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MEDICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN NT NEW TOWNS  
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THREE NEW HOSPITALS AND 10 CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THIS DECADE TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.

IN ADDITION, FIVE EXISTING HOSPITALS IN THE REGION WILL UNDERGO AN AMBITIOUS EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

THESE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE OUTLINED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN CHARGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION, DR C.Y. SAM, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE HONG KONG NORTHWEST ROTARY CLUB TODAY.

+ALL THESE MEASURES ARE GEARED TOWARDS IMPROVING THE EXISTING MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND MEETING THE TARGET RATIO OF 5.7 BEDS PER THOUSAND POPULATION SET BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE END OF THE DECADE,+ DR SAM SAID.

THE COMPLETION LAST MONTH OF THE 1 300-BED SOUTH KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, HE SAID, IS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

TWO NEW GENERAL HOSPITALS WILL ALSO BECOME OPERATIONAL WITHIN A FEW YEARS' TIME, HE SAID. THEY ARE THE 1 400-BED PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL IN SHA TIN TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 AND THE 1 300-BED HOSPITAL AT TUEN MUN DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1985.

THE EXISTING FANLING HOSPITAL WILL SHORTLY HAVE AN EXTRA 50 BEDS UPON COMPLETION OF AN EXPANSION PROGRAMME THIS MONTH.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN THE PIPELINE TO BUILD AN EXTENSION BLOCK TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE MORE GENERAL BEDS AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES.

DR SAM POINTED OUT THAT THREE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, YAN CHAI AND POK OI HOSPITALS, WILL ALSO BE EXPANDED.

THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE PROPOSES TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL SIX-STORY COMPLEX FOR ITS NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL, STAFF QUARTERS AND OTHER FACILITIES BY 1983.

THE NUMBER OF BEDS AT YAN CHAI HOSPITAL WILL INCREASE FOUR-FOLD FROM 150 AT PRESENT TO 650 IN 1984, AND ITS EXTENSION WILL INCORPORATE AN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND A 24-HOUR CASUALTY DEPARTMENT TO AUGMENT GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED NEW TOWN.

THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME AT POK OI HOSPITAL WILL BE IN STAGES. IT ENVISAGES AN INCREASE OF BEDS FROM 165 TO 420, AN EIGHT-BED INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, A NEW OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND A CASUALTY DEPARTMENT.

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AS REGARDS GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR SAM SAID THREE NEW CLINICS/POLYCLINICS WOULD BE OPENED IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE IN SHA TIN RECENTLY COMPLETED WILL PROVIDE A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE, A NEW REGIONAL OFFICE, AND A COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE.

LEI MUK SHUE HEALTH CENTRE, TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1981 WILL CATER FOR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, VISITING SPECIALIST SERVICE, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE AND A 24-BED MATERNITY WARD.

YAN OI POLYCLINIC STAGE I IN TUEN MUN, TO BE IN OPERATION BY NEXT SEPTEMBER, WILL HOUSE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT, FAMILY HEALTH AND CHEST UNITS.

THE STAGE II CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES, IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF 1983.

IN THE LONGER TERM, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD SEVEN MORE CLINICS IN THE REGION: A SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC AT SHA TIN AND AT TUEN MUN, A CLINIC EACH IN YUEN LONG, TAI PO, TSING YI AND LOWER KWAI CHUNG, AND A GERIATRIC DAY CENTRE AT SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING ITS UTMOST WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO ENSURE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AT ALL FRONT, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS AHEAD WITH IMPROVEMENT OF OUR SERVICES SO THAT AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD CAN BE MAINTAINED,+ DR SAM SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE SPEECH BY DR SAM, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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\$1M PLAN TO INTRODUCE REFLECTIVE ROAD MARKINGS  
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS EXTENDING THE USE OF REFLECTIVE THERMOPLASTIC ROAD MARKINGS TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

A CONTRACT FOR THE LAYING OF SOME 10 000 SQUARE METRES OF SUCH ROAD MARKINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WAS AWARDED TODAY TO WIMPEY ASPHALT HONG KONG LTD.

THE CONTRACT, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$1 MILLION, WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR HAROLD BEATON, GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER (WORKS), AND MR DERYCK ALLISON, CONTRACTS MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

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MR BEATON SAID THE NEW REFLECTIVE ROAD MARKINGS, INTRODUCED LAST YEAR BY THE SAME COMPANY, HAD PROVED TO BE SUITABLE FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

+THESE ROAD MARKINGS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE INITIALLY THAN ROAD MARKING PAINT, BUT THEY HAVE SEVERAL BENEFITS,+ HE SAID.

+FIRSTLY, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE REPLACED OR REPAINTED FREQUENTLY, THUS GREATLY REDUCING INCONVENIENCE TO MOTORISTS.

+SECONDLY, THE MINUTE GLASS BEADS MIXED IN THE MARKING MATERIAL GIVE A REFLECTIVE EFFECT AT NIGHT, IMPROVING VISIBILITY AFTER DARK,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE SPEED OF MACHINE LAYING AND THE RAPID DRYING TIME OF THE MATERIAL ENSURE THAT TRAFFIC DELAYS ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM, CERTAINLY MUCH LESS THAN FOR SIMILAR JOBS USING HAND APPLIED PAINT.

MACHINE LAYING ALSO REDUCES CONSIDERABLY THE DANGER TO WORKERS ON THE ROAD PAINTING THE MARKINGS, MR BEATON ADDED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SOON AND TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

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#### YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT DESERVES LOCAL PRIDE

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THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG FROM A FARMING VILLAGE TO A COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL NEW TOWN WITH MORE THAN 200 000 PEOPLE DESERVES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY'S PRIDE, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE 31ST ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF YUEN LONG PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL, MR SWEETMAN SAID THE HUMAN RESOURCES THAT MOTIVATE DEVELOPMENT WOULD GREATLY INCREASE AFTER THE MASSIVE HOUSING PROJECTS INCLUDING FAIRVIEW GARDENS AND THE SHUI PIN VILLAGE ESTATE WERE COMPLETED.

ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, MR SWEETMAN SAID MANY BANKS IN YUEN LONG AND BRANCH COMPANIES OR OFFICES OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN ORGANISATIONS HAD SPRUNG UP.

A GREAT NUMBER OF FACTORIES HAVE ALSO JOINED IN PRODUCTION ONE AFTER ANOTHER AND MOST OF THEM BELONG TO THE LABOUR-CONCENTRATED LIGHT INDUSTRIES AND WILL PROVIDE A LOT OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SKILLED WORKERS IN YUEN LONG, HE SAID.

+THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE WANG CHAU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED,+HE ADDED.

MR SWEETMAN TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT LOCAL PEOPLE INTENDING INDUSTRIAL CAREERS WOULD HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEPLOY THEIR ABILITIES TO ATTAIN THEIR GOALS.

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ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT, MR SWEETMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO BUILD A SYSTEM OF LIGHT RAILWAY FROM YUEN LONG DIRECT TO TUEN MUN.

+THE EASE OF COMMUNICATION TO OUTER DISTRICTS WILL MUCH ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE DISTRICT'S CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, MR SWEETMAN SAID APART FROM YUEN LONG MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SCHOOL RECENTLY ESTABLISHED, A BIG SECONDARY SCHOOL WOULD COME INTO BEING BY 1985.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RECENTLY PROVIDED ARE THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH STADIUM, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE-SCALE SWIMMING POOL IS WELL UNDER WAY, HE SAID.

+THE SCHOOL HALL OF CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SCHOOL, EQUIPPED WITH AIR-CONDITIONING, IS SCHEDULED TO BE INAUGURATED BY THE GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 30 NEXT YEAR.

+IT WILL PROVIDE MORE ROOM FOR LOCAL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND A NUMBER OF FINE PERFORMANCES MARKING THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE THERE,+ HE SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF YUEN LONG PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, MR SWEETMAN SAID THE SCHOOL HAD GROWN FROM THREE CLASSES TO 25 CLASSES, FROM A MERE JUNIOR SECONDARY CHINESE SECTION TO BOTH CHINESE AND ANGLO-CHINESE SECTIONS COMPLETE WITH MATRICULATION COURSES.

+SUCH AN EXPANSION REALLY DESERVES THE APPROBATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS AMONG THE EMINENT PERSONALITIES IN YUEN LONG'S COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR SWEETMAN TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEY TOO WERE THE MOTIVATING FORCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A FUTURE YUEN LONG.

IT IS AN ADMIRABLE CHINESE VIRTUE FOR ONE TO ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND ONE'S ORIGIN, HE SAID.

+AS MOST OF YOU WERE BORN AND BRED IN YUEN LONG, YOU HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING FOR YUEN LONG.

+IF YOU SERVE YUEN LONG WITH THIS AFFECTION TOGETHER WITH YOUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, I AM SURE YUEN LONG'S FUTURE ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE FAR GREATER THAN THEY ARE NOW,+ MR SWEETMAN SAID.

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VILLAGE HOUSE DECLARED DANGEROUS  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 10 HOI PA VILLAGE, CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT NO. 12 HOI PA VILLAGE WAS CLOSED UNDER AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER ON JULY 18, 1979 IN VIEW OF THE POOR CONDITION OF ITS KITCHEN BLOCK. THE CONDITION OF THIS BUILDING HAS FURTHER DETERIORATED AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REQUIRE ITS DEMOLITION. NO. 10 IS IN A SIMILARLY POOR STATE AND WOULD NOT WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 12.

THESE TWO ADJOINING PROPERTIES ARE PART OF A ROW OF TWO STOREY VILLAGE TYPE HOUSES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON DECEMBER 30, 1980 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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SHA TIN TO HOLD ATHLETICS MEETING  
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A DISTRICT WIDE ATHLETICS MEETING IS TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN IN JANUARY TO BOOST LOCAL INTEREST IN SPORT.

THE EVENT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT 700 PARTICIPANTS, IS BEING ORGANISED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE.

THERE WILL BE THREE SECTIONS, DIVIDED ACCORDING TO AGE, FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON JANUARY 10 AND 11 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

WINNERS WILL REPRESENT SHA TIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETICS MEETING IN MARCH ORGANISED BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY TO EVENTS IS DECEMBER 23. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING WAS FORMED A MONTH AGO. IT IS CHAIRED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR LAU HON-KIT.

THIS WILL BE THE FIFTH SUCH ATHLETICS MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN. THE FIRST WAS HELD FOUR YEARS AGO AND HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN IMPROVING LOCAL SPORT STANDARDS.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED  
ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS AS FOLLOWS:

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS)	
	SEPT 1980	OCT 1980
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	4.9	5.0
TEXTILE, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.3	2.4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.0	3.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.0	3.8
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.2	5.1
OTHERS	3.7	3.7
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THESE STATISTICS WERE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL.

HOWEVER IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE, HE SAID.

THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1980 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$1 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-274203).

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN TAI PO MARKET  
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A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN TAI PO MARKET.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A SECTION OF ON FU ROAD BETWEEN KWONG FUK ROAD AND PO YICK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND- WHILE THE SECTION OF PO YICK STREET EAST OF ON FU ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON THE RE-ROUTED SECTION OF ON FU ROAD WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE RELOCATED TO PO YICK STREET.

PLB'S WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS SECTION OF ON FU ROAD, BUT WILL BE ROUTED VIA PO YICK STREET INSTEAD.

OTHER THAN FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR TO LOAD OR UNLOAD GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ALONG THE SECTION OF PO YICK STREET ABOUT 20 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWONG FUK ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED  
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON YING MAN-LEUNG ON AUGUST 15, 1979 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

YING WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF WONG AH-YEUNG IN CHAI WAN ON JANUARY 31, 1979.

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HIGHER CEILING FOR TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED  
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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 11 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (TUESDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT AND FOLLOWED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE SIMILARLY RAISED TO 11 PER CENT ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

SECTION 28 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN AMENDED, BY A PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDER SIGNED THIS MORNING BY THE GOVERNOR, TO RAISE FROM 10-1/2 PER CENT TO 11 PER CENT THE INTEREST RATE CEILING UP TO WHICH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS POWER TO EXEMPT INTEREST FROM TAX.

THE PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDER, AND THE NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ARE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE NORTH SIDE OF TAK WAH STREET BETWEEN HAM TIN STREET AND YAN CHAI STREET IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12).

UNLESS WITH WRITTEN AUTHORISATION, PLB'S WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR TO LOAD OR UNLOAD GOODS WITHIN THIS ZONE.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, EASTBOUND VEHICLES ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO SHANGHAI STREET.

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