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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

STREET GUIDE MAP IN BOOK FORM
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LAND SURVEYORS AND CARTOGRAPHERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON PRODUCE AN OFFICIAL STREET GUIDE MAP OF HONG KONG IN BOOK FORM TO BE PUBLISHED AND PUT ON SALE SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

THE DECISION TO PRODUCE THE GUIDE WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY MR. JIM BENTLEY, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE SURVEY BRANCH OF THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE.

MR. BENTLEY SAID THAT THE AIM TO PRODUCE THE STREET GUIDE BOOK IS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH RELIABLE AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

“WE WILL INCLUDE A LOT OF STREET AND ROAD CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AS WELL AS NEW ROADS, FLYOVERS AND BUILDINGS RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED” HE ADDED.

THE GUIDE WILL BE REGULARLY REVISED AT LEAST EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE SIZE OF THE GUIDE HAS YET TO BE FIXED, BUT MR. BENTLEY SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IN A HANDY FORM SO THAT THE TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS CAN CARRY IT AROUND EASILY.

“AS FOR THE PRICE, IT WOULD BE A MODEST ONE SO THAT SHORT-TERM VISITORS TO HONG KONG WOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED FROM BUYING IT,” HE POINTED OUT.

THE GUIDE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

MR. BENTLEY ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE LATEST P.W.D. MAP ON SALE - THE COLOUR-SHADED VERSION OF THE 1 TO 50,000 MAP OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES - HAD PROVED SO POPULAR THAT A REPRINT HAD BEEN ORDERED.

“WE HAD AN INITIAL ORDER OF 5,000 COPIES OF THIS MAP AND MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF THEM ARE SOLD,” HE SAID.

REPRINTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORDERED FOR THE TOURIST-TYPE MAP ENTITLED “OFFICIAL GUIDE TO HONG KONG” AND THE FIRST TWO MAPS IN THE VERY POPULAR COUNTRYSIDE SERIES FOR WALKERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND NEW TERRITORIES WEST.

IN THE MEAN TIME, WORK CONTINUES ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE THIRD MAP IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SERIES COVERING LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA. THIS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE SALES OF GOVERNMENT MAPS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS HAVE INCREASED WITH THE EXPANSION OF RETAIL SALES OUTLETS BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

WITH THE RECENT OPENING OF NEW PLACES OF SALE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE ARE AT PRESENT NEARLY 60 SALES OUTLETS IN HONG KONG.

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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY HAS SCORED A SUCCESS IN BOOSTING THE POWER OF ITS LOCOMOTIVE FLEET TO HANDLE HEAVIER FREIGHT TRAINS FROM CHINA.

THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY COUPLING THREE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES WHICH CAN DEVELOP A COMBINED MAXIMUM OF 3,900 HORSE POWERS - THE LARGEST OUTPUT EVER PRODUCED ON LOCAL RAILWAY.

THE TRIPLE LOCOMOTIVE TRACTION IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE LOCOMOTIVE FLEET AND PARTICULARLY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POWER TO OPERATE OIL TRAINS FROM CHINA.

THE SUCCESS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT AFTER MONTHS OF TRIALS BY KCR ENGINEERS TO PERFECT THE NEW TRACTION DEVICE WHICH IS OPERATED BY A SINGLE CREW.

THE SYSTEM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES INSTALLED ON THE SECOND AND THIRD LOCOMOTIVES.

OPERATING IN THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE, THE CREW CAN CONTROL THE OTHER TWO TRACTION UNITS VIA TRANSMISSION OF MANEUVER SIGNALS.

REVEALING THE NEW DEVICE TODAY, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REGINALD GREGORY SAID, +THE CHINESE RAILWAY AUTHORITIES HAVE PERMITTED OUR NEW TRACTION UNITS TO CROSS THE BORDER TO PULL HEAVIER AND LONGER FREIGHT TRAINS FROM SHUM CHUN.+

+HOWEVER+, HE SAID, +DUE TO OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON OUR RAILWAY LINE - MAINLY SINGLE TRACKING, SHORT PASSING LOOPS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCOMOTIVE FLEET - IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO USE TRIPLE TRACTION HERE UNTIL THE DOUBLE TRACKING IS INTRODUCED ON A SCALE MUCH FURTHER NORTH THAN THAT BETWEEN SHATIN AND HUNG HOM.

+BUT WHEN NEED ARISES, WE USE A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED DEVICE - DOUBLE TRACTION UNIT - TO HAUL HEAVIER FREIGHT TRAINS TO ECONOMISE MANPOWER.+ ADDED MR. GREGORY.

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RENEWAL OF VEHICLE LICENCES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNERS THAT IF THEY ALLOW THEIR VEHICLE LICENCES TO EXPIRE AND THEN APPLY FOR RENEWAL, THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY ARREARS FOR THE UNLICENSED PERIOD.

IN THIS CASE, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RENEWAL WILL ONLY RUN FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH DURING WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT, EVEN IF IT IS RECEIVED LATER IN THAT MONTH.

THESE ALSO APPLY TO RENEWAL OF EXPIRED VEHICLE LICENCES IN CASES WHERE THE OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ONE OWNER TO ANOTHER, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID VEHICLE LICENCES COULD BE RENEWED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRY DATE, AND THE RENEWAL DATE WILL RUN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRY DATE AND NOT FROM THE DATE OF RENEWAL.

+THIS ADVANCED LICENSING HAS PROVED CONVENIENT TO PRUDENT MOTORISTS WHO DO NOT WANT LAST-MINUTE RENEWAL OF THEIR VEHICLE LICENCES,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS PAYMENT OF ARREARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, IT WOULD BE AT THE RATE OF 10 PER CENT OF THE APPROPRIATE ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR EACH MONTH OF ANY PERIOD BETWEEN THE LAST EXPIRY DATE AND THE DATE WHEN THE RENEWED LICENCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

HOWEVER, IF IT COULD BE SATISFACTORILY PROVED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS NOT USED ON THE ROAD DURING THE ENTIRE UNLICENSED PERIOD, SUCH ARREARS WOULD NOT BE CHARGED, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED OWNERS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS. THIS CAN BE DONE BY COMPLETING A FORM, T.D. 60(S), AND FORWARDING IT TOGETHER WITH THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK TO THE COMMISSIONER WITHIN 72 HOURS.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL, HE SAID, CAN BE MADE EITHER BY REGISTERED POST OR IN PERSON. IN THE CASE OF A LIMITED COMPANY BEING THE REGISTERED OWNER, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE SHOULD BE GIVEN, AND THE APPLICATION FORM SIGNED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY.

IF THE VEHICLE OWNER IS A PRIVATE FIRM, THE VEHICLE WILL BE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE PROPRIETOR, OR IN THE CASE OF A PARTNERSHIP, A PARTNER, AND NOT IN THE NAME OF THE FIRM, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT A STUDY OF THE GUIDANCE NOTES INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION FORMS WOULD HELP ENSURE SMOOTH PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS.

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