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BAN ON BARBEQUING IN THREE FORESTRY AREAS
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A TOTAL BAN ON BARBEQUING IS BEING ENFORCED IN THREE MAJOR FORESTRY PLANTATION AREAS IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE WHOLE OF THE TAI PO KAU SPECIAL AREA, THE SHING MUN FOREST WITHIN THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK AND THE WHOLE OF THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK (EXCEPT ALONG THE PAT HEUNG CATCHWATER) HAVE BEEN DECLARED BARBEQUE-PROHIBITED AREAS BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY.

THIS WILL MEAN A CLOSURE OF ABOUT 50 DESIGNATED BARBEQUE SITES AND CAMPSITES.

VEHICULAR ACCESS IN KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK AND ALONG THE PAT HEUNG CATCHWATER WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOTICES WILL BE POSTED AT EACH OF THE SITES ADVISING OF THE CLOSURE ACTION.

THE STERN MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. MARTIN LEWIS.

+IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO TAKE STRICTER MEASURES SUCH AS CLOSING PARTS OF SOME COUNTRY PARKS WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO DO SO+, HE SAID.

SINCE OCTOBER 1 MORE THAN 500 000 TREES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND SOME 2 000 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND HAVE BEEN RAZED BY HILL FIRES, ALL OF WHICH WERE STARTED BY CARELESS GRAVE WORSHIPPERS, FARMERS AND PICNICKERS IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE INCLUDING THE COUNTRY PARKS.

+IT IS UNFORTUNATE WE HAVE TO LIMIT THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN THESE THREE AREAS, BUT VISITORS ARE REMINDED THAT THERE ARE 21 COUNTRY PARKS IN HONG KONG FOR RECREATIONAL USE, SO WITH PROPER FORWARD PLANNING THEY CAN GO ELSEWHERE.

+THE NEW CONTROLS ARE NECESSARY TO CURB ANY FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF THE HEAVILY WOODED AREAS.

+ANY PERSON FOUND LIGHTING A FIRE WITHIN THE PROHIBITED AREAS IS LIABLE TO FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT. THIS PENALTY ALSO APPLIES TO ANY FIRE OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED BARBEQUE SITE WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK. THE PENALTY FOR LIGHTING FIRES IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE IS \$2 000 FINE AND A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT,+ SAID MR. LEWIS.

HE SAID A CAMPAIGN TO ADVISE FARMERS ON PROPER PROCEDURES BURNING OFF THEIR CROPS HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS FIRE RISK.

+AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND FOREST GUARDS WILL BE VISITING INDIVIDUAL FARMERS IN THE PAT HEUNG AND LAM TSUEN AREAS ADVISING THEM OF THE DO'S AND DON'TS IN BURNING OFF THEIR CROPS.

+POSTERS DEPICTING THE CORRECT METHOD WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE PROBLEM AREAS. AND AGAIN, ANY FARMER WHO ALLOWS HIS CROP FIRE TO GET OUT OF CONTROL IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE FACES A FINE OF \$2 000 AND A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT,+ SAID MR. LEWIS.

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FERRY SERVICES TO CHAI WAN UNDER CONSIDERATION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IS ACTIVELY EXAMINING A PROPOSAL OF PROVIDING FERRY SERVICES TO CHAI WAN WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF A SUITABLE SITE IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): +THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSAL IN MEETING THE NEED OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC AND IN RELIEVING THE HEAVY PRESSURE ON LAND TRANSPORT DURING PEAK HOURS ARE GENERALLY RECOGNISED.+

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE/EASTERN, A REQUEST IN A LETTER SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 42 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN FOR THE PROVISION OF FERRY SERVICES TO CHAI WAN.

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CHIEF JUSTICE'S WORKING PARTY SEEKS PUBLIC ADVICE

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MR. JUSTICE T.L. YANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY SET UP BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO STUDY METHODS BY WHICH SUSPECTS' CONFESSION STATEMENTS ARE TAKEN BY THE POLICE AND THE COURTS' PROCEDURE FOR DECIDING ON THEIR ADMISSIBILITY AS EVIDENCE, IS SEEKING ADVICE AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, VIEWS ARE BEING SOUGHT FROM A NUMBER OF PERSONS AND BODIES INCLUDING URBAN COUNCILLORS, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LAW SOCIETY, THE JUDICIARY, AND CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE PARTY WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND ANY CHANGES IT DEEM DESIRABLE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING LAST SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS OF THE WORKING PARTY IS: CHIEF JUSTICE'S WORKING PARTY ON VOIR DIRE PROCEEDINGS AND JUDGES'S RULES, SUPREME COURT, BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG- AND ITS SECRETARY IS MR. W.L. YIP AT THE SAME ADDRESS, TEL: 5-236535.

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LARGEST LIBRARY IN NT OPENS IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE LARGEST LIBRARY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE NEW LIBRARY OCCUPYING MORE THAN 1 100 SQUARE METRES IN FLOOR AREA IN MAI CHUNG/MAI KWAI MANSIONS AT 87-89 WO TONG TSUI STREET HAS AN INITIAL STOCK OF 24 000 BOOKS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE A LENDING LIBRARY FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN, A NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL READING SECTION, A SMALL REFERENCE SECTION AND A STUDENT STUDY ROOM WITH 120 SEATS.

THE LIBRARY WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, MR. CHAN PO-FONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON ALSO ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY AND SPOKE. HE SAID ANOTHER SIMILAR-SIZED LIBRARY NOW UNDER ACTIVE PLANNING, WILL BE BUILT IN THE NEW SHEK YAM ROAD MARKET COMPLEX IN TSUEN WAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS OPENED LIBRARIES IN TAI PO, SHA TIN, SHEUNG SHUI, TUEN MUN, CHEUNG CHAU AND YUEN LONG.

+THE KWAI CHUNG LIBRARY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE, AND A SMALL LIBRARY AT TAI O, AND, EVENTUALLY, THERE WILL BE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ALL PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR. WILSON SAID.

LIKE ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, THE KWAI CHUNG LIBRARY WILL ORGANISE A VARIETY OF LIBRARY EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS MUSIC AND ART APPRECIATION SESSIONS, TALKS ON MANY SUBJECTS, STORY HOURS FOR CHILDREN, FILM SHOWS, AND ART AND BOOK EXHIBITIONS.

THE FIRST EXTENSION ACTIVITY FOR THE KWAI CHUNG LIBRARY WILL BE A POPULAR SCIENCE LECTURE TO BE GIVEN BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ECOLOGIST, MR. FRANK LAU SIN-PANG, THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT 3.30 PM. IN THE LIBRARY'S EXTENSION ACTIVITY ROOM.

THE THEME OF THE TALK IS +HONG KONG WILD LIFE+ AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CHILD CARE
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS. EVELYN DOE, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) CHAIR A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE THIRD PHASE OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

MRS. DOE WILL SPEAK ON THE THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN, +THE CHILD AND THE FAMILY,+ WHICH AIMS AT EDUCATING FAMILY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY PARENTS, ON THE NEED FOR PROPER CHILD CARE.

SHE WILL ALSO GIVE DETAILS OF A NEWLY-FORMED CENTRAL GUIDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. WILFRED TSUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS. MARIA KONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, AND MRS. PATRICIA CHU, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 PM. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE THEATRE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION OPENS IN TSUEN WAN
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. H.T. LUI TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED AN ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSUEN WAN.

THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THAILAND, PROFESSOR PRASOP RATANAKORN, ALSO ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS PART OF THE CURRENT TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG DISTRICT CAMPAIGN AIMS AT MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE, STIMULATING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM AND PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS.

IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT THE EXHIBITION WILL MOVE FROM PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE TO KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL- LADY MACLEHOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN SHEK LEI AND LEI MUK SHUE COMMUNITY HALL.

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PARTICIPANTS OF THE EXHIBITION INCLUDE THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS AND ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS OPENED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER LAST SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18), FEATURES MORE THAN 90 ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES FOR THE 600 000 RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT INCLUDING KWAI CHUNG, MA WAN AND TSING YI ISLANDS.

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WORLD FAMOUS VIOLINIST TO PLAY WITH ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA
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WORLD FAMOUS VIOLINIST AND MUSIC EDUCATIONALIST, MAESTRO YEHUDI MENUHIN WILL GIVE A CONCERT WITH THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA ON DECEMBER 9 (SUNDAY) AT 3 PM. IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE MUSIC CAMP.

THE ORCHESTRA IS MADE UP OF 120 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 12 COUNTRIES NOW TAKING PART IN THE TWO-WEEK MUSIC CAMP IN HONG KONG. IT WILL ACCOMPANY YEHUDI MENUHIN IN TWO VIOLIN CONCERTOS - J.S. BACH'S A-MINOR CONCERTO AND BEETHOVEN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL ALSO PLAY CHABRIER'S ESPANA - RHAPSODY AND HATTORI'S TWO MOVEMENTS FOR STRINGS.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

TICKETS AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CITY HALL BOX OFFICE.

IN ADDITION, THE ASIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE THREE CONCERTS SEPARATELY ON DECEMBER 7 AND 14 IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AND ON DECEMBER 15 IN THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

IN THE LAST CONCERT THE ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM TCHAIKOVSKY'S 1812 OVERTURE WITH 1 000 HONG KONG MUSICIANS.

ADMISSION TO THESE THREE CONCERTS IS FREE AND TICKETS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE CITY HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

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SITE FORMATION FOR NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN FANLING
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$9.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOUSING ESTATE AT FANLING FOR 20 000 PEOPLE.

THE CONTRACT WHICH WENT TO GAMMON (HK) LTD INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF 9.4 HECTARES OF LAND TO THE SOUTH OF FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUNK DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE AREA.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE FORMED SITE WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 20 000 PEOPLE BY 1983/84.+

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MESSRS. MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PWD.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TUEN MUN
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TUEN MUN IS TO HOLD TWO SEPARATE ROAD SAFETY DAYS DURING THE NEXT TWO SATURDAYS EMPHASISING THE NEED FOR SAFE CYCLING AND ROAD CROSSING IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND THE FIRST ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) STARTING AT 11 AM.

IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG; THE TUEN MUN DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, MR. S.J. MCDERMOTT; THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, MR. CECIL CHAN.

THE DAY'S EVENTS WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS OF SAFE CYCLING AND ROAD CROSSING AS WELL AS ROAD SAFETY COMPETITIONS IN WHICH 20 ITEMS FROM SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL TAKE PART.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE TUEN MUN ROAD SAFETY DAY AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND AT 11 AM. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24). PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 2411) WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.45 AM. SHARP.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL IN THE EARLY MORNING OF SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AND MONDAY TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

FROM 1.15 AM. TO 5.30 AM. ON SUNDAY AND FROM 1.15 AM. TO 3 AM. ON MONDAY, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND QUEEN VICTORIA STREET WILL BE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GILMAN STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN VICTORIA STREET.

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN JUBILEE STREET AND GILMAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 3 AM. TO 5.30 AM. ON MONDAY AND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JUBILEE STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND RUMSEY STREET.

ALSO ON MONDAY, THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN GILMAN STREET BETWEEN PIER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.15 AM. TO 3 AM. WHILE THE NORTHBOUND SECTION WILL OPEN TO TWO-WAY SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE
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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THESE NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.32 PM., 12.53 PM. AND 1.14 PM.

THERE WILL BE SIX TRAINS INCLUDING THREE SPECIALS TO CARRY PASSENGERS BACK FROM RACE COURSE STATION AT 4.40 PM., 5.47 PM., 6 PM., 6.11 PM., 6.30 PM. AND 7.15 PM.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THE INTERSECTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM. AND 5 AM. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO FACILITATE THE PAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWAI FOO ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD TO REJOIN KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI LIN PAI ROAD TO REJOIN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AT THE KWAI FOO ROAD JUNCTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9.30 AM. TO 5.30 PM. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 26) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS DIVERSION WORKS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN A KUNG WAN AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, INCLUDING TAI PO TSAI VILLAGE= AND THOSE ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND PO TUNG ROAD INCLUDING HOUSES IN TUI MIN HOI AND SAI KUNG MARKET AREAS.

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