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HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL DELEGATION SETS OFF

A GROUP OF 80 PEOPLE LEFT FOR LONDON THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL - THE GREATEST OVERSEAS PROMOTION THAT GOVERNMENT HAS EVER STAGED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE GROUP - THE MAIN CONTINGENT OF THE FESTIVAL DELEGATION OF OVER 150 - COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, THE CHIU CHOW ASSOCIATION, THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG RESIDENTS (HK) ASSOCIATION, AND THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTING LTD.

THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR GEORGE YUEN, WHO WISHED THEM BON-VOYAGE AND EVERY SUCCESS IN THEIR MISSION.

AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS ARE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MESSRS LAU WONG-FAT AND LIU YUN-SUM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHIU CHOW ASSOCIATION, MR LIU LIT-MAN, AS WELL AS A TEAM OF FAMOUS TVB ARTISTES LED BY ROMAN TAM, ROWENA CORTES AND YUEN SIU-FAI.

THE FIRST GROUP OF 12 PARTICIPANTS LEFT LAST WEEK TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES. THE LAST GROUP FROM THE POK OI HOSPITAL WILL DEPART LATER THIS WEEK TO JOIN OTHER DELEGATES IN LONDON.

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21 AT BATTERSEA PARK, LONDON, TO PROJECT A FAVOURABLE HONG KONG IMAGE BY +SELLING+ TO LONDONERS OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE : THE DRAGON BOAT RACE ON THE RIVER THAMES, THE EXHIBITION OF THE JUNK +KEYING II+, A LANTERN PARADE, A MARKETING FAIR AND A CHINESE THEATRE.

THE FESTIVAL IS EXPECTED TO DRAW UP TO 250 000 PEOPLE. MILLIONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO VISIT THE FESTIVAL WILL BE ABLE TO SEE OR HEAR ABOUT IT THROUGH THE LIVE BROADCASTS OF THE PROGRAMMES BY LOCAL TV AND RADIO STATIONS.

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TRAINS RESCHEDULED FOR TRACK WORK
AT RACECOURSE STATION

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TRAINS WILL BE SLIGHTLY RESCHEDULED ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17) AS MAJOR ENGINEERING WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT RACECOURSE STATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR SAID PART OF THE PLAN TO REBUILD THE ENTIRE LINE INVOLVED REALIGNING THE TRACK LAYOUT AT RACECOURSE STATION TO ENABLE WORK TO CONTINUE ON THE NEW MAINTENANCE DEPOT COMPLEX AT THE NEARBY HO TUNG LAU.

WORK WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY AND BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTED LINE CAPACITY BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO KAU, ALL TRAINS WILL BE RUNNING UNDER TEMPORARY OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

FOR THIS REASON, DELAYS WILL ARISE AND IN SOME INDIVIDUAL CASES THIS COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL.

ON WEDNESDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, PASSENGERS WERE RECOMMENDED TO TAKE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORT IF POSSIBLE.

ON AND FROM THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) TRAINS WOULD BE RUNNING REASONABLY NORMAL BUT OCCASIONAL DELAYS COULD ARISE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FULL NORMAL SERVICES WILL BE RESUMED ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY REGRETS THE INCONVENIENCE THAT MAY BE CAUSED TO PASSENGERS BUT SOME DISRUPTION FROM TIME TO TIME IS INEVITABLE DURING THE COMPLEX TASK OF REBUILDING THE RAILWAY.

HOWEVER, EVERY EFFORT IS AND WILL BE MADE TO KEEP THE DISRUPTION DOWN TO AN IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM.

TIME TABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PASSENGERS.

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CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE MOVES TO VICTORIA BARRACKS

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THE CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE FROM ITS NEW OFFICE IN VICTORIA BARRACKS TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ITS OFFICE IN CAXTON HOUSE, DUDDLELL STREET, CENTRAL DISTRICT HAS CLOSED.

THE OFFICE PROCESSES APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSION OF STAY AND RE-ENTRY VISAS FROM PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE FROM CHINA AND ARE HOLDING PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID WITH THIS MOVE OF OFFICE ALL APPLICATIONS MADE BY IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WOULD BE PROCESSED AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) RELEASED
ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS AS FOLLOWS :

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS</u>	
	<u>JUNE 1980</u>	<u>JULY 1980</u>
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.0	4.9
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.6	2.5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.2	3.8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	4.3	4.0
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.2	5.3
OTHERS	3.8	3.5
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.3

THESE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979. AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO CONTAINS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1980 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 A COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE AT THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL: 5-274203).

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MORE WELFARE PREMISES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR PREMISES EARMARKED FOR WELFARE PURPOSES IN 18 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THIRTY-EIGHT PREMISES, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF OVER 16 100 SQUARE METRES, HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR SUCH PURPOSES. THEY VARY IN SIZES FROM 93 TO 1 680 SQUARE METRES.

OF THESE PREMISES, 12 ARE INTENDED FOR SOCIAL CENTRES AND THREE FOR HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY- THREE FOR CLUBS, TWO FOR HOSTELS AND TWO FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED- 11 FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES- AND FIVE FOR NURSERIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THIS LATEST INFORMATION ON WELFARE PREMISES HAD BEEN PASSED TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR FORWARD PLANNING.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY LIAISED WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE ALLOCATION OF WELFARE PREMISES TO ENSURE A BALANCED PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

PREMISES WHICH ARE NOW RESERVED ARE EITHER IN EXISTING ESTATES OR IN ESTATES UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR TO BE BUILT SHORTLY, AND ARE ALL EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE 1985-86.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TWO PREMISES FOR RUNNING SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WERE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SHEK LEI ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN AND LAM TIN ESTATE IN KWUN TONG.

PREMISES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 15 600 SQUARE METRES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN 16 ESTATES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR TO BE BUILT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE SAID.

THESE ESTATES ARE IN AP LEI CHAU ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NGAU TAU KOK, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON, AND IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, SHEUNG SHUI, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREMISES SHOULD REACH, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 1980, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREMISES OR APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION (TEL NO 5-774659).

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COURSES TO TRAIN MORE BOILER OPERATORS

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THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ARE TO RUN EVENING COURSES TO TRAIN MORE QUALIFIED BOILER OPERATORS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD APPROACHED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLYTECHNIC TO ORGANISE THE COURSES WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS, MAINLY IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE ALL BOILERS MUST BE OPERATED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF PEOPLE HOLDING CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY.

THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES SITTING FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATION HAD DOUBLED, BUT THIS STILL COULD NOT SOLVE THE SHORTAGE.

+WITH A VIEW TO OVERCOMING THE SHORTAGE, ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WAS SOUGHT. AS A RESULT, THE POLYTECHNIC AND THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAVE AGREED TO START EVENING COURSES OF 16 TO 18 HOURS DURATION EXTENDING OVER FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSES WERE EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY OCTOBER AND INITIALLY WOULD COVER THE BOILERS USED IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, I.E. CLASSES III AND III(A).

PEOPLE HOLDING CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY FOR CLASS III BOILERS WERE ALLOWED TO OPERATE THE MANUALLY AS WELL AS THE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED BOILERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS, HE SAID.

THOSE HOLDING CERTIFICATES FOR CLASS III(A) BOILERS WERE PERMITTED TO OPERATE THE MANUALLY CONTROLLED BOILERS ONLY.

THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS III BOILER COURSE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST NINE MONTHS' EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING BOILERS, OF WHICH AT LEAST SIX MONTHS MUST BE IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED BOILERS. THOSE FOR CLASS III(A) SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS' EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING MANUALLY CONTROLLED BOILERS.

CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSES SHOULD NORMALLY BE MORE THAN 21 YEARS OLD.

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CANTONESE. AT THE END OF THE COURSES THE CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

THOSE SUCCESSFUL IN THE EXAMINATION WILL BE ISSUED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY BY THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO SIT FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE COURSES SHOULD APPROACH THE POLYTECHNIC OR THE HAKING WONG INSTITUTE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR APPLICATION FORMS.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FUNDS TO FINANCE
YOUTH COMMUNITY PROJECTS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR THIS YEAR ALLOCATED OVER \$123 500 UNDER ITS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME TO FINANCE 72 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS INITIATED BY YOUTH GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING THE SECOND ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS UNDER THE SCHEME FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 12.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974 TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN PROJECTS.

HE SAID 92 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN THE FIRST ROUND THIS YEAR AND 72 WERE SUCCESSFUL.

THE APPROVED PROJECTS COVERED COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, YOUNG CHILDREN, AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT PROJECTS SUBMITTED WERE ASSESSED FOR THEIR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, INNOVATION, FEASIBILITY AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES.

THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR EACH PROJECT IS \$2 500, HE SAID, AND PROJECTS ARE CARRIED OUT UNDER CLOSE WORKING LIAISON WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ANY GROUP OF AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25 YEARS, AND SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WHICH ARE NOT SO SPONSORED MAY ALSO APPLY PROVIDED THEY HAVE OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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TSING YI ISLAND TO GET NEW PUMPING STATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION AND STAFF QUARTERS ON THE RECLAMATION AT THE EASTERN PART OF TSING YI ISLAND NEAR THE TSING YI BRIDGE.

THE PUMPING STATION WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF SUPPLYING 24 000 CUBIC METRES OF SALT WATER A DAY.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE THE SUPPLY OF SEA-WATER FOR FLUSHING TO THE ISLANDERS BUT WILL ALSO IMPROVE FIRE FIGHTING FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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DAY OF FUN FOR PWD STAFF

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IT WAS A DAY OF COLOUR, THRILLS AND SPILLS AT ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HELD ITS 1980 SWIMMING GALA.

THE COLOUR WAS PROVIDED BY THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS UP OF THE MISS HONG KONG CONTEST, MISS JULIA CHAN AND MISS JANET WONG WHEN THEY ASSISTED MRS MCDONALD, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CUTTING THE OPENING CEREMONY RIBBON.

AND THEN IT WAS A BIG SPLASH DURING THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON AS 25 EVENTS WERE BATTLED OUT WITH 516 ENTRIES FROM PWD STAFF WHEN THEY COMPETED IN FREESTYLE, BACKSTROKE, BREASTSTROKE AND BUTTERFLY STYLES, RELAYS AND MEDLEYS.

THERE WAS VARIETY FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN AND DISTANCE OF SWIM RANGED FROM 25 METRES TO 400 METRES.

TWELVE OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED ENTRIES, THE HIGHEST NUMBER FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE WITH 149 ENTRIES AND 58 COMPETITORS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS JUDGES AND OFFICIALS TOTTED UP FINAL SCORES, THE SWIMMERS AND SPECTATORS WERE TREATED TO A DISPLAY OF SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

DURING HIS OPENING ADDRESS, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, PRAISED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE OBJECTS OF THE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, WERE TO PROMOTE RELATIONSHIP, MUTUAL HELP AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG FELLOW COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT AND TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE GENERAL INTEREST OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON WATERLOO ROAD

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON WATERLOO ROAD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG WATERLOO ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YIM PO FONG STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE FROM 10 AM ON THAT DAY FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS FOR THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER WATERLOO ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, RIGHT TURNS FROM WYLIE ROAD INTO WATERLOO ROAD AND FROM WATERLOO ROAD INTO YIM PO FONG STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED.

CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NO 103 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WYLIE ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND PUI CHING ROAD.

TSIM SHA TSUI-BOUND MAXICAB ROUTE NO 8 FROM HO MAN TIN WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED VIA PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD AND FAT KWONG STREET.

A BOX JUNCTION WILL BE SET UP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD, SOARES AVENUE AND PUI CHING ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

IN MONG KOK, SOARES AVENUE WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY.

WITHIN THIS CLEARWAY, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM, AND BETWEEN 1 PM AND 7 PM DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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