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THROUGH TRAIN PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN
KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU TO BEGIN ON APRIL 4

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A DIRECT EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN PASSENGER SERVICE FROM KOWLOON TO GUANGZHOU (CANTON) WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 4.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION), MR. D.M. HOWES ON HIS RETURN FROM GUANGZHOU WHERE HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FINAL DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

MR. HOWES WHO LED A DELEGATION TO GUANGZHOU ON MONDAY DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT AS A +HISTORY MAKING EVENT,+ POINTING OUT THAT THE LAST THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE WAS IN OCTOBER 1949.

+THIS NEW ADDITIONAL PRESTIGE SERVICE IS MAINLY AIMED AT THE BUSINESS AND TOURIST COMMUNITY,+MR. HOWES SAID.

HE QUICKLY EMPHASISED THAT ONLY THREE CATEGORIES OF PASSENGERS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THIS NEW SERVICE:

- * HOLDERS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PASSPORTS WITH VISAS FOR HONG KONG=
- * FOREIGNERS (I.E. HOLDERS OF OTHER PASSPORTS) WHO EITHER HAVE VISAS FOR HONG KONG OR WHO ARE NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES NOT REQUIRING VISAS FOR HONG KONG AND,
- * HOLDERS OF HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

THE TRAIN -- FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED WITH A DINING CAR AND BUFFET -- WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

+IT'S A FIRST CLASS SERVICE COMPLETE WITH RECLINING CHAIRS. IT CAN SEAT 600 PEOPLE. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR STANDING,+ MR. HOWES SAID.

AS TO THE TRAIN'S TIMETABLE, MR. HOWES SAID THAT THE TRAIN -- WHICH WILL COMPRISE 10 PASSENGER COACHES, ONE MAIL VAN, ONE RESTAURANT CAR AND ONE AIR-CONDITIONING POWER UNIT -- WILL OPERATE ONE SERVICE EACH WAY DAILY, LEAVING GUANGZHOU AT 8.30 A.M. AND ARRIVING AT THE HUNG HOM TERMINAL AT 11.28 A.M. IT WILL DEPART FROM HUNG HOM AT 1 P.M. AND ARRIVE AT GUANGZHOU AT 3.54 P.M.

THE ONE-WAY FARE IS \$50 AND TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED AND RESERVED IN ADVANCE AT ALL CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE BRANCHES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

BECAUSE OF THE +TIGHT TURN-AROUND TIME+ OF ONE AND A HALF HOURS, MR. HOWES URGED ALL DEPARTING PASSENGERS TO CHECK IN AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE TRAIN LEAVES HUNG HOM.

/THE TIMETABLE

THE TIMETABLE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO CONNECT, ON DEPARTURE FROM GUANGZHOU, WITH THE OVERNIGHT EXPRESS FROM PEKING, AND ON RETURN IN THE EVENING THE LAST FLIGHT FROM GUANGZHOU TO PEKING IN THE EVENING.

THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PROCESSING AREA WILL BE HOUSED IN PART OF THE SOUTHERN CONCOURSE OF THE TERMINAL.

+BECAUSE THIS IS JUST A TEMPORARY FACILITY, PASSENGERS MAY EXPERIENCE SOME INCONVENIENCE. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION WILL BE RECTIFIED WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE SOUTHERN CONCOURSE CAN BE USED NEXT YEAR,+ MR. HOWES SAID.

HE ADDED THAT PLATFORM 6 HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE AND FOR THIS REASON, THE PUBLIC WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT WHILE THE TRAIN IS IN THE STATION.

MR. HOWES ALSO STRESSED THAT TEST RUNS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OPERATIONAL SAFETY MATTERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

THERE WILL BE A FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE OF 20 KILOGRAMMES FOR EACH PASSENGER WHICH THEY CAN CARRY WITH THEM INTO THE COMPARTMENTS. ANYTHING ABOVE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE STORED IN THE LUGGAGE VAN WITH A NOMINAL CHARGE FOR EXCESS BAGGAGE.

+CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 10 WILL ONLY HAVE TO PAY HALF FARE. ONE CHILD UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT CAN TRAVEL FREE,+ MR. HOWES SAID.

ON THE THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE AS A WHOLE, MR. HOWES SAID THAT NOT ONLY DOES IT HALVE THE PRESENT TRAVELLING TIME -- THREE HOURS ONLY -- BUT IT WILL OFFER A CITY CENTRE TO CITY CENTRE SERVICE WITH CONVENIENT CONNECTIONS FOR TRAINS AND FLIGHTS IN CHINA.

+THIS SHOULD MAKE THE RAIL SERVICE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT OPERATING BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES FOR THE EXECUTIVE AND TOURIST SECTOR OF THE MARKET.+

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TAKES OVER 12 SPECIAL CENTRES

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SPENDING ABOUT \$8.2 MILLION ANNUALLY TO BRING ALL ASPECTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED INTO THE CODE OF AID AND TO EXPAND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

FROM APRIL 1 THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF ALL MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR DEGREE OF HANDICAP.

THIS SERVICE IS NOW DIVIDED AMONG THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE I.Q. LEVEL OF THE CHILDREN INVOLVED.

ON APRIL 1 THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUBVENTION AND SUPERVISION OF 12 CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRES WITH 720 PLACES FOR MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

+THE TAKE-OVER OF RESPONSIBILITY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IMPLIES THAT THE CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRES WHICH AT PRESENT RECEIVE DISCRETIONARY GRANTS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE RECEIVING FULL GRANTS TO COVER ALL EXPENDITURE FOR APPROVED ACTIVITIES AND POSTS ON A DEFICIENCY BASIS UNDER THE CODE OF AID ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SERVING STAFF OF THESE CENTRES WILL RECEIVE TEACHER TRAINING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

CLASS SIZES FOR MODERATELY AND SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WILL ALSO BE REDUCED TO PERMIT GREATER CARE FOR THESE CHILDREN.

WITH REGARD TO THE EXPANSION OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOCIAL WORKERS AND PARA-MEDICAL STAFF WILL BE PROVIDED IN THESE SCHOOLS.

SOCIAL WORKERS WILL HELP HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO OVERCOME THEIR SENSE OF INFERIORITY AND INADEQUACY, AND TO SOLVE THEIR EMOTIONAL AND ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS.

PARENTS WILL ALSO NEED THE COUNSELLING OF THESE SOCIAL WORKERS IN LOOKING AFTER THEIR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO ASSIST PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO GAIN MOBILITY, TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE MUSCLE STRENGTH, AND TO ADVISE THEM IN THE USE OF WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKING AIDS.

THESE CHILDREN WILL ALSO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN ASSESSING AND DEVELOPING THEIR PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS AND APTITUDES.

SPEECH THERAPISTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF, FOR THE MULTI-HANDICAPPED WITH SPEECH PROBLEMS AND FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

A FULL-TIME REGISTERED NURSE IS PROPOSED FOR EVERY SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, BECAUSE THESE CHILDREN REQUIRE FREQUENT NURSING CARE.

+THE PROVISION OF THESE STAFF WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, RESOURCE TEACHERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND BLIND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

SURVEY OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SERVICES 1978

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SERVICES IN 1978. THIS SURVEY IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED WILL BE USED IN ESTIMATING THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG WHICH IS THE CHIEF SUMMARY ECONOMIC INDICATOR FOR ANALYSING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS SHIPPING, AIR TRANSPORTATION, CARGO FORWARDING, INSURANCE, FILM-PROGRAMME PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO FIRMS ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AND WHICH HAVE BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OVERSEAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STRESSED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1978, FROM WHICH THE SURVEY DERIVES ITS LEGAL AUTHORITY, DATA SUPPLIED ON ANY INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT AT THE MOMENT. THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM UNDER CONFIDENTIAL COVER TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE APRIL 30 AND, IN ANY CASE, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30.

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FREE SERVICE FOR INJURED WORKERS

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WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN MAIMED AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL OR OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS WERE REMINDED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THEY CAN APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR NORMAL REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF THEIR PROSTHESES OR SURGICAL APPLIANCES FREE OF CHARGE.

HOWEVER, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORKER MUST BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT THE INITIAL FITTING OF THEIR PROSTHESES WAS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL OR OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS.

UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, EXPENSES FOR THE INITIAL FITTING OF THE PROSTHESIS OR SURGICAL APPLIANCE ARE BORNE BY THE EMPLOYERS, BUT THE USABLE LIFE OF A PROSTHESIS OR SURGICAL APPLIANCE IS LIMITED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE INJURED EMPLOYEES WHO WISHED TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARRANGEMENT FOR RENEWAL OR REPAIR OF PROSTHESES OR SURGICAL APPLICANCES TO APPROACH EITHER THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION UNIT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NINTH FLOOR (TEL.: 3-688462) OR THE PROSTHETISTS IN-CHARGE AT THE DAVID TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE, 9B BONHAM ROAD (TEL.: 5-495121 EXT. 259) - KOWLOON REHABILITATION CENTRE IN KOWLOON HOSPITAL (TEL.: 3-010111 EXT. 146) AND SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC (TEL.: 12-231161 EXT. 265) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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62 AND 63 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED NOS. 62 AND 63 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THESE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

+THE BRICKWORK THROUGHOUT THESE BUILDINGS IS BADLY FRACTURED AND RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT OUTWARD MOVEMENT IS OCCURRING IN THE REAR OF THESE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON APRIL 18 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN SHUN LEE ESTATE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN SHUN LEE ESTATE IN EAST KOWLOON.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. A.T. SCOTT WILL INVITE THE GOVERNOR TO UNVEIL A PLAQUE ON THE FOUNTAIN IN THE ESTATE'S COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF SHUN LEE ESTATE, EAST KOWLOON, BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 3.30 P.M.

TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, PROMPTLY AT 2.30 P.M. FOR SHUN LEE, RETURNING TO THE C.G.O. CAR PARK AFTERWARDS.

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IMPORTANCE OF SELF-HELP STRESSED

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MR. COLVYN HAYE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOLD STUDENTS OF KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-HELP.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE, MR. HAYE DEFINED SELF-HELP AS BASICALLY SELF-RELIANCE, AN INTELLIGENT APPRECIATION OF ONE'S STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES COUPLED WITH THE DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE BEST OF ONESELF.

+SELF-HELP MEANS HELPING YOURSELF AND IF YOU PRACTISE IT YOU WILL SOON FIND THAT OTHERS WILL BE READY TO HELP YOU,+ HE SAID.

+NEVER FORGET THAT SELF-HELP STARTS WITH YOU, YOURSELF, AND THAT IF YOU ARE TO MAKE YOUR WAY IN LIFE YOU MUST FIRST RELY ON YOURSELF,+ MR. HAYE ADDED.

TO MAKE THE BEST OF ONE'S ABILITIES, HE SAID, IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK HARD, AND NOTED THAT THE COURSES PROVIDED BY KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE GAVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HARD WORK AND THE ENJOYMENT OF LIFE.

+THE COURSES YOU FOLLOW GIVE YOU A WIDE CHOICE OF EXCITING AND USEFUL STUDIES AND THE COLLEGE ORGANISATION WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON CLUBS, GAMES, SPORTS, CHORUS, FOLK DANCE, DRAMATICS, WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, PUBLIC SPEAKING, ART, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, AND A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC CLUBS, GUARANTEES A BROAD-BASED PREPARATION FOR LIFE,+ MR. HAYE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE EDUCATION WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED LAST YEAR WHICH POINTED TO A FUTURE THAT PRODUCES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VIRTUALLY ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, MR. HAYE SAID: +A VITAL ROLE IN THIS ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN PLAYED BY THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE AND ALL INSTITUTIONS LIKE IT.+

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D.S.W. OPENS EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON CHILDREN
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) OPENED AN EXHIBITION WHICH FEATURES 250 PICTURES PORTRAYING THE DAILY LIFE OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE CAMERAS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ENTHUSIASTS FROM HONG KONG AND ASIA.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, STARTING TOMORROW AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PO LEUNG KUK AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD (I.Y.C.).

MR. LEE SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THAT IN PROMOTING THE SPIRIT OF THE I.Y.C., IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE PUBLIC CO-OPERATION, PARTICULARLY FROM PARENTS, TO ENSURE A +SWEET AND HAPPY LIFE+ FOR CHILDREN.

HE SAID THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE I.Y.C., THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES HAVE SET UP A COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND CO-ORDINATE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY ARE PART OF THE 1,350 ENTRIES IN AN ASIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST ALSO SPONSORED BY THE KUK AND THE SOCIETY.

MR. LEE ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND THOSE WHO WON A RECENT CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) UNTIL SATURDAY BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M. ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY GRAMPIAN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD INCLUDING JUNCTION ROAD, FUK LO TSUN ROAD, LION ROCK ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

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