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GOVERNOR: WELFARE OF MOTHER, CHILD PRIMARY OBJECTIVE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT STAFF HAVE BEEN AND ARE DOING THEIR VERY BEST FOR FIVE-YEAR-OLD KWOK AH-NUI AND HER MOTHER, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FIRST FOR THE WELFARE OF THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD, AND THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE, AND THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, AND I THINK THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THAT VERY CONSCIENTIOUSLY,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF SHAM SHUI PO THIS AFTERNOON.

ASKED WHETHER HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE DEPARTMENT HAD HANDLED THE CASE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE IN THE SWD, WHICH WAS DOING ITS VERY BEST FOR THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD.

+I THINK THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON THAT, AND OTHER THINGS CAN BE DISCUSSED. LET'S KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON THE GOOD OF THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD,+ HE SAID.

+I HAVE SEEN NOTHING, I MUST SAY, WHICH CAUSES ME TO THINK THAT THEY DID OTHER THAN ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD.+

ON SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR THE SWD TO FORCE ITS WAY INTO THE GIRL'S HOME AS THE CHILD WAS NOT ABUSED OR NEGLECTED, SIR EDWARD SAID THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, HAD GIVEN A VERY FULL EXPLANATION ON WHY IT WAS FELT THIS WAS NECESSARY.

+IF YOU GO BACK AND HAVE A LOOK TO SEE WHAT SHE SAYS YOU WILL SEE THE JUSTIFICATION WHICH THEY FELT WAS NECESSARY, THE JUSTIFICATION THEY FELT THAT ACTING IN THIS WAY WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHILD AND THE MOTHER.

+I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T AGREE WITH IT. BUT IN CASES OF THIS KIND YOU WILL NEVER FIND EVERYBODY WILL AGREE WITH WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

+BUT IN THE LAST RESORT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO ACT TO THE BEST OF THEIR CONSCIENCE, AND I THINK THEY DID THAT.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR EDWARD SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS A NEED TO SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CASE.

HE SAID: +UNTIL SOMEBODY SHOWS ME THAT THERE IS A BETTER WAY OF HANDLING IT I DON'T SEE ANY NEED FOR ANY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THIS.

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+BUT AS I SAY YOU MAY BE SURE THAT IF THERE ARE ANY LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THEMSELVES WILL BE LOOKING AT IT.+

ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY +CONFLICT OF INTEREST+ IF THE MOTHER SUED THE SWD, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT IF THERE WAS ANY NEED FOR HER TO HAVE LEGAL ADVICE, IT WOULD BE PROVIDED TO HER.

+IF THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE LOOKED INTO, YOU CAN BE SURE IT WILL BE LOOKED INTO. BUT ONCE YOU ASSUME AS I DO THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR BEST - AND I COME BACK TO IT AGAIN - THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR BEST FOR THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD, AND AS LONG AS THEY ARE TRYING TO DO THAT, SURELY THEY SHOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN A GREAT DEAL OF CRITICISM.

+NOBODY IS PERFECT IN THIS WORLD AND MAY BE IT CAN BE DONE BETTER, AND WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO SEE WHETHER THINGS CAN BE DONE BETTER,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO CLEAR UP ANY ANOMALIES IN THE LAW THAT WERE UNCOVERED IN THIS CASE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT ANOMALIES THERE WERE IN THE EXISTING LAW.

+IF THERE IS ANY LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW WE SHALL EXAMINE IT,+ HE ADDED.

ON WHETHER IT WAS NECESSARY TO ACT QUICKLY TO COVER SUCH LOOPHOLES, SIR EDWARD SAID THE FIRST THING TO DO WAS TO ESTABLISH WHAT THE SUPPOSED LOOPHOLES WERE.

+ALL I'VE SEEN IS CERTAIN PEOPLE MAKING COMMENTS IN THE PRESS. PERHAPS THE NEXT THING WE HAD BETTER DO IS TO GIVE SOME GUIDANCE ON SOME OF THESE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SITUATION IS.

+I'M NOT SURE THAT EVERYBODY REALLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE SITUATION UNDER THE LAW IS,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD ANY POLICY ON NUCLEAR POWER, SIR EDWARD SAID WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DOING HAD BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, WHEN HE MADE A STATEMENT AND ANSWERED +PRACTICALLY EVERY QUESTION ON THE SUBJECT+ IN A RECENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING
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THE NINTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MAY 30, 1986. THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE FORM AND CONTENT OF NEW LEASE DOCUMENTS.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO EXCHANGED PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF NEW TERRITORIES LEASES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF ANNEX III TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, AND DECIDED THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD CONTINUE AT THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING.

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STEPS TO FURTHER RELAX RENT CONTROL OF PRE-WAR PREMISES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED A NUMBER OF MEASURES FURTHER TO RELAX RENT CONTROL - BUT DOMESTIC TENANTS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY SECURITY OF TENURE AND CONTROL AGAINST LARGE INCREASES OF RENT.

THESE MEASURES, INCLUDE:

- * THE RAISING FROM 27 TO 30 TIMES THE STANDARD RENT FOR THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1, 1986; AND
- * THE RAISING OF THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT IN THE RENT INCREASE MECHANISM IN PART II FROM 55 PER CENT TO 60 PER CENT OF PREVAILING MARKET RENT, TO BE REACHED BY ALL CONTROLLED RENTS, FROM DECEMBER 19, 1986.

ANNOUNCING THE MEASURES TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE DRAWN UP FOLLOWING AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, AN ASSESSMENT OF MARKET CONDITIONS DURING 1985, AND HAVING REGARD TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.

THEY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PREVIOUSLY STATED INTENTION THAT AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, EVERY EFFORT CONSISTENT WITH THE NEED TO AVOID ADVERSE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES SHOULD BE MADE TO ACCELERATE THE PHASING OUT OF RENT CONTROL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROPOSED MEASURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 GAZETTED TODAY. THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 4.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT RENTS OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES ARE CONTROLLED BY REFERENCE TO THOSE RENTS PAYABLE AS AT DECEMBER 25, 1941 TERMED THE +STANDARD RENT+. WHEN MULTIPLIED BY FACTOR, THIS GIVES THE PERMITTED RENT, PROVIDED IT DOES NOT EXCEED THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT. THE BILL SEEKS TO RAISE THE FACTOR FROM 27 TO 30.

EXCLUDING THE MAJORITY OF RURAL VILLAGE HOUSES, THERE WERE ABOUT 2 200 PRE-WAR DOMESTIC UNITS EFFECTIVELY UNDER CONTROL AT THE END OF 1985. THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE FACTOR FROM 27 TO 30 WOULD RESULT IN AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF ABOUT 11 PER CENT, OR \$132 PER MONTH, ON CURRENT PERMITTED RENTS, BRINGING SUCH RENTS TO ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF PREVAILING MARKET RENT (PMR).

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO RAISE THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT IN THE RENT INCREASE MECHANISM IN PART II FROM 55 PER CENT TO 60 PER CENT OF PMR, TO BE REACHED BY ALL CONTROLLED RENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AS PART OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED STRATEGY OF PROGRESSIVE DECONTROL, THE COMPONENT IS INCREASED IN ORDER TO BRING EXCEPTIONALLY LOW RENTS UP TO THE GENERAL LEVELS OF CONTROLLED RENTS SO THAT RENT CONTROL CAN BE PHASED OUT WITHIN A REASONABLE SPAN OF TIME.

THIS INCREASE WOULD AFFECT THOSE TENANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY PAYING VERY LOW CONTROLLED RENTS (BELOW 46 PER CENT OF PMR) AND HAVE IN FACT BEEN PROTECTED FOR A LONG TIME. EVEN THEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN NEW TENANTS OF COMPARABLE PREMISES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ABOUT HALF OF CONTROLLED TENANCIES STILL HAVE RENTS BELOW 60 PER CENT OF PMR, AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD PAY LESS THAN 50 PER CENT OF PMR. THE PROPOSED RISE WOULD AFFECT ABOUT 26 000 OF THE ESTIMATED 105 000 TENANCIES OF WHOLLY-LET DOMESTIC UNITS WHOSE RENTS ARE CONTROLLED UNDER PART II.

THESE DECONTROL MEASURES SHOULD REDUCE THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES ON THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. FURTHER DECONTROL, DEMONSTRATING PROGRESSIVELY LESS GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE, IS LIKELY TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE AMONG INVESTORS IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES SOME TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE THE MONETARY LIMITS IN THE EXISTING SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR RECOVERY OF SMALL PREMISES UNDER PARTS III AND VI, IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE BILL WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE MADE TO UMELCO, AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, OR THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PROPOSALS CAN SEEK HELP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

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LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT NOISE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO REDUCE THE NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT AND TO ENABLE EFFECT TO BE GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES RELATING TO AIRCRAFT NOISE.

THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) BILL, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), AIMS AT PROHIBITING AIRCRAFT FROM LANDING OR TAKING OFF IN HONG KONG IF THEY DO NOT POSSESS A NOISE CERTIFICATE OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF PERMISSIBLE NOISE.

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO REQUIRE AIRCRAFT OPERATORS TO ADOPT LANDING AND TAKE-OFF PROCEDURES WHICH MITIGATE THE EFFECT OF NOISE AND VIBRATION. THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS TO RESTRICT AERODROME OPERATING HOURS AND TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF LANDINGS OR TAKE-OFFS WITHIN A GIVEN PERIOD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NOISE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE PHASED IN THROUGH SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF AIRCRAFT AT DIFFERENT TIMES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION'S (ICAO) REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM OF NOISE AND OTHER EMISSIONS IN AIRCRAFT OPERATION. THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH LAYS DOWN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE EMISSION OF NOISE BY AIRCRAFT, WAS FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE ICAO COUNCIL IN 1981 AS AN ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION.

ICAO RECOMMENDED THE APPLICATION OF ITS STANDARDS TO DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT ON A DATE NOT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1986 AND TO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT NOT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1988 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY PHASED APPROACH TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEX.

+AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID,+IT IS DESIRABLE FOR HONG KONG TO TAKE STEPS TO COMPLY WITH THE ICAO NOISE STANDARDS BY BANNING 'NOISY' AIRCRAFT FROM THE HONG KONG REGISTER AT AN EARLY DATE, WHICH, IF THE BILL IS ENACTED, WILL BE SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDING THIS BAN TO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT ON SOME DATE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1987.+

HE ADDED THAT THE FIRST STAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE NO IMMEDIATE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OVERALL AIRCRAFT NOISE LEVELS IN THE VICINITY OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AS ALL AIRCRAFT ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER WERE CAPABLE OF COMPLYING WITH THE LEGISLATION.+HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUSLY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.+

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE PROXIMITY OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATHS TO HIGHLY POPULATED URBAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, IT WAS ACCEPTED THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANNEX IN ITSELF WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO REDUCE AIRCRAFT NOISE TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

+FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, CONTROL HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION OVER OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND THE PERIODS FOR AIRCRAFT TO LAND OR TAKE OFF AT THE AIRPORT,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT NOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME THAT THE AUTHORITY FOR SUCH CONTROLS BE FORMALLY EMBODIED IN LEGISLATION.+

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR TO UMELCO AT JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BILL TO IMPROVE COMPETENCE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE AND REFINE THE PRESENT CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY TO CREWS ON LICENSED VESSELS.

THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, GAZETTED TODAY, AIMS TO GIVE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WIDER RULE-MAKING POWERS IN THIS RESPECT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT TWO-TIER CERTIFICATE STRUCTURE REGARDING PLEASURE VESSELS WAS INTRODUCED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE IN 1982 TO REPLACE THE SINGLE-CERTIFICATE STRUCTURE, MAINLY FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TO REDUCE THE MANNING PROBLEMS FOR LARGE PLEASURE CRAFT.

THE NEW RULE-MAKING POWERS WILL ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THIS TWO-TIER CERTIFICATION SYSTEM BY SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS IN THE BILL FOR THE NECESSARY EXAMINATIONS, SYLLABUSES, AND OTHER RELATED DETAILS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS REGARDING EXPIRY OF VALIDITY, RENEWAL, REPLACEMENT AND SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATES.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 4.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR THE UMELCO OFFICE AT JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SIR EDWARD SEES OLD AND NEW SHAM SHUI PO
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SPENT THE WHOLE AFTERNOON IN SHAM SHUI PO TODAY (FRIDAY) LEARNING OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND ALSO VISITING THE ANCIENT HAN TOMB IN LEI CHENG UK.

ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, SIR EDWARD ALSO TOOK A WALK THROUGH LEI CHENG UK ESTATE, WHERE THE OLDEST MARK I BLOCKS STAND NEXT TO MODERN REDEVELOPED PUBLIC HOUSING.

SIR EDWARD FIRST WENT TO A VANTAGE POINT IN PAK TIN FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE AREA, AFTER DRIVING THROUGH NAM CHEONG STREET WHERE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE NULLAH DECKINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR CLEARANCE ON JULY 6.

MET BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG PO-HONG, AT THE VANTAGE POINT, HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE NEXT STOP WAS THE ROOF-TOP OF CHING LAI COURT WHERE SIR EDWARD WAS BRIEFED ON LAI CHI KOK RECLAMATION BY THE CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER, MR FONG HUNG-TAK.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE RECLAMATION OF NINE HECTARES OF LAND WEST OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE HAN TOMB IN LEI CHENG UK AND WAS BRIEFLY TOLD THE HISTORY OF THE TOMB BY THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY, MR ROBERT LAM.

IT WAS DISCOVERED IN AUGUST 1955 BY WORKMEN LEVELLING A LOW HILL AT THE END OF TONKIN STREET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEI CHENG UK RESETTLEMENT AREA. THE TOMB NOW HOUSES 58 POTTERY AND BRONZE OBJECTS FOUND DURING THE EXCAVATION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR CHAN PAK, SIR EDWARD THEN WALKED THROUGH LEI CHENG UK ESTATE TO THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

HE WAS TOLD OF THE LATEST POSITION ON THE LEI CHENG UK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH REPLACES THE EXISTING MARK I RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS BY MODERN ESTATES.

PHASE I STARTED IN MAY 1982 AND WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1984 TO PROVIDE NEW HOMES FOR SOME 8 145 PERSONS. WHEN ALL FOUR PHASES ARE COMPLETED IN 1992, THE ESTATE WILL HOUSE ABOUT 23 700 PERSONS.

SIR EDWARD ENDED HIS VISIT AT A TEA RECEPTION IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE WHERE HE MET SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS FOUNDATION DAY DINNER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING ATTENDED THE 132ND FOUNDATION DAY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEERS AT THE MILTON HOTEL.

THE DINNER WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

SIR EDWARD WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY COL. JOHN HEYWOOD, THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT, AND AIR COMMODORE ROSS PENLINGTON, THE HONORARY AIR COMMODORE OF THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

HE ALSO MET SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT AND THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE FOR DRINKS BEFORE DINNER.

AFTER THE LOYAL TOAST, SIR EDWARD JOINED THE VOLUNTEERS IN A TOAST TO +THE NINETY-NINE+ IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 99 FOUNDING MEMBERS.

THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEERS WAS FORMED IN MAY 1854 TO HELP BOLSTER THE DEFENCES AT A TIME WHEN MARAUDING PIRATES WERE STILL A HAZARD ALONG THE CHINA COAST.

IN 1970, ITS TWO REMAINING CONSTITUENT UNITS, THE HONG KONG REGIMENT AND THE HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, WERE ESTABLISHED AS SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITIES.

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PLAY SAFE IN SPORTS MESSAGE STRESSED

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THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO THE HONG KONG MEDIA TO HELP DELIVER THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE AND FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN AN AWARENESS OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, DR S.F. LAM, SAID OVER THE YEARS HIS COMMITTEE HAD AIMED AT EDUCATING AND REMINDING THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SAFETY IN BOTH LAND AND WATER ORIENTATED SPORTS.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO PRODUCED, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, A NUMBER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS SAFETY IN HIKING, SWIMMING AND RECREATIONAL CYCLING.

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+THESE API'S ARE SCREENED ON TELEVISION AT APPROPRIATE SEASONS TO GIVE TIMELY ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE ADDED.

DR LAM SAID HIS COMMITTEE WAS PRODUCING A NEW API THIS YEAR COVERING THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF CANOEING TOGETHER WITH A NEW EDITION OF THE +STEPPING OUT+ BOOKLET GIVING GENERAL SAFETY HINTS ON MANY POPULAR OUTDOOR SPORTS, AND POSTERS ON RECREATION SAFETY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1986 WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR J.A. FORTUNE, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, CARE AND COMMON SENSE TO THOSE TAKING PART IN ANY FORM OF WATER SPORTS.

+IT IS ALWAYS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THE SEA DOES NOT FORGIVE PEOPLE WHO MAKE MISTAKES,+ HE SAID.

+THE ONLY WAY TO NARROW THE ODDS IN YOUR FAVOUR IS TO SEEK PROPER ADVICE, TRAIN AND LEARN TO APPRECIATE THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR SPORT YOU ARE TAKING UP, AND EXERCISE COMMON SENSE.+

MR FORTUNE SAID THE NEED TO HAVE THE MEDIA'S FULL SUPPORT IN SPREADING THE COMMITTEE'S +PLAY SAFE+ MOTTO AS THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN WAS AN ON-GOING ONE AND FREQUENT PUBLICITY WAS MOST ESSENTIAL.

TALKING ON LAND SPORTS SAFETY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE 1986 LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR P.E. BIRNEY, SAID THAT WHILE LAND-BASED SPORTS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE INTRINSICALLY LESS RISKY THAN WATER-BASED ONES, PEOPLE DID FALL OFF ROCKS IN HILL CLIMBING, OR GOT LOST IN THE HILLS IN HIKING.

MR BIRNEY SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IGNORANCE, THE SHEER LACK OF CARE, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, WERE THE PRIME CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS.

TO ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION, THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS COMMITTEE IS TO STAGE TWO MAJOR SAFETY CAMPAIGNS TO EMPHASISE ITS +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE.

THE FIRST OF THESE, THE 1986 WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY, TO BE HELD AT THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE ON SUNDAY (JUNE 1), IS TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY MESSAGE THROUGH A VARIETY OF WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING AN AIR-SEA RESCUE DEMONSTRATION USING HELICOPTERS.

THE DAY WILL START WITH A COLOURFUL SEA PARADE INVOLVING 60 VESSELS INCLUDING ROYAL NAVY SHIPS, POLICE LAUNCHERS AND SAILING VESSELS.

THE NEXT BIG ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR WILL BE THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD IN THE WINTER.

THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED THEN WILL BE DIRECTLY TO SPECIFIC GROUPS AND AGENCIES WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO INSTRUCT OR TRAIN PARTICIPANTS IN LAND SPORTS. IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THEM, THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE WILL BE SPREAD TO ALL LAND-BASED SPORT PARTICIPANTS.

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DIAMOND HILL SITE EARMARKED FOR DEPOT DEVELOPMENT

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A SITE IN DIAMOND HILL HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION DEPOT, WITH A COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ABOVE IT.

THE SITE IS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL AREAS DESIGNATED IN THE DRAFT TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL AND SAN PO KONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PROVIDED FOR ON THE PLAN THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF THE MTR FROM DIAMOND HILL THROUGH TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE TO SHA TIN WAS A LONG-TERM PROPOSAL AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER STUDY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PLAN IS THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND ITS SOUTHERN ACCESS ROADS.

+THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS TUNNEL WILL PROVIDE A CONNECTION FROM THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING VIA THE POSSIBLE KWUN TONG BYPASS TO SHA TIN AND MA ON SHAN,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL FORM A COMPLETE ROAD LINK WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE TUNNEL PROJECT IS STILL UNDER CONSULTANCY STUDY AND THE ALIGNMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER INVESTIGATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GAZETTED AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED THE FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIAMOND HILL QUARRY AND TAI HOM AREAS INTO THE PLAN.

+THE PLANNING PROPOSALS ARE DRAWN UP TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE AREA AND THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT.

+TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUTURE POPULATION AND TO REDRESS THE EXISTING DEFICIT, A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF LAND IS SET ASIDE FOR VARIOUS HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.+

THE PLAN INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL ZONES FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING; SITES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES SUCH AS A HOSPITAL, INDOOR RECREATION CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES; AND COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL AREAS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE OFFICE AND LIVING SPACE.

OPEN SPACE AND GREEN BELT SITES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AREAS AND TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE.

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OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE RELATED TO REZONING OF CERTAIN SITES TO REFLECT THEIR EXISTING OR PLANNED USES. THESE INCLUDE THE REZONING OF THE INDOOR GAMES HALL AT CHOI HUNG PLAYGROUND, AN ELECTRIC SUB-STATION AT CHUK YUEN ESTATE AND TEMPLES AT SHA TIN PASS ESTATE.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, MURRAY BUILDING, BY JUNE 19.

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TSUEN WAN NETWORK TO CONNECT ROUTE FIVE
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THE ROUTE FIVE TUNNEL PROJECT BEING BUILT UNDER NEEDLE HILL AND SMUGGLERS RIDGE WILL BE CONNECTED AT THE WESTERN END BY A ROAD NETWORK LINKING IT WITH THE EXISTING TSUEN WAN ROAD SYSTEM BETWEEN WO YI HOP AND SHEK WAI KOK.

THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), WILL COMPLETE THE TRUNK ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN AND MAKE ROUTE FIVE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

A MAJOR PART OF THE PROJECT IS THE BUILDING OF AN INTERCHANGE AT WO YI HOP, TWO FOOTBRIDGES AND AN EXTENSION OF CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD TO THE PROPOSED TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA NEAR WO YI HOP TSUEN.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN UNDERPASS BENEATH TEXACO ROAD TO CONNECT SHEK WAI KOK ROAD WITH WAI TSUEN ROAD AND AN UNDERPASS AND SECTION OF ACCESS ROAD AT WO YI HOP.

SECTIONS OF WAI TSUEN AND SHEK WAI KOK ROADS WILL BE WIDENED AND THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE SLOPE CUTTING CONNECTED WITH THE SCHEME.

SLOPES WILL BE CAREFULLY SHAPED AS PART OF SUBSTANTIAL LANDSCAPING WORKS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW ROAD NETWORK BLENDS WITH THE RURAL SURROUNDINGS. LANDSCAPING WILL ALSO INCLUDE EXTENSIVE TREE PLANTING.

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THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF 15 330 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AT WO YI HOP. IT WILL ALSO RESULT IN SEVERAL ROAD CLOSURES, RE-ALIGNMENTS AND TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

THE PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 29.

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U.S. MAKES FURTHER EA CALL
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) CALL ON CATEGORY 349 (COTTON BRASSIERES).

THIS IS THE THIRD EA CALL MADE BY THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG-UNITED STATES BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED ISSUE OF FURTHER EA'S IN THE CATEGORY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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SURVEY OF TRANSPORT, RELATED SERVICES BEGINS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1985. THE ANNUAL SURVEY COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AIRLINES.

IT ALSO COVERS SUCH SERVICES RELATED TO TRANSPORT AS CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

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QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 3 600 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 40 000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT. THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORISING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO 11 IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31. OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

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THREE LOTS OF LAND FOR AUCTION
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT NEXT MONTH. TWO ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE THIRD IS IN KOWLOON.

THE FIRST LOT, AT SAI NING STREET, KENNEDY TOWN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES. THE BUYER IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AT LEAST 7 344 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 1 020-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEFORE JUNE 30, 1990.

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MEASURING 121 SQUARE METRES, THE SECOND LOT IS AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCEPT GODOWN) PURPOSES.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITIONS, THE BUYER MUST DEVELOP AT LEAST 242 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY JUNE 30, 1989.

THE LAST LOT, AT KUNG LOK ROAD, KWUN TONG, MEASURES 2 781 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE BUYER HAS TO DEVELOP AT LEAST 6 257 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ALSO BY JUNE 30, 1989.

FULL PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OR CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL AT 2.30 PM ON JUNE 26.

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SITES ON ISLANDS TO BE SOLD BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FOR SALE BY TENDER THREE PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

TWO SITES AT PAK SHE ON CHEUNG CHAU, BOTH MEASURING 260 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT REQUIRES THE DEVELOPER TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 520 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON BOTH SITES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1988.

THE THIRD SITE ON PENG CHAU IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN USES OR IT COULD BE USED TO BUILD OR REPAIR BOATS.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 767 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 1 700 SQUARE METRES SITE WITHIN 36 MONTHS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 27.

DETAILS OF THE SITES, INCLUDING TENDER DOCUMENTS, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY PUBLISHED

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THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY, A BILINGUAL ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL PUBLICATION TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AS GOVERNMENT STATISTICS SHOW THAT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNT FOR A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CASUALTIES AND THE TWO PEDESTRIAN GROUPS MOST AT RISK ARE CHILDREN AGED UNDER 14 AND ELDERLY PEOPLE OVER 60, THE QUARTERLY FOCUSES ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE YOUNG AND THE ELDERLY.

IT HIGHLIGHTS AND EXPLAINS PROPER ROAD BEHAVIOUR FOR PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

THE MAIN ARTICLE SUGGESTS WAYS IN WHICH PARENTS CAN INSTIL IN THEIR CHILDREN A SENSE OF ROAD SAFETY.

ROAD SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY IS EXAMINED, AND ADVICE IS GIVEN TO DRIVERS ON MAKING EXTRA ALLOWANCES FOR AGED PEOPLE SINCE THEIR MOVEMENTS MAY BE SLOW AND THEIR BEHAVIOUR AT TIMES ERRATIC.

A CASE STUDY OF AN ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IS DESCRIBED. THE STUDY SHOWED THAT THE ACCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD THE VICTIM TAKEN PROPER CARE.

FREE COPIES OF THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES.

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ANOTHER BATCH OF I.D. CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD IDENTITY CARDS BELONGING TO MEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1932 WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL DOCUMENTS AS FROM JUNE 8, 1986.

THIS WILL BE THE SIXTH BATCH OF OLD I.D. CARDS TO BE DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE RE-ISSUE SCHEME.

+A TOTAL OF 481 000 OF THESE OLD CARDS HAS ALREADY BEEN RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SMALL MINORITY OF THE ABOVE AGE-GROUP STILL HOLDS THE OLD TYPE I.D. CARDS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE URGED THE REMAINING MINORITY WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR NEW CARDS TO DO SO BEFORE THE INVALIDATION DATE.

THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS AND CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

+FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN A GOVERNOR'S ORDER IS AN OFFENCE. DEFAULTERS WILL BE PROSECUTED AND ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3 000,+ HE WARNED.

HOLDERS OF OLD I.D. CARDS WILL SUFFER INCONVENIENCE AS THE CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE. FOR INSTANCE, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THOSE WHO WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND HAD MISSED THEIR TURN, TO APPLY FOR A NEW CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

HE REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WILL BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. +ONCE DETECTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY.+

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SUBSIDIES OFFERED FOR SPECIAL STUDIES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

MORE THAN \$440 000 WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS FROM THE TWO FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES. THE FORMS CAN BE RETURNED FROM MONDAY (JUNE 2).

+THE FUNDS ARE TO HELP PEOPLE WISHING TO SERVE THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES OR RELATED TRADES ON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES, AND ALSO THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIES WHO WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER TRAINING,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

/+THE FUNDS

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+THE FUNDS ALSO AIM AT ASSISTING CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES TO COMPLETE THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLING AS A PREREQUISITE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION.+

APPLICATIONS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDIES WILL CLOSE ON JULY 18 WHILE THOSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 15.

THE AWARDS WILL BE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CITY POLYTECHNIC, BAPTIST COLLEGE, ANY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ANY ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS INSTITUTION AND AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE WHILE SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE STUDENTS IN FORMS 4 TO 7, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPROVED COURSES FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION INCLUDE THOSE ON AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, MARINE BIOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL OR FISHERIES INDUSTRIES AND RELATED TRADES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE FUNDS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 3-7332227.

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THREE MORE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES
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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE THREE MORE SETS OF SPECIAL STAMPS THIS YEAR.

THE FOUR STAMPS IN EACH SET WILL BE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.

ONE SET, TO BE ISSUED ON JULY 18, WILL COMMEMORATE HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER. THE STAMPS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY MR AGAY NG.

A SET TO BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 24 HAS OLD AND NEW HONG KONG FISHING VESSELS AS ITS THEME. THIS SET HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY MR HENRY STEINER.

THE LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR, DESIGNED BY MR REDGE SOLLEY, WILL FEATURE 19TH CENTURY HONG KONG PORTRAITS AND WILL BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 19.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE STAMPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE TIME OF ISSUE.

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PLANS TO REPAIR PRIVATE STREETS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR THE SECTION OF NORTH VIEW STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND FORT STREET AND THE SECTION OF FORT STREET BETWEEN NORTH VIEW STREET AND CHEUNG HONG STREET.

THESE STREETS, WITH A NUMBER OF PRIVATE OWNERS, ARE NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND ARE IN POOR REPAIR, GIVING RISE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE STREETS HAVE POSED SAFETY RISKS BY MAKING ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES DIFFICULT.

THEIR STATUS AS PRIVATE LAND HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS. THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME THEM TO ENABLE REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE WORK, INVOLVING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTPATHS AND DRAINS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 29.

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CLOSURE OF FAT YIP LANE PROPOSED

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A PORTION OF FAT YIP LANE, SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN, IS TO BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT.

THE PROJECT, INVOLVING SEVERAL LOTS NEAR THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD, WILL PROVIDE 7 000 FLATS FOR 30 000 PEOPLE AND ALSO COMMERCIAL, SHOPPING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE CLOSURE WILL NOT BLOCK ACCESS TO OTHER PRIVATE LOTS OR PUBLIC FACILITIES.

ON COMPLETION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT, THE JUNCTION OF THE CLOSED AREA WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BECOME PART OF THE FOOTWAY ALONG THE ROAD TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS PEDESTRIAN FLOW.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 29.

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MASTERCLASS ON CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC
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A RENOWNED ORCHESTRAL CONDUCTOR FROM CHINA, MR PENG XIUWEN, WILL GIVE A MASTERCLASS TOMORROW (MAY 31) AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE TWO-HOUR MASTERCLASS WILL START AT 4.30 PM.

MR PENG IS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE CHINA BROADCAST ARTS GROUP, THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE CHINA BROADCAST FOLK ORCHESTRA, AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE MUSICIANS IN CHINA.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE CHINA BROADCAST CHINESE ORCHESTRA SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. HE HAS LED THE ORCHESTRA ON TOURS OF THE SOVIET UNION, ITALY, WEST GERMANY, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, MALTA, ALGERIA, AND JAPAN AS WELL AS HONG KONG.

MR PENG IS HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL TO CONDUCT CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA FROM JUNE 6 TO 8.

MEMBERS OF CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FREE MASTERCLASS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240 OR 5-458791.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN OPENS TOMORROW
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THE OPENING OF THE YEAR-LONG EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3 PM AT DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL IN NORTH POINT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY, AND A SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH FOLLOWS, ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CAUSEWAY BAY KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, THE NORTH POINT KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, THE SHAU KEI WAN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION AND THE CHAI WAN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FOUR KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS.

SEVERAL SPEAKERS WILL GIVE TALKS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE SEMINAR THAT FOLLOWS.

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THEY INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH POINT KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, MADAM ANITA CHAN, WHILE ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LEE YUE-TAI, WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION FORUM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SEMINAR CAN COLLECT ADMISSION TICKETS AT THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SEMINAR OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TOMORROW AT 3 PM AT DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL AT 210 JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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SOUTHERN COMMITTEES ELECT CHAIRMEN
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CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN ELECTED FOR ALL FIVE COMMITTEES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEES FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN OVERSEEING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CHAIRMEN, ELECTED AT THE COMMITTEES' FIRST MEETINGS FOR 1986-87, ARE: MR PAUL YOUNG, COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE; MS MAR YUET-HAR, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE; MR MAN HON-MING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE; MR KO TAM-KAN, SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE; AND MS YEUNG CHUI-CHUN, WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE.

THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE WILL END ON MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALSO ENDORSED THE APPOINTMENT OF 17 CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEES FOR 1986-87 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BROADER-BASED INPUT IN DISCUSSION OF LOCAL PROBLEMS.

THESE MEMBERS INCLUDE SOCIAL WORKERS, PROFESSIONALS, KAIFONG MEMBERS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND EDUCATIONALISTS.

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SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR CONTAINER INDUSTRY
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THE CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING A YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG WORKERS IN THE CONTAINER HANDLING INDUSTRY.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH. IT WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MANagements OF THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AND DEPOTS, CONTAINER REPAIRERS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A CONTAINER COMPANY SAFETY AWARD WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PARTICIPATING COMPANY REPORTING THE LOWEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD. AS PART OF THE QUALIFYING PROCEDURE, EACH PARTICIPATING COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO HOLD A +SAFETY WEEK+ TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG ITS OWN EMPLOYEES.

OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED INCLUDE SLOGAN, POSTER, LOGO, AND DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN BY GIVING TALKS AND ADVICE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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DETAILS OF ABERDEEN BOAT RACES
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THE 1986 ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY (JUNE 1) AT THE JUMBO FLOATING RESTAURANT IN SHAM WAN, ABERDEEN, TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S RACES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KEUNG YIN MAN, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR FOUR NEW DRAGON BOATS WILL BE PERFORMED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LIU LIT-FOR, URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR JOSEPH CHAN, AND POLICE AND MARINE POLICE OFFICIALS AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACES, WHICH HAVE A LONG TRADITION IN ABERDEEN BUT WERE NOT HELD LAST YEAR, RESUME THIS YEAR AFTER THE ROAD THROUGH ABERDEEN PROJECT WAS COMPLETED, AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 11 ALONG A 330-METRE CHANNEL IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER.

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ORGANISERS FOR THE EVENT INCLUDED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 11 AM OUTSIDE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER AT THE GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 39, PLYING BETWEEN KIN YIP STREET IN YUEN LONG AND KUNG OM, WILL BE REROUTED FROM SUNDAY (JUNE 1).

ON ITS KUNG OM-BOUND JOURNEY, THE SERVICE WILL BE REROUTED VIA HOP YICK ROAD, HOP CHOI STREET, FAU TSOI STREET AND TAI TONG ROAD INSTEAD OF HOP YICK ROAD AND TAI TONG ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXTENSION OF SERVICE TO THE SECTION BETWEEN PING WUI STREET AND KIN YIP STREET DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS WILL BE CANCELLED.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT

JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY (JUNE 2) TO JUNE 15 TO FACILITATE DRAIN CLEARANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON IRVING STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PENNINGTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET TO HENNESSY ROAD. THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL BE SUSPENDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 2) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, BUSES ON KING'S ROAD HEADING FOR QUARRY BAY AND AREA FURTHER EAST WILL BE DIVERTED TO TIN CHIU STREET, JAVA ROAD, THE SLIP ROAD LINKING JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD NEAR HEALTHY STREET WEST, AND KING'S ROAD.

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