MAKE WATER RECREATION A MUCH SAFER ACTIVITY.

IN 1981, A TOTAL OF 6 452 YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED BY THE CLUB GAINED AWARDS FROM THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID. AND DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE CLUB PROVIDED 9 600 VOLUNTARY LIFE GUARDS AT BATHING BEACHES, SWIMMING POOLS AND LAUNCH PARTIES.

+I CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE CLUB'S EFFORTS TO EXTEND AND BROADEN ITS ACTIVITIES INTO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. THESE EFFORTS ARE WELL DEMONSTRATED BY ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, SUMMER COURSES ON SWIMMING, LIFE-SAVING, CANOEING, ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION, SCUBA-DIVING AND LAUNCH PICNICS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE INCLUDING STUDENTS, FACTORY WORKERS AND UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN, AND RECREATION AND HEALTH PROGRAMMES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.+

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CLUB HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER SINCE 1962 TO PROMOTE THE SAVING OF LIFE AT SEA. +AND OUR ASSOCIATION HAS PROVED TO BE NOT ONLY LONG BUT ALSO SUCCESSFUL,+ HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 583 RESCUE STARS WERE AWARDED DURING THIS PERIOD, HE SAID.

THE RECIPIENTS OF THE RESCUE STARS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED EIGHT FISHERMEN, 10 MEMBERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THREE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THREE CLUB MEMBERS.

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WATER CUT IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HILL ROAD, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND FRENCH STREET INCLUDING SIU CHEUNG FONG.

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RECREATION GROUND FOR SHAM SHUI PO

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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECREATION GROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BDD SAID THAT THE SITE, MEASURING 1 800 SQUARE METRES AND LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SHUN NING ROAD AND PRATAS ROAD, WAS FORMERLY USED BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AS A DEPOT.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A PAVILION, A BASKETBALL COURT, TOILET FACILITIES, FLOWER BEDS AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

THE RECREATION GROUND, WHEN COMPLETED WILL MAKE UP FOR THE CURRENT SHORTAGE OF LOCAL OPEN SPACE IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AREA OF SHAM SHUI PO.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER 1982 AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN SAI YING PUN

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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN STREET AND ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 16).

WITHIN THE SECTION, ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM DAILY.

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO QUEEN STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND A POINT 15 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.

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COURSE FOR STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

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TEACHERS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN STUDENT COUNSELLING CAN NOW APPLY FOR A THREE-MONTH FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE IN STUDENT GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS RUN BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC MAINLY FOR NEWLY-RECRUITED STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. A SMALL NUMBER OF PLACES, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PASTORAL CARE, GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 15, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING COURSE MEMBERS WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ON PERSONAL GUIDANCE, EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES COMPETENTLY.

THE COURSE WILL CONSIST OF CLASSROOM TEACHING, OBSERVATIONAL VISITS, SCHOOL ATTACHMENTS AND FIELD WORK PLACEMENT. IN GENERAL TERMS, THE COURSE CONTENT IS ENTIRELY RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF A STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER AND WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR TEACHING STAFF, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

APPLICANTS MUST BE NOMINATED BY THEIR HEAD OF SCHOOL OR SUPERVISOR AND APPLICATIONS ARE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR SUPERVISORS OR HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO NOMINATE A TEACHER WHO HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH A STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER OR WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF A PASTORAL NATURE IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

A SUPPLY TEACHER MAY BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE THE TEACHER WHO WILL ATTEND THE TRAINING COURSE AND THIS TEACHER WILL BE GRANTED FULL-PAY STUDY LEAVE TO ATTEND THE COURSE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHEK KONG

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A SECTION OF KAM SHEUNG ROAD NEAR SHEK TAU WAI VILLAGE IN SHEK KONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 15) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR A MILITARY EXERCISE TO TAKE PLACE.

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