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NATIONALITY PACKAGE HELPS STABILITY AND PROSPERITY - SIR DAVID FORD

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THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE WOULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO STABILIZE THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG AND HELP STABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FUTURE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS DURING HIS VISIT TO MAI PO MARSHES ON HOW THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE AFFECTED THE CIVIL SERVICE.

SIR DAVID SAID: "I THINK WE WOULD BE FACING A QUITE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVING UP TILL 1997 AND INDEED BEYOND 1997 UNLESS WE HAD PROVIDED SOME ASSURANCE FOR PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO STAY.

"THE BASIC LAW PUTS DOWN THAT THE 30 POSTS MUST BE OCCUPIED BY CHINESE NATIONALS AND I AM SURE THERE WILL BE A LARGE NUMBER OF SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WILL NOT WISH TO COMPROMISE THEIR NATIONALITY BY TAKING PASSPORTS.

"BUT AS FAR AS THE REST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IS CONCERNED - THE 180 000 PEOPLE - THERE ARE NO NATIONALITY RESTRICTIONS AND I THINK PEOPLE WILL REQUIRE THAT DEGREE OF REASSURANCE.

"IT DOES NOT MEAN TO SAY THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING PASSPORTS ARE IN ANYWAY NOT BEING LOYAL TO HONG KONG, NOT BEING LOYAL TO THE BASIC LAW, OR INDEED NOT HAVING RESPECT FOR CHINA.

"THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS ALL THOSE QUALITY. IN PARTICULAR, IT HAS A GREAT DEAL OF LOYALTY TOWARDS HONG KONG. I THINK THEREFORE THE PACKAGE WILL DO A GREAT DEAL TO HELP PROVIDE STABILITY WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG AND SO HELP HONG KONG FOR THE FUTURE.

"I HOPE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL SEE THE PACKAGE IN THAT LIGHT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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MINISTER TO DEAL WITH FOUR MAIN ISSUES

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HE WOULD DEAL WITH FOUR MAIN ISSUES DURING HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, MR MAUDE SAID: "I SHALL BE TALKING ABOUT THE NATIONALITY BILL THAT WE'VE JUST INTRODUCED THROUGH THE HOUSE OF COMMONS."

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"I SHALL BE EXPLAINING OUR DETERMINATION, DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WE FACE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO GET THIS MEASURE THROUGH, A MEASURE WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE," HE SAID.

THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT THE DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN ON THE 1991 ELECTIONS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS THE PROMULGATION OF THE BASIC LAW, ADDING: "AND HOW WE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE ALL OF THAT A SUCCESS."

"IT SEEMS TO ME THERE IS NOW A NEED FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF GROWING DEMOCRACY AND TO SHOW THAT DEMOCRACY WORKS," MR MAUDE SAID.

HE SAID HE WOULD BE VISITING ONE OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRES. "I SHALL BE KEEN TO SEE HOW MATTERS HAVE CHANGED SINCE MY LAST VISIT IN SEPTEMBER, AND SINCE THE MANDATORY REPATRIATION HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT ON DECEMBER 12."

"IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT THE MESSAGE OF THAT MANDATORY REPATRIATION SEEMS TO BE BEING UNDERSTOOD -- THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF VIETNAM -- THAT FOR THOSE WHO COME TO HONG KONG ALL THEY WILL GET IS A SPELL IN A DETENTION CENTRE AND A RETURN TRIP TO VIETNAM," THE MINISTER SAID.

MR MAUDE WILL BE LOOKING AT AND TALKING ABOUT THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND OTHER LONG-TERM INVESTMENT PLANS.

"IT'S VERY GOOD TO SEE THAT HONG KONG IS THINKING WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. IT'S NOT THINKING SHORT TERM. IT'S THINKING LONG TERM. THAT IS VERY GOOD NEWS FOR HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REMARKS ABOUT CURRENT SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS, MR MAUDE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUSLY ESSENTIAL THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION REQUIRED THOSE CONCERNED TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS.

"WE HAVE A DUTY BETWEEN US TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND IT'S PROSPERITY, AND THAT WE'RE DOING," MR MAUDE SAID.

THE MINISTER WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LADY WILSON, AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

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YOUNG GENERATION FACES PRESSURE FROM MANY SIDES

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) A SURVEY HAD SHOWN THAT YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS GENERATION FACED PRESSURE FROM MANY SIDES.

ADDRESSING THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENT OF THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL, MRS WONG SAID THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY HAD BEEN JOINTLY RELEASED BY THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"IN LIGHT OF THIS, YOUTH WORK TODAY SHOULD AIM NOT ONLY TO ASSIST IN THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF BODY AND MIND, BUT ALSO TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE FULLY EQUIP THEMSELVES TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE GROWTH PROCESS SO THAT THEY CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONVICTION," SHE SAID.

"TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES SHOULD STRESS, IN THEIR SERVICES, THE CULTIVATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND TO DISCERN RIGHT FROM WRONG, SO THAT THEY MAY FORM A PROPER SENSE OF VALUE AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE.

"THROUGH GROUP ACTIVITIES, THE CENTRES SHOULD ALSO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

"MOREOVER, THE CENTRES SHOULD SEEK TO PROMOTE THROUGH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS TO CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE NEEDY."

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN HONG KONG.

"YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE OF COURSE SHARED THE FRUITS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, WITH PROSPERITY AND GROWTH ALSO COME COMPETITION AND MATERIAL TEMPTATION," SHE SAID.

"FACED WITH STRESS AND CONFUSION, AN AMBIVALENT SENSE OF VALUE AND ALIENATION FROM OTHERS, THE YOUNGER GENERATION OFTEN FIND THEIR PROCESS OF GROWTH FRAUGHT WITH PROBLEMS."

MRS WONG SAID SHE WAS PLEASED THAT THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PROMOTING ALL KINDS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS.

"ALL THESE HAVE ENABLED YOUNG PEOPLE TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZON AND BROADEN THEIR VISION, THEREBY FACILITATING WORLD-WIDE CULTURAL EXCHANGE," SHE SAID.

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PUBLIC WARNED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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A MAN WAS FINED \$3,000 BY THE FANLING MAGISTRACY RECENTLY FOR IMPORTING A LIVE PANGOLIN FROM CHINA WITHOUT A LICENCE.

ANOTHER MAN WAS FINED \$1,000 IN THE SAME MAGISTRACY LAST MONTH FOR IMPORTING 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF PANGOLIN MEAT FROM CHINA.

OTHER THAN THE ABOVE FINES, BOTH OF THE LIVE PANGOLIN AND THE MEAT WERE CONFISCATED.

CITING THE TWO CASES AS STRINGENT EXAMPLES OF THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) WARNED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ANYONE WHO TRIED TO BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS THEIR PARTS WITHOUT A LICENCE, WOULD BE PROSECUTED.

HE SAID: "PEOPLE VISITING CHINA AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION NOT TO BRING BACK SOUVENIR PRODUCTS MADE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

"COMMON ITEMS SEIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE STUFFED SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILE SPECIMENS, MONITOR LIZARD SKINS, PANGOLIN, IVORY, PARROTS, OWLS, BRIDS OF PREY AND SLOW LORIS."

HE SAID THAT OFFICERS OF BOTH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD EXERCISE EXTRA VIGILANCE AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, MR CHEUNG SAID, 118 SEIZURES WERE MADE AT CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ILLEGAL IMPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR ISSUE OF A LICENCE BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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POLICEMAN'S PRINCIPLE IS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

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A POLICE OFFICER IS EXPECTED TO LIVE BY THE PRINCIPLE THAT HE IS NOT SO MUCH AN AGENT OF THE FORCE AS ONE OF PUBLIC SERVICE, AND ALTHOUGH THAT SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE IS NOT EASY TO ATTAIN, IT CAN BE CULTIVATED.

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG TODAY (SATURDAY), DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS, MR JOHN SHEPPARD, POINTED OUT THAT THIS CULTIVATION SHOULD BEGIN DURING TRAINING.

MR SHEPPARD NOTED THAT THE NATURE OF POLICE WORK MADE GREAT AND OFTEN CONFLICTING DEMANDS ON THE POLICE.

"WHILE WE WANT THE POLICEMAN TO DEMONSTRATE A HIGH LEVEL OF PHYSICAL AND MORAL FORTITUDE IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CRIME WE ALSO EXPECT HIM TO EXERCISE PATIENCE, COMPASSION AND SOCIAL CONCERN.

"WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL HAVE A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF HIS SOCIETY AND ITS PEOPLE."

WHILE THE AVERAGE CITIZEN EXPECTS A POLICEMAN TO HAVE QUALITIES OF WISDOM, COURAGE, STRENGTH, LEADERSHIP, FAITH, DIPLOMACY AND TOLERANCE, HE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERY BRANCH OF NATURAL, BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

"IT IS NOT SURPRISING THEREFORE THAT THE THRUST OF OUR TRAINING IS CALCULATED TO DEVELOP THESE REQUIREMENTS." SAID MR SHEPPARD.

MR SHEPPARD CONCLUDED THAT GRADUATES SHOULD LIVE UP TO THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE POLICE FORCE WHICH HAS A FINE PROFESSIONAL RECORD AS WELL AS A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 28 INSPECTORS AND 256 POLICE CONSTABLES WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOKS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, APRIL 13 TO 16.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS BETWEEN APRIL 9 AND 12 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR PROBATIONERS SCHEME

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FOR JOINING THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THE SCHEME WAS SET UP IN 1976 TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN HELPING OFFENDERS.

"THE VOLUNTEERS ARE EXPECTED TO ASSIST PROBATIONERS IN ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRE NO PROFESSIONAL SKILLS," A SPOKESMAN OF SWD SAID.

"THE RANGE OF SERVICE INCLUDES HELPING PROBATIONERS WHO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL WORK, GUIDING THEM IN THE PROPER USE OF LEISURE TIME AND DIRECTING THEIR INTEREST INTO WHOLESOME SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING FRIENDSHIP ESPECIALLY TO PROBATIONERS WITHOUT FAMILY SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, AS WELL AS SHARING WITH THEM PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE."

THE VOLUNTEERS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED 21 OR ABOVE, OF SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION STANDARD, MATURE IN PERSONALITY AND WILLING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH LAW OFFENDERS.

THEY SHOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEIR LEISURE TIME TO SERVE OTHERS WITHOUT MONETARY REWARD.

"NEWLY RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE GIVEN A TRAINING AND ORIENTATION COURSE BEFORE STARTING THEIR SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE OVER THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROBATION OFFICERS," HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THE PERIOD OF SERVICE IS NORMALLY SIX MONTHS SUBJECT TO EXTENSION, HE SAID A VOLUNTEER WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE SIX-MONTH ASSIGNMENT WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AT AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

FORMER PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHEME ARE WELCOME TO APPLY AGAIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PROBATION OFFICES ATTACHED TO MAGISTRACIES AND THE CENTRE FOR THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE VSP CENTRE BY APRIL 19.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO MISS CHENG WING-SEUNG ON TEL. 895 4190.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SITTING OUT AREA IN WAN CHAI  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING OUT AREA IN TAI WO STREET, WAN CHAI.

OCCUPYING 1,400 SQUARE METRES, THE SITTING OUT AREA WILL HAVE TWO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, A BADMINTON COURT, A STOREROOM AND A METER ROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON APRIL 27.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR CSD GIRL GUIDES  
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THE 141ST ISLAND RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT OF THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION CELEBRATED ITS 3RD ANNIVERSARY TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SPONSOR OF THE UNIT, MRS DONNA HUI, OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE INSTITUTION AND PRESENTED SERVICES BADGES TO OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE UNIT.

DURING THE YEAR, THE UNIT'S MEMBERS TOOK PART IN A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES WHICH INCLUDED REGULAR VISITS AND DOMESTIC SERVICES TO AN ELDERLY HOSTEL IN CHAI WAN AND CLEAN-UP PROJECT AT TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK EVERY WEEK.

THEY ALSO TOOK PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION AND ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY (APRIL 9-12) A SECTION OF ABOUT 600 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN TAI WAI ROAD AND CHIK WAN STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

DURING THE HOURS OF CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE TAI WAI ROAD, MEI TIN ROAD, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

ALSO, FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9), TUESDAY (APRIL 10) AND THURSDAY (APRIL 12), A SECTION OF ABOUT 125 METRES IN LENGTH OF TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND NORTH OF MEI TIN ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR SHA TIN CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE MEI TIN ROAD ACCESS ROAD, MEI TIN ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD.

MOTORISTS, PARTICULARLY DRIVERS OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, ARE ADVISED TO USE LION ROCK TUNNEL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE THEY SHOULD DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON BAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9), THE SECTION OF KAI HING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI BUN ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH LAM CHAK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 3 MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD, VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAM CHAK STREET, CHEUNG YIP STREET AND HOI BUN ROAD FOR ACCESS TO THE REROUTED SECTION OF KAI HING ROAD.

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