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LIGHTS GO ON FOR ROYAL VISITORS

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THOSE LIGHTS FANTASTIC - LASERS - ARE JUST PART OF THE GLITTERING WELCOME PREPARED FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE LASERS WILL LIGHT UP AN EXTRAVAGANZA OF DANCING AND DISPLAYS BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN EDINBURGH PLACE, WHERE THE OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WILL TAKE PLACE.

STAGED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE YOUTH DISPLAY WILL BE AN INFORMAL CONTRAST TO THE POMP AND CEREMONY OF THE TRADITIONAL GUARD OF HONOUR WHICH WILL BE MOUNTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

FOR THE ROYAL VISITORS THE EDINBURGH PLACE WELCOME WILL BE JUST THE FIRST ITEM IN A BUSY PROGRAMME THAT WILL TAKE THEM, TOGETHER AND SEPARATELY, TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THEY WILL SEE ASPECTS OF HONG KONG LIFE FROM HOUSING ESTATES TO STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPUTER CENTRES, FROM FUTURE AND EXISTING TERTIARY EDUCATION CENTRES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO A CARE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, WHO HAVE BEEN VISITING INDONESIA, WILL ARRIVE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON BOARD A ROYAL AIR FORCE VC10 AT 5.30 PM.

ON THE AIRPORT TARMAC THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON.

FROM THE KAI TAK APRON THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WILL BE DRIVEN TO THE PROMONTORY PIER, HALF WAY DOWN THE KAI TAK RUNWAY, WHERE THEY WILL BOARD THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH, THE LADY MAURINE, FOR THE TRIP ACROSS THE HARBOUR TO QUEEN'S PIER.

A TOTAL OF 14 LAUNCHES WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES ON THE HARBOUR CROSSING. THEY WILL BE LED BY THE MARINE POLICE'S HARBOUR DIVISION COMMAND LAUNCH, POLICE 79. ON BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT ROD COLSON WILL HAVE THE TASK OF ENSURING THAT VICTORIA HARBOUR IS KEPT CLEAR FOR THE ROYAL ESCORT.

POLICE 79 WILL BE FLANKED ON EACH SIDE BY TYPHOON-TYPE INFLATABLE BOATS FROM THE MARINE POLICE'S SMALL BOAT UNIT.

FLANKING THE LADY MAURINE WILL BE TWO AUSTRALIAN-BUILT SHARKCATS, THE FASTEST VESSELS IN THE GOVERNMENT FLEET, AND TWO MORE TYPHOON-TYPE INFLATABLES.

ASTERN OF THE LADY MAURINE WILL BE THE MARINE POLICE'S EASTERN DIVISION COMMAND LAUNCH, POLICE 3, CARRYING SUPERINTENDENT ROGER TRITTON WHO WILL CO-ORDINATE THE ROYAL ESCORT.

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ON ARRIVAL AT QUEEN'S PIER, THE GOVERNOR WILL PRESENT TO THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI-LIANG YANG; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND LADY FORD; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFEL, AND MRS DUFFEL; SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN, AND HER HUSBAND, MR MICHAEL THOMAS; SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, AND MRS LEE; AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE ROYAL VISIT, MR PETER HARVEY.

THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL TAKE THE SALUTE FROM AND INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR MOUNTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

COMMANDING THE GUARD OF HONOUR WILL BE CAPTAIN LAWRENCE CHAN KAH-WAI, 45, SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF THE REGIMENT'S D SQUADRON. CAPTAIN CHAN, A BUSINESSMAN IN CIVILIAN LIFE, JOINED THE VOLUNTEERS IN 1967 AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1982 AFTER TAKING A COURSE AT THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, SANDHURST.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN 1983 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN 1986.

WHEN THE GUARD MARCHES OFF, EDINBURGH PLACE WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHO WILL PERFORM A LION DANCE AND A UNICORN DANCE.

PRINCE CHARLES WILL DOT THE LION'S EYES AND PRINCESS DIANA WILL PLACE TWO LUCKY FLOWERS ON THE LION'S HEAD.

THE OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY WILL END WITH A CHILDREN'S SPECTACULAR ORGANISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE.

THIS WILL INCLUDE A GYMNASTIC DISPLAY BY 150 MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE GYMNASTIC TEAM WHICH PERFORMED DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT IN 1986.

THE ROYAL VISITORS WILL ALSO SEE A TRADITIONAL CHINESE FAN DANCE BY 16 GIRLS FROM THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, A BALLET PERFORMANCE BY TWO SIX-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, A FLORAL DANCE AND AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PARADE.

AFTER THE CHILDREN'S SPECTACULAR, THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WILL LEAVE BY CAR FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK HEADQUARTERS IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THEY WILL HAVE A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE NIGHT LIGHTS OF THE TERRITORY FROM THE 44TH LEVEL OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING AND MEET TOP BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A RECEPTION.

ON THE 41ST LEVEL OF THE BANK, THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR 100 GUESTS COMPRISING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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MELISSA HON, THE EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF A BANK STAFF MEMBER, WILL PRESENT A POSY TO THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AFTER THE BANK RECEPTION. THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL LEAVE FOR HMS TAMAR WHERE THEY WILL BOARD HER MAJESTY'S YACHT BRITANNIA.

THE BRITANNIA, WHICH, ESCORTED BY THE DESTROYER HMS NOTTINGHAM, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, WILL BE THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES' HOME DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG.

LATER IN THE EVENING. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WILL ENTERTAIN THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON AT A PRIVATE DINNER PARTY ON BOARD HMY BRITANNIA.

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TV TO BROADCAST ROYAL ARRIVAL LIVE  
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THE SPECTACULAR WELCOME FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON ALL TELEVISION CHANNELS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

AT 5.29 PM, ATV'S HOME AND WORLD CHANNELS WILL SHOW THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES ARRIVING AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM INDONESIA ON BOARD A ROYAL AIR FORCE VC10.

AT 6.10 PM, TVB PEARL AND JADE CHANNELS WILL JOIN ATV TO SHOW THE LANDING OF THE ROYAL VISITORS AT QUEEN'S PIER, THE PRINCE OF WALES INSPECTING A GUARD OF HONOUR MOUNTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND A COLOURFUL DISPLAY, INCLUDING LION DANCES AND GYMNASTICS. BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

LATER IN THE EVENING A TELEVISION SPECIAL, "HONG KONG GREETSS THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES", PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE BROADCAST BY BOTH COMMERCIAL NETWORKS.

THE 15-MINUTE SPECIAL WILL COVER THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THEIR TRIP ACROSS THE HARBOUR ON BOARD THE LADY MAURINE, AND THEIR OFFICIAL WELCOME AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE SHOWN ON ATV'S HOME CHANNEL AT 9.15 PM, ON ATV'S WORLD CHANNEL AT 9.55 PM AND ON TVB JADE AT 11.45 PM.

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MORE DISCUSSIONS ON PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GREEN PAPER

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (MONDAY) CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED TRANSPORT STRATEGY OF EXPANDING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND MANAGING ROAD USE AS OUTLINED IN THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE MASS CARRIERS, SUCH AS RAIL AND BUSES, SHOULD FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND THAT MORE AND BETTER USE SHOULD BE MADE OF THE OFF-STREET MODES TO ALLEVIATE PRESSURE ON THE ROAD NETWORK.

THERE WAS ALSO A CLEAR CONSENSUS THAT THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TO MEET RISING PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS FOR BETTER COMFORT AND SPEED. A COMMON VIEW WAS THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE INTERMODAL CO-ORDINATION POLICY SHOULD ALLOW MORE COMPETITION BETWEEN MODES, AND INNOVATIVE SERVICES BE ENCOURAGED.

TAC LEARNED THAT THE NEED FOR MANAGING ROAD USE WAS WELL RECOGNISED. THERE WERE NO STRONG OBJECTIONS TO THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF MAKING EFFECTIVE USE OF ROAD SPACE, GIVING PRIORITY TO MORE EFFICIENT AND ESSENTIAL ROAD USERS, AND MANAGING TRAVEL DEMAND TO A LEVEL WITH WHICH THE ROAD SYSTEM CAN COPE.

AS REGARDS EFFECTIVE USE OF ROAD SPACE, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR BETTER USE OF MODERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, AND IMPROVEMENTS IN CROSSING FACILITIES TO SEGREGATE PEDESTRIANS FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. THE PUBLIC HAD EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ROAD WORKS TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS.

ANOTHER GENERAL CONSENSUS THE TAC HAD NOTED WAS THAT BUSES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE USE OF ROAD SPACE TO MAXIMISE THEIR EFFICIENCY. SOME HAD CAUTIONED THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENSURE ADEQUATE USE OF THE BUS LANES TO AVOID UNDER-UTILISATION.

REGARDING GOODS VEHICLES, THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF LIGHT GOODS VANS FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORT WITH RESERVATIONS ON THE USE OF TAXATION MEASURES TO MANAGE THE GROWTH AND USAGE OF LARGER GOODS VEHICLES.

A COMMON VIEW THE TAC MEMBERS NOTED WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXAMINE MORE CLOSELY THE EFFECT OF SUCH MEASURES ON THE ECONOMY, AND OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS ENCOURAGING MORE USE OF RAIL AND SEA FREIGHT TRANSPORT, GOODS DELIVERY OUTSIDE THE PEAK HOURS AND USE OF LARGER VEHICLES WITH EFFICIENT LOADING EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR

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HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, WITH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS AND ADAPTABILITY OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, WILL CONTINUE TO BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY OF THE TERRITORY.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN NEW PLANT OF MOLEX NANCO LTD TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE OPENING OF THE PLANT REFLECTED NOT ONLY THE COMPANY'S LONG TERM CONFIDENCE IN THE GROWTH POTENTIAL OF THE MARKETS, BUT ALSO IN THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.

HE NOTED THAT THE FACTORY OPENED TODAY WAS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST CONNECTOR MANUFACTURER AND THE LOCAL NANSHING COLOR AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.

"THIS NEW PLANT IN SHA TIN WILL COMBINE THE COMPANY'S EXISTING WIRE HARNESS AND SALES OPERATION WITH NEW FACILITIES SUCH AS OVERMOULDED CORDS PRODUCTION, UPGRADED PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVED WAREHOUSE AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

"HONG KONG WELCOMES OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, JOINT VENTURE, WHICH CAN HELP TO UPGRADE HONG KONG'S TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY TO MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVE," HE ADDED.

MOLEX IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC CONNECTORS TO MANUFACTURERS ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER PRODUCTS.

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WORKING GROUP'S REPORT ON ELDERLY HOUSING PUBLISHED

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A REPORT FROM AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE HOUSING NEEDS OF ELDERLY PERSONS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED TO INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS FOR COMMENTS.

THE GROUP, WHICH WAS CO-CHAIRLED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FUNG TUNG, WAS SET UP IN NOVEMBER 1988 ON THE ADVICE OF THE THEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

IN THE REPORT, THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT ELDERLY PERSONS SHOULD BE HELPED TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

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TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE GROUP FELT THAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE MORE READILY AVAILABLE AND ELDERLY PERSONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEM.

THE GROUP ALSO FELT THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EXPANDING ALL HOUSING SERVICES WHICH CATER SPECIFICALLY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE ABLE-BODIED ELDERLY AND THE TRANSITION FROM ONE FORM OF HOUSING TO ANOTHER SHOULD BE MADE AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.

THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDE:

- \* A NEW APPLICATION SCHEME FOR FAMILIES WITH ELDERLY PERSONS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED, WHEREBY YOUNG FAMILIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPLY WITH THEIR ELDERLY PARENTS OR DEPENDENTS FOR TWO SEPARATE FLATS IN THE SAME PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCK IN NEW TOWNS:
- \* YOUNG FAMILIES IN NEW TOWNS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ADD ELDERLY PARENTS OR RELATIVES FROM PUBLIC HOUSING OR PRIVATE TENANCIES TO THEIR HOUSEHOLDS, AND APPLY FOR LARGER FLATS IN NEW TOWNS. ELDERLY PARENTS OR RELATIVES IN NEW TOWNS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADD CHILDREN OR RELATIVES IN OLD URBAN ESTATES TO THEIR TENANCIES AND APPLY FOR TRANSFERS TO LARGER FLATS IN NEW TOWNS:
- \* IN FUTURE, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES SHOULD BE BUILT OR REDESIGNED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF DEMOGRAPHICALLY RELATED ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING SHELTERED HOUSING, HOMES FOR THE AGED, HOME CUM CARE AND ATTENTION/INFIRMARY UNITS AND HOME-HELP SERVICES, WHICH SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF EXPANSION OR FLEXIBLE DEPLOYMENT:
- \* FAMILIES ON THE WAITING LIST UNDER THE ELDERLY PARENTS PRIORITY SCHEME SHOULD HAVE THEIR HOUSING ALLOCATION ADVANCED BY TWO YEARS, PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED ON THE LIST FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS. THE SCHEME SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO FAMILIES WITH ELDERLY PARENTS BUT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE OTHER DEPENDENT ELDERLY RELATIVES;
- \* SOME OF THE EXISTING HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE CONVERTED TO CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES FOR THE AGED, AND THAT HOSTEL TENANTS BE REHOUSED IN SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEMES WITHIN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE REMAINING HOSTELS SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TENANTS WHO WERE UNIQUELY SUITED TO THIS TYPE OF SERVICES:

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- \* OLDER ESTATES WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF SMALL FLATS AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES CAPABLE OF RENOVATION AND ADAPTATION SHOULD BE RETAINED. A PROPORTION OF THE EXISTING FLATS MIGHT BE MODIFIED INTO LARGER FLATS IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE COMPOSITION OF THE ESTATE POPULATION. PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF THESE LARGE FLATS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EXISTING ESTATE TENANTS WITH ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS:
  
- \* AN ESTATE SOCIAL WORKER SCHEME TO BE INTRODUCED WITH SOCIAL WORKERS BASED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE MANAGEMENT OFFICES. THEY SHOULD BE RECRUITED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND INCLUDED IN THE HOUSING MANAGEMENT GRADE AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL:
  
- \* PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMPROVING THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN FIVE ESTATES - SAI WAN, NORTH POINT, NAM SHAN, SO UK AND CHOI HUNG, WHICH HAVE HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF ELDERLY PERSONS (OVER 20 PER CENT); AND
  
- \* UNDERUTILISED OR VACANT ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES MIGHT BE MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE MORE HOME CUM CARE AND ATTENTION UNITS. UNDERUTILISED SHOP UNITS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTEN PREMISES AND RESTAURANTS IN OLDER ESTATES WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF ELDERLY PERSONS SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO MEET THE SPECIALIST NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF THE REPORT HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL DISTRICT BOARDS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE VIEWS FROM THESE GROUPS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN COMING UP WITH FINAL PROPOSALS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT VIEWS FROM INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO WELCOMED.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SUBMIT ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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KWUN TONG FESTIVAL TO START ON NOVEMBER 19

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MORE THAN 30 CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE IN STORE FOR RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG DURING THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '89, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE 15 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES, WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 19 TO DECEMBER 16.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL TODAY (MONDAY), THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID THE FESTIVAL WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

"IT WILL ALSO HELP IMPROVE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS," HE NOTED.

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ORGANISING A MAJOR FESTIVE EVENT IN THE DISTRICT EACH YEAR.

HE SAID MAJOR EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST, SUCH AS THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL, SPORTS FESTIVAL, YOUTH FESTIVAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL, HAD ALL BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND SUPPORTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

OUTLINING THE PROGRAMME OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, HE SAID A GRAND OPENING WOULD BE HELD AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON NOVEMBER 19 (SUNDAY).

"THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY THE FRINGE CLUB," HE SAID.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, THE 15 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES WILL HOLD A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SUB-DISTRICTS TO BOOST THE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

"THESE INCLUDE FILM SHOWS, CHINESE OPERATIC SONG PERFORMANCE, A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS," MR WAN SAID.

THE GRAND FINALE OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A LIVE SHOW ON HK-TVB'S "ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT" PROGRAMME ON DECEMBER 16.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '89 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN AND PRESIDENT, MR LO CHING-HO; KWUN TONG DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAU KWOK-KWONG; AND THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF HK-TVB, MR HO LAI-CHUEN.

BOTH MR LAM AND MADAM YEUNG CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL.

THE BUDGET OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '89 AMOUNTS TO \$600,000. HALF OF IT WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE REST CAME FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

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KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL BEGINS THIS WEEKEND  
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THE THIRD KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 11) WITH A WOMEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT AMONG TEAMS FROM GUANGDONG, TAIWAN AND KWAI TSING.

MORE THAN 20 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE FESTIVAL. IN ADDITION TO WOMEN'S FOOTBALL, THERE WILL ALSO BE TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS, FENCING, HANDBALL, GATE-BALL, MARATHON WALK, VOLLEYBALL, BOWLING AND ARCHERY.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE SOCCER TOURNAMENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE. THE BUDGET IS \$650,000.

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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT ON AGENDA  
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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS NEAR TAN KWAI TSUEN AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY IN YUEN LONG AND TIN SHUI WAI AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 8) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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ACTIVITIES FOR NEW YEAR UNDER STUDY

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL PROPOSE A SERIES OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YUN STREET, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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DISCUSSION ON WAN CHAI TRAFFIC SCHEME

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) A PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME AT FENWICK STREET AND LUARD ROAD, BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE WRITTEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING PARKING METERS AT STAR STREET AND WING FUNG STREET AND DIRECTION SIGNS FOR THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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SHEUNG SHUI THA FIRE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER A THIRD ALARM FIRE, WHICH BROKE OUT IN THE SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TWO WEEKS AGO, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL ASK THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAKE PUBLIC THE FINDINGS OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BLAZE. HE WILL ALSO ENQUIRE WHETHER FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS REQUIRES IMPROVEMENTS.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEE FUNDS FROM TWO RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS FOR REPLENISHMENT OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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POLICING OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT

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POLICE PROVIDE ROUND-THE-CLOCK COVERAGE IN COUNTERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN KWUN TONG, ONE OF THE OLDER INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN THE TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY IN FACTORY AREAS WHERE THEFTS AND BURGLARIES ARE RAMPANT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, SAU MAU PING, MR TONY FERRIGE, WHEN HE ADDRESSED MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE FACTORIES OF KWUN TONG WITH THEIR EVER BUSY MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR CRIMINALS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO WHERE MANY INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING, THUS INCREASING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEFTS." MR FERRIGE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 198 REPORTED THEFT CASES IN 1988 FROM THE FACTORY AREA, INDICATING AN AVERAGE OF 16.5 CASES PER MONTH OR APPROXIMATELY ONE IN EVERY TWO DAYS, MR FERRIGE SAID THAT THERE WERE 138 REPORTED CASES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE OF 15.3 PER MONTH, WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE FIGURE LAST YEAR.

AS FAR AS VALUE IS CONCERNED, THE DISTRICT COMMANDER SAID GOODS WORTH ABOUT \$9.8 MILLION HAD BEEN STOLEN LAST YEAR. COMPARED WITH \$11.6 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS REPORTED MISSING FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

MR FERRIGE NOTED THAT THE MOST PREVALENT TYPE OF OFFENCES INVOLVED THEFT FROM THE RECEPTIONIST DESK WHICH WAS USUALLY SITUATED DIRECTLY INSIDE THE FACTORY ENTRANCE AND WOULD POSE AN ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR CRIMINALS WHEN LEFT UNATTENDED.

ON POLICING IN THE DISTRICT, MR FERRIGE SAID LIKE MOST OF THE URBAN AREAS IN THE TERRITORY, BEAT OFFICERS WERE DEPLOYED TO PATROL THE DISTRICT, SUPPLEMENTED BY MOBILE PATROLS, TRAFFIC OFFICERS ON MOTORCYCLES, AND PLAINCLOTHES DETECTIVES ON ANTI-CRIME DUTIES.

"FULL USE IS MADE OF ROADBLOCKS AND PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PAID TO AREAS WHERE THE PUBLIC CONGREGATE, FOR EXAMPLE FERRY PIERS, BUS STOPS, MTR STATIONS, AND THE LIKE," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AN AVERAGE OF 110 PERSONS WOULD BE STOPPED AND QUESTIONED, AND SLIGHTLY FEWER THAN THIS SEARCHED IN THE FACTORY AREA EACH DAY.

"IN ADDITION, EACH DAY WILL SEE AN AVERAGE OF 32 VEHICLES STOPPED AND THE OCCUPANTS QUESTIONED. ALSO, PROSECUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES IN THE FACTORY AREA NUMBERED ABOUT 30 PER DAY."

IN CONCLUSION, MR FERRIGE LISTED OUT SOME CRIME PREVENTION ADVICES FOR FACTORY OWNERS TO FOLLOW:

- \* ENCOURAGE YOUR WATCHMEN TO BE ON THE ALERT. REMIND THEM TO NOTE DOWN ANYTHING THEY FIND SUSPICIOUS. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH POLICE OFFICERS ON THE BEAT.
- \* SCAFFOLDING ON A BUILDING GREATLY INCREASES THE CHANCE OF BURGLARY OR THEFT. BE AWARE OF THE INCREASED RISK TO YOUR PROPERTY POSED BY SCAFFOLDING AND REMEMBER TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION AGAINST ILLEGAL ENTRY, INCLUDING AN ADJACENT BUILDING WHICH HAS SCAFFOLDING.
- \* TAKE PRECAUTION WHEN DEALING IN A PRODUCT WHICH SUDDENLY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER BECOMES IN SHORT SUPPLY. EXAMPLES OF SUCH PRODUCTS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN RAW SILK AND MORE RECENTLY CELLULOSE ACETATE TOW WHICH IS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CIGARETTE FILTERS AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTED THEFT CASES INVOLVING THESE COMMODITIES.

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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR VISITS AIRLINE OFFICES

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED THE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS OFFICES AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMPANY'S GENERAL STAFF MANAGER, MR TONY TYLER, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE COMPANY'S GENERAL EMPLOYMENT ASPECTS, EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

MR HAMMOND SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE COMPANY MAINTAINED A GENERALLY GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

VARIOUS COMMUNICATION CHANNELS, INCLUDING JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES, IN-HOUSE MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS, HAVE BEEN SET UP TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1946, CATHAY PACIFIC NOW HAS A WORKFORCE OF 10,850 BASED IN HONG KONG AND COMPANY OUTPOSTS, THE MAJORITY BEING ROUND STAFF AND FLIGHT ATTENDANTS.

TO TACKLE ITS LABOUR SHORTAGE PROBLEM, THE COMPANY HAS INTRODUCED NEW MEASURES IN STAFF RECRUITMENT INCLUDING EMPLOYING DISABLED PERSONS AND IMPLEMENTING OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THE VISIT, MR HAMMOND WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE COMPANY'S CABIN CREW LOUNGE, FLIGHT SIMULATOR, THE CABIN CREW TRAINING CENTRE AND THE CATHAY CLUB.

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RELOCATION OF CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE SITUATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, WILL MOVE TO THE FOLLOWING NEW ADDRESS ON NOVEMBER 13:

FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON. (TEL. 3-884111, EXT. 226)

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12.45 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY; AND FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 377.970 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 248.238 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 42.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUEN MUN FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE BUTTERFLY AREA IN TUEN MUN IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BEGIN AT 8.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 7.30 PM UNTIL ABOUT 9.30 PM. THE EXACT IMPLEMENTATION TIME AND DURATION OF THE ROAD CLOSURE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE POLICE, DEPENDING ON THE GENERAL TRAFFIC AND CROWD SITUATION PREVAILING AT THAT TIME:

- \* LUNG MUN ROAD BETWEEN WU SHAN ROAD AND THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA;
- \* WU KING ROAD;
- \* ROAD 28A;
- \* ROAD 44K; AND
- \* WU SHAN ROAD SECTION SOUTH OF THE UNNAMED LOOP ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL VEHICLES PARKED IN THE CARPARKS OF THE HOUSING ESTATES IN THE BUTTERFLY AREA ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE VIA THE CLOSED ROADS. SPECTATORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AND FROM BUTTERFLY BEACH.

ALL PARKING SPACES AT THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 PM UNTIL ABOUT 9.30 PM. VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED AT THE SUSPENDED PARKING SPACES WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE.

THE TAXI STAND IN THE PIER HEAD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7.30 PM UNTIL ABOUT 9.30 PM.

AS FROM 7.30 PM, KMB ROUTES 59A, 59M AND 59X WILL BE REROUTED VIA LUNG MUN ROAD AND WU SHAN ROAD AND BE TERMINATED ON THE SECTION OF WU SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND EAST OF WU KING ROAD.

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DURING THE DIVERSION PERIOD, THE BUS STOPS IN THE PIER HEAD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND ALONG LUNG MUN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN WU SHAN ROAD AND ROAD 28A, WU SHAN ROAD, ROAD 28A AND ROAD 44K WILL BE SUSPENDED.

PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FOR TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO USE THE TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS AT WU SHAN ROAD.

WHEN THE CLOSED ROADS ARE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC, ALL THESE BUS SERVICES WILL RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

THE MELODY GARDEN, BUTTERFLY AND LRT DEPOT LIGHT RAIL STOPS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7.30 PM UNTIL ABOUT 9.30 PM. PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE SAN SHEK WAN AND THE FERRY PIER STOPS INSTEAD.

TO COPE WITH THE PASSENGER DEMAND AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY, ADDITIONAL LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED.

AS FROM 7.30 PM, LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT FEEDER BUS ROUTE 520 WILL OMIT ROAD 28A AND ROAD 44K AND TERMINATE AT THE BUS STOP ON LUNG MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND OUTSIDE THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA. WHEN THE CLOSED ROADS ARE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC, ROUTE 520 WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL ROUTEING.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE CENTRAL TO TUEN MUN HOVERFERRY SERVICE WILL BE CURTAILED WITH THE LAST SAILING DEPARTING BLAKE PIER AND TUEN MUN FERRY PIER AT 7.45 PM AND 8 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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