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HONG KONG ISLAND BECOMES SMOKE-FREE ZONE

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HONG KONG ISLAND CAME UNDER OFFICIAL AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS TODAY -- THE SEVENTH SMOKE CONTROL AREA TO BE DECLARED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE DECLARATION BRINGS THE ISLAND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE WHICH LIMITS THE DISCHARGE OF POLLUTION-CAUSING BLACK SMOKE FROM ANY ESTABLISHMENT IN THE AREA.

THE ORDINANCE CARRIES FINES OF UP TO \$2,000. THE DECISION TO MAKE HONG KONG ISLAND (INCLUDING AP LEI CHAU) A SMOKE CONTROL AREA HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY CONSERVATIONISTS AS A LOGICAL STEP TOWARDS BRINGING ALL HONG KONG UNDER OFFICIAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL.

THE ORDINANCE IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER, MR. DAVID NEWBURY, SAID TODAY THE HONG KONG ISLAND DECLARATION WAS A REFLECTION OF THE STEADY AND PURPOSEFUL PROGRESS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST THREE AND HALF YEARS TO COMBAT AIR POLLUTION.

+SINCE THE HONG KONG ISLAND DECLARATION WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TWO MONTHS AGO, OFFICERS OF THE UNIT HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME VISITING VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WILL COME UNDER THE ORDINANCE,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE VERY REAL ADVANTAGES OF PROPER FUEL BURNING TO CUT DOWN POLLUTION AND ALSO SAVE MONEY.

+FROM TODAY, WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP THESE VISITS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE NEW AREA IS FULLY BRIEFED ON WHAT IS REQUIRED.+

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WORK STARTS ON SUPER TUEN MUN HIGHWAY

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WORK BEGAN TODAY ON THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR 9-1/2-MILE TUEN MUN ROAD PROJECT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A 1,000-YEAR-OLD SHINTO CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BY THE JAPANESE FIRM WHICH IS BUILDING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ROAD.

ADDRESSING THE +COMMENCEMENT OF CONTRACT+ CEREMONY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WILLIAM BELL, SAID INTERFERENCE TO TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM.

THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE, HE EXPLAINED, BECAUSE THE GREATER PART OF THE NEW ROAD WOULD BE LOCATED TO THE LANDWARD OF, AND GENERALLY AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE A FIRST CLASS TRAFFIC ARTERY DESIGNED TO URBAN MOTORWAY STANDARDS LINKING TSUEN WAN AND KOWLOON TO THE SOUTH WITH THE NEW TOWNSHIP OF TUEN MUN AND THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES TO THE NORTH.

MR. BELL NOTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG.

POINTING OUT THAT THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$222 MILLION WAS BY FAR THE LARGEST SINGLE HIGHWAY CONTRACT EVER LET, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THIS PROJECT AS PART OF ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO RELIEVE THE MORE CONGESTED URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

THE ROAD HAD BEEN DESIGNED AS A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH CONSTRUCTION DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES — THE FIRST SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1977.

AS AN INDICATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SCHEME, MR. BELL SAID THE REMOVAL OF SOME 4-1/2 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR SIX MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH WOULD BE INVOLVED TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF 16 MAJOR BRIDGES AND A CAUSEWAY OF 700 METRES ACROSS THE BAY AT TAI LAM CHUNG.

MR. JINICHI MAKITA, THE CHAIRMAN OF KUMAGAI GUMI (H.K.) LTD WHICH IS BUILDING THE NEW ROAD ALSO ADDRESSED THE GATHERING AND GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT HIS FIRM WOULD COMPLETE THE HIGHWAY TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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MORE SYMBOLIC TRAFFIC SIGNS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS

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ANOTHER FIVE SYMBOLIC TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE INTRODUCED FAIRLY WIDELY ON THE ROADS AS FROM NEXT WEEK.

ALL OF THEM ARE CIRCULAR IN SHAPE WITH TWO INDICATING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICLES ENTERING A ROAD, TWO PROHIBIT ENTRY TO VEHICLES, AND ONE PROHIBITS ENTRY TO BUSES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

THE TWO WEIGHT RESTRICTION SIGNS BOTH HAVE A RED BORDER, WHITE BACKGROUND AND BLACK LETTERS AND CHARACTERS. ONE IS THE "WEIGHT LIMIT" SIGN WHICH INDICATES THAT VEHICLES WITH A LADEN OR UNLADEN WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF A SPECIFIED WEIGHT ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING.

THE OTHER IS THE "AXLE WEIGHT LIMIT" SIGN WHICH HAS A BLACK "AXLE" SYMBOL ON IT. IT INDICATES THAT VEHICLES WITH AN AXLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF A SPECIFIED WEIGHT ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING A ROAD.

THE NUMERALS ON THESE SIGNS MAY BE ALTERED TO SUIT DIFFERENT RESTRICTION WEIGHTS, AND THE RESTRICTION CAN BE IN EITHER METRIC OR IMPERIAL WEIGHTS, THAT IS "TONNES" OR "TONS".

THERE ARE TWO VEHICLE PROHIBITION SIGNS: ONE WITH A RED BORDER AND DIAGONAL WITH A BLACK SYMBOL ON A WHITE BACKGROUND APPLIES TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES. THE OTHER, WITH A RED BORDER AND WHITE BACKGROUND, APPLIES TO ALL VEHICLES BUT IS ALWAYS QUALIFIED BY SUPPLEMENTARY PLATES.

THE "BUSES PROHIBITION" SIGN, WHICH DOES NOT APPLY TO FRANCHISED BUSES, HAS A RED BORDER AND DIAGONAL, A WHITE BACKGROUND AND A BLACK SYMBOL. A SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE MAY BE USED TO QUALIFY THE EXTENT OF THE PROHIBITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FIVE SYMBOLIC TRAFFIC SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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H.K. STUDENTS INVITED TO TAKE PART
IN COMMONWEALTH ART EXHIBITION

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HONG KONG STUDENTS ARE AGAIN BEING OFFERED A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS IN THE ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION OF THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE IN LONDON.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 18.

IN LAST YEAR'S EXHIBITION, HONG KONG ENTRIES WON HIGH ACCLAIM FROM THE JUDGES WITH 22 OF THE 35 ENTRIES SUBMITTED SELECTED FOR SPECIAL DISPLAY AND PRIZES — AN HONOUR UNEQUALLED BY OTHER PARTICIPATING COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HONG KONG IN NEXT YEAR'S EXHIBITION WILL FURTHER IMPROVE IN BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION IN THE THEME OF WORK AND THE MEDIA USED, BUT THE WORK MUST BE TWO-DIMENSIONAL AND UNMOUNTED.

ENTRIES WILL FIRST BE SELECTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND FORWARDED TO THE INSTITUTE WHICH WILL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO EVERY ENTRANT WHOSE WORK IS EXHIBITED.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH THE ART SECTION, CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 26.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STOOD AT 34,316 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 51.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 65,408 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 26,407 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 50,030 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 52.3 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,3727 MM (54.04 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,003.1 MM (78.86 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 31.5 PER CENT.

IN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS (SEPTEMBER 25 TO 29) SINCE THE WATER RESTRICTIONS WERE INTRODUCED, THE AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION WAS 208 MILLION GALLONS A DAY, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF 219 MILLION GALLONS A DAY FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE RESTRICTIONS (SEPTEMBER 18 TO 24). THIS REPRESENTS A SAVING OF ABOUT FIVE PER CENT A DAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE PIPER'S HILL INTERCHANGE, KOWLOON, AS FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO IMPROVE FLOW IN THE AREA.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG TAIPO ROAD PROCEEDING TOWARDS SHATIN WILL, ON APPROACHING THE INTERCHANGE, BE DIVERTED TO THE LEFT ONTO A FLYOVER. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEANWHILE, A BOX JUNCTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD (NEAR YUE MAU SQUARE) ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4).

BOX JUNCTIONS, A NUMBER OF WHICH HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION IN HONG KONG, ARE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE BY THE YELLOW CRISS CROSS MARKINGS ON THE ROAD SURFACE. MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE INTO A BOX JUNCTION UNLESS THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY CLEAR THE ENTIRE JUNCTION.

IF THEIR EXIT FROM THE JUNCTION IS BLOCKED THEN THEY MUST WAIT EVEN IF THE GREEN TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS SHOWING.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.84
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THEAD	GOOD	3.50	1.40	2.40
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.70	1.00	2.00
SQUID	NORMAL	4.70	2.40	3.50
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.10	0.40	0.80
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	2.70	0.40	1.80
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.10	0.80	0.90
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	2.20	1.20	1.50
MELON COAT	SCARCE	1.80	1.20	1.60
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	1.00	3.00
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	0.90
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.50	1.60	3.20
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.70	0.40	0.50
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.70	0.40	0.50
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.20	3.00	4.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.60	0.60	1.10
POMFRETS	SCARCE	7.50	5.50	6.50
GRAOUPAS	LIMITED	8.70	5.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	5.80	2.50	4.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(CV.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	0.90
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.90	0.30	0.60
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.70
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.60	0.50	1.00
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	1.40	0.30	0.90
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.40	0.50	1.50
SPINACH				
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.00	NO SALE	2.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.00
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.50	2.00	3.00