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CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY PLAYS KEY ROLE IN MODERN HEALTH CARE

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (SUNDAY) UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY IN MODERN HEALTH CARE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH ASIAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF A NUMBER OF DISEASES AND WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH COMMON DISORDERS SUCH AS DIABETES.

"AS WELL AS HAVING SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS IN SCREENING FOR GENETIC DISEASES, CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY TESTS ARE ALSO USED IN ASSESSING THE RISK OF CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, NUTRITIONAL STATUS AND IN MONITORING LIVER OR KIDNEY DISEASES," HE SAID.

"ONE CAN SAY, THEREFORE, THAT CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY IS USEFUL TO MAN IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE, FROM PRE-NATAL DIAGNOSIS TO EMERGENCY MEDICINE.

"INDEED IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THE PRACTICE OF WESTERN MEDICINE NOWADAYS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY SERVICES."

MR CHAMBERS SAID HONG KONG WAS WELL AWARE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY TO MODERN MEDICINE.

"ALL OUR MAJOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAVE CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY LABORATORIES, AS WELL AS OTHER PATHOLOGY SERVICES," HE SAID.

"OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING IN CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR UNIVERSITIES AND AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AT THE POLYTECHNICS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPECIALISE IN THIS FIELD."

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THE CONGRESS WAS BEING HELD IN HONG KONG. HE ALSO EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ALL THE DELEGATES FROM THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION AND FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE FOURTH ASIAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION FOR CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY, AND THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC FEDERATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY.

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PEAK TRAM FRANCHISE EXTENDED TO 2004

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED THE FRANCHISE OF THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LTD TO RUN AND OPERATE THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE FOR A FURTHER 10 YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1994.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE GAZETTED ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

THE EXTENSION IS GRANTED AFTER THE COMPANY HAS MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT MODERNISATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRAMWAY AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT.

THE FRANCHISE OF THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LTD WAS LAST EXTENDED FOR 10 YEARS COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 1984, WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IN 1986.

A SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDED THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT A FURTHER 10-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE IF THE COMPANY PRODUCED EVIDENCE OF COMMITMENT TO MODERNISE THE TRAMWAY SYSTEM WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMPANY HAD ALREADY SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE MODERNISATION OF THE SYSTEM IN MAY THIS YEAR.

THE MODERNISATION SCHEME WOULD INVOLVE REPLACEMENT OF ROLLING STOCK, HAULAGE EQUIPMENT AND CONTROL/SIGNALLING SYSTEMS.

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MEMBERSHIP OF SIXTH FORM EDUCATION WORKING GROUP ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH FORM EDUCATION SET UP TO ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE REFORM OF THE SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S PREVIOUS REPORT NO. 2.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID H.T. LAN, AND WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:-

MISS K.E. BARKER
PROF DANIEL CHAN KWONG-ON
DR JACK CHAN CHAM-KIT
MR DAVID CHEUNG CHI-KONG
REV JOSEPH CHEUNG KOON-WING
MR CHOW YIU-WING
DR KAM WAI-KEE
MR LEE SHUNG-TAK, PETER
MS MIRANDA LEUNG PO-CHU
MR SO KWOK-WING, ANDREW
MISS SO YAN-LAP
MR TAM MAN-KWAN
DR RICHARD WONG YUE-CHIM
MR D. HOGAN
MR J. WINFIELD
MR WONG SIK-WAH
MR SO FAI-CHO
MR C.D. GODWIN

THE SECRETARY OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE MR S.K. CHU.

"MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ARE DRAWN FROM TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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PROPRIETORS URGED TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARDS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED PROPRIETORS TO TAKE ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM EXPOSURE TO ELECTRICAL DANGER.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE RESULTING IN THE PROPRIETOR OF AN ELECTROPLATING FACTORY IN YAU TONG BEING FINED \$15,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO ENSURE THAT ALL LIVE CONDUCTORS WERE INSULATED.

IN THE CASE, A WORKER WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY FELL INTO AN ELECTROPLATING TANK AND BROKE THE QUARTZ SHEATH OF AN ELECTRIC HEATER USED FOR HEATING UP THE ELECTROLYTE.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ELECTRICITY) REGULATIONS, PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL LIVE CONDUCTORS, INCLUDING THOSE FORMING PART OF THE APPARATUS, SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY INSULATED, AND PROTECTED, SO AS TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AN ELECTRIC HEATER WITH A FRAGILE SHEATH CAN BE A SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL DANGER WHEN IT IS IMMERSSED IN WATER OR ELECTROLYTE.

"TO AVOID POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL DANGER ARISING FROM ACCIDENTAL BREAKAGE, THE SHEATH MUST BE OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH OR THE HEATER ITSELF SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY PROTECTED," HE SAID.

"ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES ANY OF THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000," HE ADDED.

ADVICE REGARDING THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN INDUSTRY CAN BE SOUGHT FROM THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND ITS REGIONAL OFFICES.

KWUN TONG VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN FULL SWING

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP AS ELECTORS ARE BEING CALLED UPON TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH IS NOW IN FULL SWING IN THE DISTRICT.

"ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR AND HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS OR IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"ONCE REGISTERED, ONE CAN VOTE IN FUTURE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR," HE ADDED.

SINCE THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN NEWLY COMPLETED RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS TO HELP NEWCOMERS TO THE DISTRICT TO REGISTER. THESE BUILDINGS INCLUDE AMOY GARDEN PHASE IV, YUE MAN CENTRE, HING TIN ESTATE AND HONG WAH COURT.

"ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS CAN ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FILL IN A REGISTRATION FORM WHEN THEY VISIT ANY OF OUR SIX PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES WHERE STAFF WILL HELP THEM COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE - A PROCESS WHICH TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WHO ARE BEING AFFECTED BY THE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS FOR UPDATING THE ELECTORAL ROLL, WHICH IS COMPILED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENCES OF ELECTORS.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT HAS A POPULATION OF 680,000 AND A POTENTIAL ELECTORATE OF 459,000, OF WHICH OVER 195,000 HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED.

MEANWHILE, TO FURTHER PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION, POSTERS AND BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

LIVELY CARTOON FIGURES REPRESENTING DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE ALSO DISPLAYED IN THE SHOW WINDOWS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES TO DRIVE HOME THE "SIGNING-UP" MESSAGE.

PLASTIC CLIPS CARRYING THE SLOGAN "EXERCISE YOUR CIVIC RIGHT, GET REGISTERED" ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE SIX PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES AS SOUVENIRS.

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TAI PO DB TO DISCUSS 1990'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL RECONSIDER AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30) WHETHER A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE PROJECT - "STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S" - IS AIMED AT STUDYING THE POPULATION TREND AND COMBINATION, SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CONDUCTED A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT IN THE LAST TERM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FORMER BOARD HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE PROJECT SINCE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ITS TERM.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE

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GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO THE ROLE PLAYED BY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC) WHICH ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS, THE ASSISTANT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE OFFICE PREMISES OF THE TIN YEE HOUSE MAC IN TING PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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HE SAID THE MAC'S, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED IN 1973, HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN FOSTERING A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS, IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS BEING USEFUL IN CRIME PREVENTION.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN JANUARY, THE TIN YEE HOUSE MAC HAD PROMOTED A SENSE OF MUTUAL HELP AND PROTECTION AMONG RESIDENTS THERE.

IT ALSO REFLECTED PROMPTLY TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED THE RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON MATTERS CONCERNING LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY, HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG HOPED THAT THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION OF ITS MEMBERS, THE TIN YEE HOUSE MAC WOULD ORGANISE EVEN MORE ACTIVITIES IN ITS WORK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS.

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR IEC

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR - STAGE III, FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CHAI WAN.

THIS SYSTEM WILL COMPRISE 14 SETS OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONES TO BE INSTALLED AT CONVENIENT ROADSIDE LOCATIONS. THE TELEPHONES WILL BE LINKED UP DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL EQUIPMENT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HONG KONG REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AT HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

WITH THE PROVISION OF THIS SYSTEM, ANY VEHICLE DRIVERS ON THE CARRIAGEWAY REQUIRING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE POLICE.

THE GENERAL ELECTRONICS DIVISION OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR 1988-89.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE TRAINED BY THE RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MISS YIP WING-SIE, AS ITS PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR, AND BY THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL), MR THOMAS WANG.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 WITH THE MAIN AIM OF PROVIDING ORCHESTRAL TRAINING FOR MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS GIVEN REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS PERFORMING OVERSEAS - IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. IT HAS ALSO PERFORMED IN MACAU AND CHINA.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE SIX OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 14 AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YUEN LONG MUSIC CENTRE, YUEN LONG CENTRE, 55 SHAU FU STREET, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS, YUEN LONG.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 0-750465.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, THE SLOW LANE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS REARRANGED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED MOTORISTS TO WATCH OUT FOR CHANGES IN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 31).

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN PATH WILL BE CUT SHORT TO OPERATE DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM.

IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, THE EXISTING 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF SCIENCE MUSEUM SQUARE SOUTH OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARDS BY 18 METRES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CURRENT 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SOUTHERN PART OF SCIENCE MUSEUM SQUARE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED NORTHWARDS BY 14 METRES ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE SQUARE.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WELLINGTON STREET, CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WELLINGTON STREET IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) FOR ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND D'AGUILAR STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE SAME SECTION OF WELLINGTON STREET WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK. NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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