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FEBRUARY FIGURES ON POLICE RAIDS

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POLICE ARRESTED 1,619 PEOPLE IN 3,309 RAIDS ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS, DRUG AND VICE DENS IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN AGAINST GAMBLING, DANGEROUS DRUGS AND VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE CONDUCTED 549 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, RESULTING IN 455 ARRESTS; 2,472 RAIDS IN KOWLOON WITH 801 ARRESTS, AND 270 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH 354 ARRESTS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT DURING THE SAME MONTH, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED NINE PEOPLE IN 18 OPERATIONS.

ON ANTI-GAMBLING, POLICE CONDUCTED 187 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 867 PEOPLE. STAKE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS TOTTALLING \$888,000 WERE SEIZED IN THE OPERATIONS.

AS TO POLICE ACTION AGAINST VICE ESTABLISHMENTS, HE SAID 2,073 RAIDS WERE CONDUCTED, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 109 PERSONS, AND THE SEIZURE OF 19 OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES AND 75 OBSCENE VIDEO TAPES.

IN THE DRIVE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND PEDDLERS, POLICE ARRESTED 643 PEOPLE IN 1,049 RAIDS ON PREMISES AND STREET OPERATIONS.

NARCOTICS SEIZED DURING THE MONTH INCLUDED 2.4 KG OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 11.8 KG OF NO. 3 HEROIN AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF OPIUM, HE ADDED.

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SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR RANKS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

TO SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

MRS ANSON CHAN	SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES
MR MICHAEL LEUNG MAN-KIN	SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT
MR HAMISH MACLEOD	SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
MR GEOFFREY BARNES	SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

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TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A

MR ALEXANDER PURVES	DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES
MR CHAU TAK-HAY	REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON)
MR MICHAEL SUEN MING-YEUNG	REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES)
MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK	DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY

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PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCES REVISED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED INCREASES IN THE BASIC RATES OF CIVIL SERVICE PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCES BY 11 TO 14 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW THE BASIC RATES ANNUALLY TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAINED BROADLY IN LINE WITH MARKET RENTALS.

"USING THE SAME METHODOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AS FOR THE LAST REVIEW OF THE ALLOWANCES, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION HAS CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE RENTAL INDICES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 AND HAS ADVISED THAT THE EXISTING BASIC RATES SHOULD BE INCREASED BY BETWEEN 11 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED RATES WOULD RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF ABOUT \$23.5 MILLION A YEAR IF APPLIED TO ALL EXISTING PRIVATE TENANCIES.

"HOWEVER, THIS WILL NOT ARISE SINCE EXISTING TENANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY LEASES AND BY LANDLORD AND TENANT LEGISLATION. THUS, THE FULL EFFECT OF THE INCREASES WILL NOT BE FELT UNTIL ALL EXISTING PRIVATE TENANCY LEASES HAVE EXPIRED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT IN 1988-89 IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$9 MILLION,"

PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCES ARE GRANTED TO OVERSEAS OFFICERS, AND TO LOCAL OFFICERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS (THAT IS, THOSE ON POINT 48 OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE OR EQUIVALENT AND ABOVE), TO ENABLE THEM TO LEASE ACCOMMODATION PRIVATELY WHEN THE SUPPLY OF NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS IS INSUFFICIENT.

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THE ALLOWANCES ARE ALSO GRANTED TO LOCAL OFFICERS ON SALARIES FROM POINTS 38 TO 47 OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS.

FOLLOWING IS A TABLE SHOWING THE PRESENT AND REVISED BASIC RATES OF PRIVATE TENANCY ALLOWANCES:

GRADE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR QUARTER	MARRIED OFFICERS WITH CHILDREN		MARRIED OFFICERS WITHOUT CHILDREN		SINGLE OFFICERS	
	PRESENT BASIC RATE	REVISED BASIC RATE	PRESENT BASIC RATE	REVISED BASIC RATE	PRESENT BASIC RATE	REVISED BASIC RATE
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
A	12,150	13,500	10,935	12,150	9,720	10,800
B	10,200	11,300	9,180	10,170	8,160	9,040
C	8,400	9,600	7,560	8,640	6,720	7,680
CD	7,150	8,150	6,435	7,335	5,720	6,520
D	5,650	6,400	5,085	5,760	4,520	5,120
E	4,750	5,400	4,275	4,860	3,800	4,320
F	4,100	4,650	3,690	4,185	3,280	3,720
G	3,550	4,000	3,195	3,600	2,840	3,200

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES
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A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENTS RECENTLY INTRODUCED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WAS OUTLINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YMCA-KWUN TONG CENTRE AT TSUI PING ESTATE, SHE SAID THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETED A REVIEW LAST YEAR ON THE PLANNING RATIO FOR THESE CENTRES.

IT RECOMMENDED A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH OF PROVIDING ONE CENTRE FOR EVERY 20,000 TO 30,000 POPULATION TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

IN THE AREAS OF STAFFING AND FACILITIES, MRS WONG NOTED THAT AN ADDITIONAL WELFARE WORKER POST HAD BEEN CREATED FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WHILE ADDITIONAL SUPERVISOR POSTS WOULD BE CREATED TO STEP UP THE SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF THESE CENTRES.

"FURTHERMORE, THE EXTENSION OF THE 'STANDARD COST' SUBVENTION SYSTEM MEANS THAT NEWLY-COMPLETED AND REPROVISIONED CENTRES WILL HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ACQUIRING SUITABLE AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE.

"ALSO, ALLOCATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO PROVIDE AIR-CONDITIONING BEFORE THIS SUMMER FOR 20 NEW CENTRES AS WELL AS FOR THE READING AND STUDY ROOMS IN 68 EXISTING CENTRES," SHE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL GRADUALLY ARRANGE REPROVISIONING FOR CENTRES, THE SIZES OF WHICH ARE SUB-STANDARD OR WHICH ARE LOCATED AT ROOF-TOPS OF OLD HOUSING ESTATES," MRS WONG SAID, NOTING THAT THE KWUN TONG CENTRE WAS THE FIRST YMCA ROOF-TOP CENTRE REPROVISIONED TO A NEW HOUSING ESTATE.

SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THREE MORE YMCA ROOF-TOP CENTRES IN 1988-89 WHILE ANOTHER EIGHT CENTRES WOULD BE REPROVISIONED TO PREMISES OF STANDARD SIZE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, SHE SAID.

SHE STRESSED THAT TO FOSTER THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEXT GENERATION, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSTANTLY REVIEW THE YOUTH POLICY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, WHICH WERE SET UP ON A DISTRICT BASIS, AIMED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS, GOOD HABITS AND POTENTIALS AND GROOM THEIR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES THROUGH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS SO THAT THEY WOULD GROW UP TO BE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, SHE SAID.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE YMCA FOR ITS UNCEASING EFFORTS IN PROMOTING YOUTH SERVICES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1901.

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SACRED HEART, ST PAUL'S TAKE DANCE HONOURS

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SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND ST PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY SECTION) EMERGED AS OVERALL WINNERS IN THE 24TH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL.

SACRED HEART WAS CHAMPION IN THE SECONDARY SECTION AND ST PAUL'S WON THE PRIMARY SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION WERE THE S.K.H. BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL AND BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, RESPECTIVELY.

YAUMATI CATHOLIC PRIMARY AM SCHOOL WAS FIRST RUNNER-UP IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION.

TOI SHAN ASSOCIATION PRIMARY PM SCHOOL AND DR CATHERINE F. WOO MEMORIAL AM SCHOOL TIED FOR THIRD PLACE.

THE 24TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EARLY THIS YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL ATTRACTED 378 DANCE TEAMS FROM 253 SECONDARY, PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS. ALTOGETHER, 3,861 DANCERS TOOK PART.

THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE TEAMS WAS REFLECTED IN THE FACT 22 TEAMS WON AN HONOURS AWARD.

ANOTHER 141 WERE HIGHLY COMMENDED AND 172 WERE COMMENDED IN VARIOUS SELECTIONS OF CHINESE, ORIENTAL, WESTERN AND CREATIVE DANCES.

SEVENTEEN SCHOOL TEAMS WON A CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD.

A SERIES OF PRIZE PRESENTATIONS AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND 17, STARTING AT 7.30 PM EACH DAY.

/TICKETS AT

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TICKETS AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT URBIX OUTLETS OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, HONG KONG ART CENTRE, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY LIMITED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR HUI CHUN-FUI; THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM; AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, DR HO MAN-WUI WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS AT PRESENTATIONS AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND 3.

THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON APRIL 8.

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON APRIL 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17.

OFFICIATING ON THESE DAYS WILL BE, RESPECTIVELY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR F.C. SO; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR LO KING-MAN; CHAIRMAN OF LAWS' FOUNDATION TRUST, MR LAW TING-PONG; DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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EXHIBITION OF TEACHING MATERIALS IN CHINESE LANGUAGE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION OF TEACHING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR REMEDIAL TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AT SECONDARY LEVEL, BETWEEN MARCH 29 AND 31.

TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF REMEDIAL CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM ON MARCH 29 (TUESDAY), AND FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM ON MARCH 30 AND 31 (WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY).

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ON DISPLAY WILL BE MATERIALS ON THE COORDINATION OF WORK AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ON REMEDIAL TEACHING; SCHEDULES OF WORK ON THE TEACHING OF PRESCRIBED TEXTS, WRITING AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING; AND HOW TO DESIGN EXERCISES BASED ON PUPILS' LANGUAGE ABILITY.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR F.C. SO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON MARCH 29 AT 10 AM.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES, ROAD CLOSURE

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 29).

HAMMER HILL ROAD NORTHBOUND AND THE SECTION OF CHOI HUNG ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES WEST OF THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHOI HUNG ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD WILL BECOME 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT RESTRICTED ZONES.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS ARE SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, AND A 85-METRE STRETCH OF WAI WAH STREET EASTBOUND WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD.

SECTIONS OF TAI TUNG STREET AND TAI SHING STREET WILL ALSO BECOME PEAK-HOUR (7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) RESTRICTED ZONES.

THEY ARE A 25-METRE STRETCH OF TAI TUNG STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI SHING STREET, AND THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF TAI SHING STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT SIX METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI TUNG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES WEST OF CHOI HUNG ROAD.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF YAN FUNG STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET IN HUNG HOM, YAN FUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5.45 AM ON BOTH TUESDAY (MARCH 29) AND WEDNESDAY (MARCH 30).

VEHICLES ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH HEADING FOR FAT KWONG STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PAK KUNG STREET AND SHUN YUNG STREET.

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TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME TO END THIS MONTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED TAXI VOUCHERS WITH VALIDITY FROM OCTOBER 1, 1987 TO MARCH 31, 1988 THAT THEY MUST MAKE USE OF THEIR VOUCHERS BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN APRIL LAST YEAR FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, WOULD END ON MARCH 31.

"ALL VOUCHERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE," HE STRESSED.

HOWEVER, TAXI DRIVERS CAN STILL CASH THESE VOUCHERS DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THEIR EXPIRY, UP TO JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

CASH-IN CENTRES INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR LICENSING OFFICES, THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE, AND THREE TAXI ASSOCIATIONS -- THE HONG KONG KOWLOON TAXI AND LORRY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, THE KOWLOON TAXI OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE TAXI OPERATORS ASSOCIATION.

"PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME HAS BEEN MONITORED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE PILOT TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME, WHICH WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY AND PRACTICABILITY OF INTRODUCING A LONG TERM SCHEME," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WATER CUTS IN SHA TAU KOK, TUEN MUN, KWUN TONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TAU KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF ON TUESDAY (MARCH 29) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT SHA TAU KOK AREA, INCLUDING TAM SHUI HANG TSUEN, SHAN TSUI TSUEN, KONG HA TSUEN, CHOI YUEN KOK TSUEN AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CUT OFF ON TUESDAY (MARCH 29) FROM 10 PM TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL BE THE WHOLE AREA OF TUEN MUN, INCLUDING SIU HONG COURT, SIU ON COURT, SIU SHAN COURT, MELODY GARDEN, PRIME VIEW GARDEN, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, AREAS 4B, 4C, 9, 10, 11, 12, 26, 36, 37A, 37B, 39 AND 44 AND TAI HING, SHAN KING, SAN FAT, ON TING, YAU OI, BUTTERFLY, AND WU KING ESTATES.

IN ADDITION, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 30) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WAN HON STREET, HIP WO STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG NING ROAD AND HONG NING ROAD RECREATION GROUND, INCLUDING SHUNG YAN STREET, SHUI WO STREET, MUT WAH STREET, FU YAN STREET, YAN SHUN LANE, YUE MAN SQUARE, TUNG YAN STREET AND KA LOK STREET.

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