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STREAMLINING CO-ORDINATION IN PREPARING ESTIMATES

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THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID FORD.

MOVING THE SECOND READINGS OF THE BILLS, SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENTS WOULD ENABLE THE ESTIMATES OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TWO COUNCILS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR IN JANUARY RATHER THAN IN DECEMBER.

HE SAID THE PREPARATION OF THE COUNCILS' ESTIMATES WOULD THEN COINCIDE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANNUAL BUDGET EXERCISE.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE AMENDMENTS WOULD STREAMLINE OVERALL CO-ORDINATION, AND THEY HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE TWO COUNCILS.

THE BILLS AMENDED SECTION 39(1) OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE AND SECTION 41(1) OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY.

DEBATES ON THE BILLS WERE ADJOURNED.

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LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE IN COMPUTER USE

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IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE, THE GOVERNMENT IS STRENGTHENING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SO THAT IT MAY ASSIST THE REST OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS COMPUTER PLANNING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM PROFESSOR THE HON C.K. POON, SIR PIERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED DEPARTMENTS' OR BRANCHES' REQUESTS FOR COMPUTERS ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS.

"WE ARE NOW MOVING TOWARDS ASSESSING REQUESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LONG-TERM PLANS OF THE DEPARTMENT OR BRANCH INVOLVED," HE SAID.

WITH THE OVERALL AIM BEING SETTING SPECIFIC STANDARDS OF GENERAL APPLICATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD, WHEN INVITING TENDERS, RESTRICT TENDERS TO CONFIGURATIONS COMPLYING WITH THOSE STANDARDS.

"I WOULD EMPHASISE THE LONG-TERM NATURE OF THIS APPROACH," SIR PIERS SAID.

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO MOVE IN THIS WAY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES IMPLICIT IN PROF POON'S QUESTION, WHICH RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENSURE THE WIDER APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN GOVERNMENT.

ON TRAINING, SIR PIERS SAID THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS REVIEWING ALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING NEEDS AND HOW BEST TO MEET THEM.

"ON COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW, PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRAINING TO END-USERS, FOR IMPLEMENTATION," HE SAID.

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SCHEME BEING DEVISED ON NOISE IMPAIRMENT COMPENSATION

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SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN DEVISING A SCHEME TO COMPENSATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE HEARING ABILITY HAS BEEN IMPAIRED BY OCCUPATIONAL NOISE, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON K.Y. YEUNG, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON TAM YIU-CHUNG, MR YEUNG SAID THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE SCHEME, INCLUDING CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION, HAD NOW BEEN FINALISED AND ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

"THE WAY IN WHICH COMPENSATION IS TO BE FUNDED HAS YET TO BE DECIDED, HOWEVER, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BE CONSULTING THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS MATTER," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID TRADE UNIONS WERE CONSULTED DURING THE FORMULATING PROCESS THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATION ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

"I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HAS ALSO TAKEN DUE ACCOUNT OF THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY VARIOUS LABOUR ORGANISATIONS ON THE PROPOSED COMPENSATION SCHEME," HE ADDED.

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LAW PROHIBITING TRANSACTION IN SUB-DIVIDED UNITS IMPRACTICAL
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THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF SUB-DIVIDED DOMESTIC UNITS TO BE EITHER APPROPRIATE OR PRACTICABLE, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, THE HON CLIVE OXLEY, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR OXLEY SAID SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF AN OWNER TO DISPOSE OF HIS OWN PROPERTY AS HE SAW FIT.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON CHUNG PUI-LAM ON CONVERSION AND SALE OF SUB-DIVIDED UNITS.

"SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE IN PRINCIPLE INASMUCH AS IT WOULD INTRODUCE INTO PROPERTY CONVEYANCING AND OWNERSHIP A HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY," MR OXLEY SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO POLICE THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF SUB-DIVIDED UNITS TO ESTABLISH IN EVERY CASE WHETHER THE SUB-DIVISION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, PURCHASERS OF PROPERTY WERE GENERALLY REPRESENTED BY THEIR OWN SOLICITORS WHO HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR CLIENTS.

MR OXLEY SAID THE MAJORITY OF CASES INVESTIGATED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE 1985 CONCERNING UNAUTHORISED SUB-DIVISION OF FLATS INTO SMALLER UNITS PROVED NOT TO INVOLVE ALTERATIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF THE BUILDINGS CONCERNED.

"IN THOSE CASES WHERE THE ALTERATION WORKS WERE CONSIDERED TO POSE EITHER A THREAT TO THE STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF THE BUILDING OR A HAZARD TO HEALTH, ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

THE SITUATION WAS MORE COMPLICATED IN CASES WHERE THE UNIT HAD ALREADY BEEN SUB-DIVIDED AND OCCUPIED.

"OCCUPIERS OF SUCH SUB-DIVIDED UNITS WOULD BE LIKELY TO FACE HARDSHIP IF THE ILLEGAL CONVERSIONS WERE DEMOLISHED, AND THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE DOES TAKE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING ENFORCEMENT ACTION," HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, WHERE A THREAT TO SAFETY OR A HEALTH HAZARD WAS ESTABLISHED, ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS TAKEN, MR OXLEY ADDED.

OPTIONS BEING EXPLORED ON PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPLORING OPTIONS TO SEE IF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING PENSION COMMITMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS COULD BE MADE MORE FLEXIBLE TO REASSURE STAFF, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID FORD, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON JAMES MCGREGOR, SIR DAVID SAID AS HE MENTIONED IN THE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 7, THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE THERE WAS SOME CONCERN AMONG CIVIL SERVANTS ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THEIR PENSIONS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PENSIONS LEGISLATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS TO RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS AS OF RIGHT, AND PENSIONS WERE A STATUTORY CHARGE ON THE GENERAL REVENUE.

"THE OPTION OF FUNDING PENSIONS WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE.

"SUCH A FUND WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE REGION OF \$120 BILLION TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT INCOME TO MEET PENSION COMMITMENTS UP TO 1997," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED A WIDE RANGE OF PROPOSALS FROM STAFF AND WAS CAREFULLY EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF EACH OF THEM.

"AT THIS STAGE, IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY WHICH PROPOSALS, IF ANY WILL BE FOUND PRACTICABLE OR ACCEPTABLE," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS ALSO PROVISION UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION FOR SAFEGUARDING THE CONTINUED PAYMENT OF PENSIONS AFTER 1997.

"SECTION IV OF ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY ALL PENSIONS AND BENEFITS DUE TO PENSIONERS ON TERMS NO LESS FAVOURABLE THAN BEFORE, AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PENSIONERS' NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

"THE SAME GUARANTEE IS EMBODIED IN ARTICLE 101 OF THE DRAFT BASIC LAW," HE SAID.

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BOARD TO PROMOTE HK AS FINANCIAL CENTRE IMPRACTICABLE

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE TO HAVE A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPRESENT ALL THE VARIED AND DISPARATE INTERESTS INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON MARTIN BARROW, SIR PIERS SAID: "THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WHICH WE CONSULT AND SEEK ADVICE ARE WORKING WELL, AND WE HAVE ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN BUILDING HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE WITHOUT HAVING SUCH A DEVELOPMENT BOARD."

HE SAID IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT ESSENTIAL FOR THE HEALTHY EVOLUTION OF ITS MARKETS, AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RANGE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES NEEDED.

OF THE MANY FACTORS OR ASPECTS THAT WERE RELEVANT, SIR PIERS CITED AN EDUCATED POPULATION, AN ATTRACTIVE TAX STRUCTURE, GOOD COMMUNICATIONS AND A SOUND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.

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GOVT AWARE OF ABANDONED USED CAR PROBLEM

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THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF USED CARS BEING ABANDONED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, THE HON CLIVE OXLEY, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG ON THE DUMPING OF USED CARS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH MR CHEUNG SAID RESULTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION BY RUSTING SCRAP AND ENGINE OIL.

"IN OUR VIEW, ABANDONED CARS ARE LESS AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEM AND MORE A LAND-USE CONTROL PROBLEM," MR OXLEY SAID.

"INDEED, IN RESPECT OF GOVERNMENT LAND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS AS PART OF HIS FUNCTION AS THE LAND AUTHORITY KEEPS A REGULAR CHECK ON VULNERABLE GOVERNMENT SITES AND THE FIGURES OF CARS REMOVED OF ABOUT 750 IN 1987/88 AND ABOUT 500 IN 1988/89 CONFIRM THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

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"IN CASES WHERE USED CARS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED ON PRIVATE LAND WITHOUT THE LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION, GOVERNMENT IS NORMALLY UNABLE TO ACT BECAUSE THE MERE PRESENCE OF A VEHICLE ON PRIVATE LAND IS NOT IN ITSELF A BREACH OF LEASE CONDITIONS.

"THE RESPONSIBILITY MUST, I AM AFRAID, REST WITH THE LANDOWNER."

MR OXLEY ADDED: "AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEM, IT IS PRINCIPALLY ONE OF AESTHETICS: ABANDONED CARS ARE EYE SORES.

"HOWEVER, I AM ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE OF STREAM COURSE OR DRAINAGE POLLUTION CAUSED BY RUSTING SCRAP OR ENGINE OIL."

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REVIEW OF STATUTORY BODIES

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THE ADMINISTRATION IS REVIEWING STATUTORY BODIES HAVING EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS AS PART OF ITS PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM PROGRAMME, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR DAVID FORD, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON LEUNG WAI-TUNG, SIR DAVID SAID INITIALLY 15 SUCH STATUTORY BODIES, INCLUDING THOSE NEW BODIES TO BE SET UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SUCH AS THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR REVIEW.

IT WAS EXPECTED THE EXERCISE WOULD BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WAS THE FIRST TO BE REVIEWED.

SIR DAVID SAID RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN MADE THAT STATUTORY BODIES SHOULD BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY BY POLICY SECRETARIES.

"THIS IS NO SMALL TASK, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY BODIES INVOLVED, BUT WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT STATUTORY BODIES VARIED WIDELY IN THEIR FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND SOME HAD A VERY LONG HISTORY AND THEIR OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES HAD BLURRED OVER TIME.

"OUR CURRENT REVIEWS WILL FOCUS ON THOSE STATUTORY BODIES WHICH PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC FUNDS," SIR DAVID EXPLAINED.

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THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SERIES OF REVIEWS WAS TO ENSURE THAT, WHATEVER THE NATURE OF THOSE BODIES, THEIR REMITS, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, WERE CLEARLY DEFINED AND FORMALISED ARRANGEMENTS EXISTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO AGREE OBJECTIVES AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THE STATUTORY BODIES, HE SAID.

THE REVIEW WOULD INCLUDE A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE BASIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BODY; ITS FUNCTIONS AND POLICY OBJECTIVE; ITS STRUCTURE; ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICY SECRETARY; AND WHAT, IF ANY, IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF THESE BODIES AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVES.

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DRIVING LICENCE RENEWAL EXPLAINED

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DRIVING LICENCES WERE REQUIRED TO BE RENEWED EVERY ONE YEAR OR THREE YEARS SO AS TO MAINTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE RECORD OF DRIVERS' ADDRESSES AND TO FACILITATE CORRESPONDENCE AND THE SERVING OF SUMMONS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON PETER H.Y. WONG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LEUNG SAID THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS ALSO HELPED TO ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF FINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TOTAL COST INCURRED IN PROCESSING DRIVING LICENCE RENEWALS WAS ABOUT \$18 MILLION.

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VBP TOLD PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS IS PUNISHABLE UNDER LAW

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE INMATES OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRES THAT THE PRODUCTION AND POSSESSION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS IS PUNISHABLE BOTH UNDER THE GENERAL LAWS OF HONG KONG AND RULES MADE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON GEOFFREY BARNES, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON POON CHI-FAI, MR BARNES SAID ABOUT 6,500 WEAPONS HAD BEEN SEIZED FROM THE DETENTION CENTRES SINCE JUNE 1988. THE WEAPONS SEIZED WERE MAINLY KNIVES, IRON BARS, DAGGERS, SWORDS AND SPEARS.

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MOST WEAPONS WERE MADE FROM METALLIC AND OTHER HARD MATERIALS TAKEN FROM THE FABRIC OF THE BUILDINGS OR FROM FURNITURE.

MR BARNES EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE ALL SUCH HARD MATERIALS FROM THE CENTRES.

"EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MAKE SUCH MATERIALS LESS ACCESSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY PHASING OUT THE PRESENT DESIGN OF BUNKS AND REPLACING THEM WITH NEW BEDS WHICH HAVE FEWER METALLIC COMPONENTS," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID SEARCHES FOR WEAPONS AND REGULAR PATROLS OF THE CENTRES WOULD CONTINUE, AND THOSE WHO WERE FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENCE WOULD BE DISCIPLINED UNDER THE DETENTION CENTRE RULES OR CHARGED WITH OFFENCES UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE OR THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE.

IN ORDER TO REINFORCE ITS ABILITY TO DEAL WITH TROUBLEMAKERS IN THE DETENTION CENTRES, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE SEGREGATION CAMP.

"THIS SHOULD BRING ABOUT A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY WITHIN THE DETENTION CENTRES," MR BARNES SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DURING 1989, 53 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WERE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, WHILE 17 WERE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN A PUBLIC PLACE UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE.

SENTENCES IMPOSED RANGED FROM 14 DAYS TO NINE MONTHS.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IS TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST OFFENDERS WHENEVER THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A PROSECUTION," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID INVESTIGATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE MOTIVES AND METHODS OF THOSE PEOPLE PRODUCING WEAPONS IN THE DETENTION CENTRES.

"THE MOST COMMON REASON GIVEN BY THOSE VBP INVOLVED WAS SELF-DEFENCE. BASED ON INFORMATION FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS IS RELATED TO FACTIONAL RIVALRIES IN THE DETENTION CENTRES," MR BARNES EXPLAINED.

REGARDING SAFEGUARDS AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE STAFF IN MANAGING THE CENTRES AND IN CARRYING OUT MANDATORY REPATRIATION DUTIES, MR BARNES SAID CONTINGENCY PLANS HAD BEEN PREPARED TO DEAL WITH SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN THE DETENTION CENTRES.

"THE SAFETY OF THE CAMP STAFF IS A MAJOR ELEMENT IN THESE PLANS," HE EMPHASISED.

MR BARNES SAID THE CAMP MANAGEMENT TEAMS THEMSELVES WERE NOT EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH SERIOUS DISORDER.

THEY WERE EXPECTED TO RETREAT TO AREAS OF SAFETY, LEAVING THE RESTORATION OF ORDER TO SPECIALLY TRAINED POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNITS.

SIMILARLY, IN IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATORY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME, STAFF WITH THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS AND TRAINING WOULD BE DEPLOYED IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED, MR BARNES ADDED.

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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

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THE GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PAID TRIBUTE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR BARNES HAD HAD TO GRAPPLE WITH A GREAT MANY CONTROVERSIAL AND SENSITIVE ISSUES.

"THE MOST TIME-CONSUMING AND THE MOST DIFFICULT, I'M SURE, HAS BEEN THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHICH MUST HAVE DOMINATED HIS LIFE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID MR BARNES' INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOAT PEOPLE SITUATION INCLUDED THE GREAT TASK OF MAKING PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOOKING AFTER BOAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TRAVELLING ABROAD.

"HE HAS CARRIED OUT ALL THOSE TASKS WITH IMMENSE VIGOUR, DETERMINATION AND EVEN TEMPO," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I WOULDN'T LIKE, IN SPEAKING ABOUT HIS WORK ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, TO LET PASS THE FACT THAT HE HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER, AND IN TACKLING THE DRUG PROBLEM," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT MR BARNES WAS ALSO A VERY POPULAR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND COMMENTED: "SO POPULAR INDEED THAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO ASK HIM QUESTIONS. THE STATISTICS SHOW THAT DURING THE LAST SESSION HE HAD MORE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER THAN ANY OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBER."

MR BARNES JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN MAY 1970. HE HAS HELD SENIOR POSITIONS IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE FORMER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE SECURITY BRANCH. HE WAS ALSO COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

/MR BARNES

MR BARNES BECAME A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TWO YEARS AGO, AS SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

IN THANKING MR BARNES FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND TO HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID: "MR BARNES' WISE COUNSEL, EXPERIENCE AND HARD WORK IN SERVING HONG KONG WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL OF US."

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS, THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE, SAID MR BARNES HAD OFTEN BEEN IN THE "HOT SEAT" DURING HIS TWO YEARS IN THE COUNCIL, REPLYING TO MEMBERS' MANY QUERIES ON MAJOR PROBLEMS CONCERNING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AS WELL AS IMMIGRATION AND LAW AND ORDER.

MR LEE SAID MR BARNES HAD ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT JOBS IN THE COUNCIL.

MEMBERS HAD APPRECIATED THE HARD WORK DONE BY MR BARNES ALTHOUGH THE REALITIES OF THE PROBLEMS WERE SUCH THAT MEMBERS AND THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT SEEM TO BE AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER.

"I WOULD THEREFORE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN AND HIS UNFLINCHING PATIENCE," HE SAID.

MR LEE CONCLUDED BY WISHING MR BARNES AND HIS WIFE, NITA, A HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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THREE BILLS PASSED

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THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WERE PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

TWO BILLS WERE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY WERE THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

DEBATES ON THE TWO BILLS WERE ADJOURNED.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF NORMAL BUSINESS, VALEDICTORY SPEECHES IN HONOUR OF THE RETIRING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON GEOFFREY BARNES, WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY SIR DAVID WILSON, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

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AIDS EXHIBITION IN SHUN TAK CENTRE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT AIDS WHEN THEY VISIT AN AIDS EXHIBITION IN SHUN TAK CENTRE WHICH BEGINS ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, THE FIFTH IN A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD AT THE BASEMENT OF SHUN TAK CENTRE, SHEUNG WAN, FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

"THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AIDS, AND FOSTERING A POSITIVE, SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE IN THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THE FOCUS IS ON YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO ENGAGE IN RISK BEHAVIOUR, YET ARE OFTEN LESS LIKELY TO BE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF INFECTION WITH AIDS," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, COVERS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIDS.

APART FROM SHOWING THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES HOW AIDS THREATENS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS CAN BE COUNTERED.

MEDICAL STAFF WILL BE PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITION TO GIVE ADVICE AND ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON AIDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS WHO WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN HANDSOME PRIZES BY ANSWERING A QUIZ DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON AIDS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 25), AND WILL MOVE TO WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 10.

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GOVT LOT IN SAI KUNG TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE AT SAI KUNG.

THE LOT, OF ABOUT 5,330 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT HONG TSUEN ROAD, TUI MIN HOI.

IT IS FOR USE AS A PUBLIC CARPARK, THE TENANCY IS FOR FIVE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 9.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE OFFICES.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS MAC SUBSIDY

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ADEQUACY OF SUBSIDIES FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

A MEMBER WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANY PLAN TO INCREASE SUBSIDIES TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES IN 1990-91 AND PROPOSED ESTIMATES BY WORKING GROUPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO FORM A LIAISON AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE NEW COMMITTEE WILL TARGET ITS WORK TOWARDS PROMOTING THE FISHERIES, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT; ADVISING THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN SAI KUNG; AND INVOLVING INDUSTRIALISTS, ENTREPRENEURS AND WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO ELECT CHAIRMEN FOR THE BOARD'S FIVE COMMITTEES IN THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR. THEY ARE THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE; ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE; FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23), ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL 24 HOURS DAILY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH EASTERN STREET;

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- * THE SECTION OF THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER SLIPROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 105 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE WESTERN CARGO HANDLING AREA TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE WESTERN CARGO HANDLING AREA FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN LANE ON EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST SOUTH OF THE TRAM ISLAND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE WESTERN CARGO HANDLING AREA TO A POINT ABOUT 32 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF WATER STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF WESTERN PARK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF WESTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTERN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN LANE OF THE SURFACE ROAD ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CENTRE STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTERN STREET;
- * THE NORTHERN LANE OF THE SURFACE ROAD ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CENTRE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 230 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN LANE OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CENTRE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 230 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF HILL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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BAN ZONE IN WESTERN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23), THE SOUTHERN LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST (WESTBOUND) CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CLEVERLY STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT EASTBOUND FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST 24 HOURS DAILY.

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NO ENTRY TO SKYMASTER DRIVE IN AIRPORT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23), ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SKYMASTER DRIVE IN THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN HO MAN TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FAT KWONG STREET IN HO MAN TIN BETWEEN SHEUNG SHING STREET AND SHEUNG FOO STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5.45 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23) BECAUSE OF FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON NT CIRCULAR ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23), THE OUTER LANE OF SHEUNG SHUI BOUND NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN LOK MA CHAU INTERCHANGE AND KWU TUNG WILL BE CLOSED.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD WIDENING WORKS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSUEN WAN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FAST AND CENTRE LANES OF THE TUEN MUN BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TEXACO INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23) FOR FOUR NIGHTS.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE DAILY BETWEEN 10 PM AND 4 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE THE PAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23), SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD IN SHA TIN AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN CHIK WAN STREET AND TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE, EXCLUDING THE LAY-BYS, WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE AND CHIK WAN STREET, EXCLUDING THE LAY-BYS, WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, THE SPEED LIMIT ON TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIK WAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 430 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CALDECOTT ROAD WILL BE RAISED FROM 50 TO 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

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