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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR APRIL

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN APRIL 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$8,486 MILLION, INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SUGGESTS THAT LOCAL CONSUMER SPENDING HAS BEEN MODERATING.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 33 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY ONLY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 28 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 18 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE, AND 6 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

HOWEVER, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 18 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 22 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO APRIL OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 24 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 41 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 23 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES WENT UP BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT WERE ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR APRIL 1989 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FUELS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN SALES VALUE AND DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME WHILST THOSE FOR CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 1 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 36 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE, AND BY 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 19 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 20 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR MARCH 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR APRIL 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN MARCH 1989 AND APRIL 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF APRIL 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR APRIL 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO APRIL 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF APRIL 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234941.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for April 1989 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$ 8,486million
 for March 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$ 8,576million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR MARCH 1989 AND APRIL 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	March	April	April 1989		April 1989		Jan.-Apr. 1989	
		1989	1989	compared with March 1989	compared with April 1988	compared with April 1988	compared with April 1988	compared with Jan.-Apr. 1988	compared with Jan.-Apr. 1988
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	153	152	-2	-1	13	10	21	14
	Volume	122	118	-3	-3	2	2	7	6
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	132	132	#	#	19	17	15	12
	Volume	107	106	-2	-2	7	7	2	1
Fuels	Value	100	103	3	3	15	17	2	2
	Volume	105	106	3	3	12	12	#	#
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	184	193	9	5	48	33	39	24
	Volume	139	140	1	1	23	20	16	12
Consumer durables	Value	147	146	-1	-1	1	1	23	16
	Volume	114	110	-4	-3	-8	-7	8	7
Other consumer goods	Value	169	163	-6	-4	7	5	21	13
	Volume	133	127	-6	-5	-2	-2	8	6
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	158	155	-3	-2	23	18	16	11
	Volume	125	122	-3	-2	7	6	#	#
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	209	286	77	37	78	37	107	52
	Volume	140	191	51	36	42	28	62	41
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	128	103	-25	-19	-23	-18	-3	-2
	Volume	106	85	-21	-20	-24	-22	-8	-7
Department stores	Value	191	188	-3	-2	24	15	41	23
	Volume	145	139	-6	-4	5	4	17	12

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within ± 0.5 .

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HIGH MATERNAL DEATH RATE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

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HALF A MILLION WOMEN ARE DYING EVERY YEAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE RESULT OF PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH, AND THIS SHOCKING MATERNAL DEATH RATE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE NOTED THAT THE RISK OF MATERNAL DEATH WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MATERNAL AGE, BIRTH DISORDERS, ILLEGAL ABORTION, AND LACK OF TRAINED HEALTH PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE MATERNITY CARE AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.

"A PREGNANT WOMAN IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY HAS A CHANCE OF DYING 200 TIMES HIGHER THAN ONE IN A DEVELOPED COUNTRY," LADY WILSON SAID, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE SECOND WESTERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT 60 PER CENT OF THESE DEATHS WERE ESTIMATED TO OCCUR IN SOUTH ASIA AND EAST ASIA.

ACCORDING TO THE WORLD BANK, SOUTH ASIA COMPRISES THE COUNTRIES SURROUNDING THE INDIAN PENINSULA, AND EAST ASIA IS THE REGION IN WHICH HONG KONG IS LOCATED.

THE SHOCKING MATERNAL DEATH RATE, LADY WILSON SAID, MEANT THAT EVERY YEAR HALF A MILLION FAMILIES IN THE WORLD WOULD LOSE THEIR MOTHERS, THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE FAMILY.

IN OTHER WORDS, 1,400 FAMILIES WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR MOTHERS EVERY DAY, WHILST BEARING AND GIVING BIRTH TO THEIR CHILDREN, SHE ADDED.

"THESE MIND-BOGGLING FIGURES ARE SHOCKING, AND CERTAINLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID IT WAS TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE THAT THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES WAS ADDRESSING THIS IMPORTANT AND DISTRESSING ISSUE.

"MIDWIVES WHO CARE FOR, AND DELIVER THESE WOMEN, ARE GATHERED TOGETHER HERE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THIS WORLD PROBLEM. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT SOUTH ASIA AND EAST ASIA ARE BOTH REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE.

"I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL COME UP WITH SOME ANSWERS TO DECREASE THESE HORRIFIC FIGURES FOR MATERNAL DEATHS IN THIS REGION," SHE SAID.

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ROYAL HK POLICE REVIEW 1988 RELEASED

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THE YEAR 1988 SAW SOME EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH A REDUCTION IN OVERALL CRIME, A RECORD YEAR FOR DRUG SEIZURES AND NEUTRALISATION OF HEROIN MANUFACTURING PLANTS, PLUS A SERIES OF SIGNIFICANT BUILDING PROGRAMMES AND SOME HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS WHICH WILL ASSIST THE FORCE TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS UP TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMOND ANNING, IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE REVIEW 1988, WHICH WAS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY).

ON THE CRIME FRONT, MR ANNING SAID THAT THE 2.5 PER CENT DROP IN REPORTED CRIME WAS A WELCOME REVERSAL, AND MEANT THAT THE CRIME STATE HAD RETURNED TO THE LEVEL AT WHICH IT STOOD AT THE END OF 1981.

"WHEN VIEWED IN TERMS OF THE CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION THE DECREASE IN OUR CRIME LEVEL (DESPITE THE POPULATION INCREASE) WAS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT, AND MEANS THAT HONG KONG CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD.

"THERE WERE REDUCTIONS IN QUICK CASH CRIME, HOMICIDES, SNATCHING, PICKPOCKETING AND SHOP THEFT. INDEED SNATCHING RECORDED THE LOWEST FIGURE SINCE THE TURN OF THE DECADE, AND SHOP THEFT REDUCED TO 15.3 CASES A DAY," SAID THE COMMISSIONER, ADDING THAT THE CRIME DETECTION RATE REMAINED HIGH AT 46.5 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, MR ANNING SAID THAT VIOLENT CRIME AND ALL CATEGORIES OF ROBBERIES, OTHER THAN BANK ROBBERIES, SHOWED INCREASES, AND THE NUMBER OF GENUINE FIREARMS SEIZED ALSO ROSE FROM SEVEN CASES IN 1987 TO 19 LAST YEAR.

BURGLARIES, TOO, ROSE SLIGHTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1985, HE ADDED.

POINTING OUT THAT DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTION HAD BEEN MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT A PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION WHICH AIMED AT SEQUESTERING THE ASSETS OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE FORCE WITH A USEFUL TOOL.

ON THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, MR ANNING SAID THE MARINE POLICE HAD BEEN KEPT BUSY WITH THE CONTINUED INFLUX, INCLUDING A 25 PER CENT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ENTERING THE TERRITORY FROM CHINA IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1988, AND THE ARRIVAL OF 18,446 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

"WE WERE ADDITIONALLY CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING FOR A DETENTION CENTRE AT ERSKINE CAMP AND A REFUGEE CAMP AT PILLAR POINT," THE POLICE CHIEF SAID.

ON THE TRAFFIC FRONT, MR ANNING SAID THE FIGURES FOR ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH AND INJURY LEVELLED OFF AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THOUGH THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN FATALITIES.

THE POLICE FORCE, THE COMMISSIONER SAID, HAD TAKEN A MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF OVERLOADED GOODS VEHICLES, AND FOUR PERMANENT WEIGH-STATIONS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS THE TERRITORY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

"THE FIRST IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE TOLO HIGHWAY AT MA LIU SHUI NEAR SHA TIN AND WILL COMMENCE OPERATION IN LATE 1989," MR ANNING SAID.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT WAS HEARTENING TO NOTE THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE HAD DROPPED DURING THE YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN OVERALL DECREASE OF 28.7 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

NOTING THAT SIX PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED AND BECAME OPERATIONAL LAST YEAR, MR ANNING SAID MORE BUILDING PROJECTS WERE IN THE PIPELINE TO MEET THE EVER-GROWING POLICING COMMITMENTS.

IN CONCLUSION, HE STRESSED THAT THE FORCE WOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH A SERIES OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS INCLUDING THE ENHANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ON THE RISE

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THERE WAS AN ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN ALL INDUSTRIES DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY), THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH STOOD AT 7,693 WITH 28 FATALITIES.

THESE COMPARED WITH 6,654 ACCIDENTS WITH 11 FATALITIES IN THE SAME THREE-MONTH PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"OF THE TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ACCOUNTED FOR 3,534 ACCIDENTS WITH 16 FATALITIES, FOLLOWED BY 3,394 ACCIDENTS WITH FIVE FATALITIES IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AND 765 ACCIDENTS WITH SEVEN FATAL CASES IN THE MINING AND QUARRYING, UTILITIES, TRANSPORT AND OTHER SERVICING INDUSTRIES," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED A 19 PER CENT INCREASE, THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WAS UP BY 12 PER CENT AND THE REST UP BY 18 PER CENT."

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AN ANALYSIS INTO THE STATISTICS SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A SHARP INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS IN THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIPREPAIRING INDUSTRY -- 169 CASES WITH FOUR DEATHS WERE REPORTED BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH, COMPARED WITH 94 ACCIDENTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY ALSO REGISTERED A 35 PER CENT RISE -- FROM 462 CASES BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH LAST YEAR TO 622 IN THE SAME QUARTER THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENTS WERE INVARIABLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS -- STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS (1,750 CASES), HANDLING WITHOUT MACHINERY (1,666 CASES), MACHINERY (1,129 CASES), FALL OF PERSONS (397 CASES) AND FALLING OBJECTS (299 CASES). THE REST WERE CONNECTED TO TRANSPORT, HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE, ELECTRICITY, HAND TOOL, AND SO ON.

AS FOR THE 28 FATAL CASES, 17 WORKERS WERE KILLED AS A RESULT OF FALLING FROM HEIGHT (OF WHOM 10 WERE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY); FOUR BY FALLING OBJECTS (ALL FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY); THREE BY MACHINERY; TWO IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSPORT; ONE BY ELECTRICITY; AND THE CAUSE OF THE OTHER ONE IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

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SUCCESS OF CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT REQUIRES ENTHUSIASM

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT TO KEEP IN THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR MINDS THE PRINCIPLES, IDEALS AND PRACTICE OF CO-OPERATION TO ENSURE A CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE MOVEMENT.

SPEAKING AT AN ANNUAL DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE 67TH INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY IN HIS CAPACITY AS REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT DEPENDED GREATLY ON THE HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ADDED TO THIS, HE SAID, THEY MUST ALSO POSSESS THE NECESSARY QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE CO-OPERATIVE BELIEF.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JULY EVERY YEAR, CO-OPERATORS ALL OVER THE WORLD GATHER TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY TO RENEW THEIR MEMORIES AND FAITH IN THE CO-OPERATIVE PRINCIPLES, IDEALS AND VALUES FOUNDED AND TREASURED BY THEIR PREDECESSORS AND PIONEERS IN THE MOVEMENT.

IN HIS ADDRESS, DR LEE REVIEWED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS. HE SAID LOCAL FISHERMEN ENJOYED SATISFACTORY FISHING AND FAIR PRICES FOR THEIR CATCHES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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THEIR LANDINGS IN 1988 IN FISH MARKETS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AMOUNTED TO 76,000 TONNES AND THEIR VALUE TOTALLED \$589 MILLION, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 10 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT OVER THOSE OF 1987.

HE SAID: "FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO DO WELL. TO DATE, THERE ARE 67 SOCIETIES WITH 2,041 MEMBERS.

"A TOTAL SURPLUS OF SOME \$140,000 WAS REGISTERED IN 1988 AND THE CUMULATIVE REVOLVING LOAN FUND CAPITAL BUILT UP FROM MEMBERS' SAVINGS STOOD AT \$6.42 MILLION.

"MEMBERS OBTAINED LOANS AMOUNTING TO SOME \$16 MILLION FROM THEIR OWN LOAN FUNDS AND FROM THE LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THIS DEPARTMENT TO BUILD NEW FISHING VESSELS, PURCHASE FISHING GEAR AND EQUIPMENT AND TO REPAIR HULLS AND ENGINES."

TURNING TO AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVES, HE SAID THAT OF THE 63,000 TONNES OF LOCAL VEGETABLES MARKETED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION IN 1988-89, ABOUT 46 PER CENT CAME FROM 27 VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

"THROUGH THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, CLOSE CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION HAVE CONTINUED TO BE MAINTAINED AMONG THE SOCIETIES, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MARKET MANAGEMENT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FEDERATION AND ITS MEMBER SOCIETIES FOR THEIR ADVICE AND SUPPORT OF THE NEW MARKET SERVICE TO MONITOR PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON VEGETABLES MARKETED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION," DR LEE SAID, ADDING THAT THE SERVICE WAS WELCOMED BY MARKET USERS.

DR LEE SAID THE 26 PIG RAISING AND AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD CONTINUED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN PROMOTING LOCAL PIG PRODUCTION BY HELPING THEIR MEMBERS TO UPGRADE BREEDING STOCK AND TO OBTAIN THE LATEST TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON MODERN PIG PRODUCTION.

HE SAID THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WAS ACTIVE IN SOLICITING AND REFLECTING MEMBERS' VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON PROBLEMS OF KEEPING LIVESTOCK. IT CONTINUED THE BULK PURCHASE OF PIG FEED AND THE JOINT PIG MARKETING SCHEME AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT.

"DURING 1988-89, 38 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL \$11.9 MILLION LOANED TO FARMERS FROM VARIOUS LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS CHANNELLED THROUGH THEIR SOCIETIES.

"AT THE SAME TIME, A TOTAL OF \$249,000 FROM THE SOCIETIES OWN REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS WAS ALSO ISSUED TO MEMBERS TO MEET A WIDE RANGE OF FARM CREDIT NEEDS," HE SAID.

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TURNING TO CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE URBAN AREA, DR LEE NOTED THAT SINCE JANUARY 1987, 28 CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETIES WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 506 HAD SUBMITTED THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR DISSOLUTION TO ACHIEVE THE TRANSFER OF TITLE DEEDS.

AT THIS EVENING'S FUNCTION, DR LEE PRESENTED OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS TO MR LAM YUK-YIN, MR CHENG CHOW-HUI, MR KWOK SO AND MR CHAN SAU-TUNG, AND LONG SERVICE AWARDS TO MR KONG SUN AND MR PANG TO-KAM FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED AND LONG SERVICE IN THE LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

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SOCIAL WORKERS' EFFORTS COMMENDED

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THE HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS ARE VITAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUTH SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHEUNG ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OF THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING.

SHE NOTED THAT THE CENTRE, WHICH HAD BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE JULY LAST YEAR, ENABLED YOUNG PEOPLE ON TSING YI ISLAND TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME, DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, AND BUILD UP THEIR INTEGRITY AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

ALSO, THE LIBRARY IN THE CENTRE PROVIDED A QUIET ENVIRONMENT FOR READING FOR YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT, SHE SAID, AND THE BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY THE CENTRE HELPED ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1969. IT IS NOW OPERATING SEVEN CENTRES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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ABOUT \$24 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON THE MORE THAN 11,000 ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THIS WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE 1989 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AT SHA TIN RACECOURSE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

/MR LIAO

MR LIAO SAID THE PROGRAMME HAS BECOME A POPULAR ANNUAL EVENT AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION SINCE ITS INCEPTION 20 YEARS AGO.

LAST SUMMER, ABOUT 1.45 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN SOME 10,400 ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 11,000 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS EXPECTED TO REACH A RECORD 1.5 MILLION.

MR LIAO SAID: "THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL SPORT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE PROGRAMME AIMS AT PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS, INCLUDING STUDENTS AND THE WORKING YOUTH, TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, POTENTIAL AND HEALTHY INTERESTS; UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS; AND GET TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY."

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS BEEN THE MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. ITS CONTRIBUTION HAS INCREASED FROM \$8.95 MILLION LAST YEAR TO \$9.7 MILLION THIS YEAR. THE OTHER FUNDING, IN CASH AND KIND, COMES MAINLY FROM DISTRICT BOARDS, COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, A STEWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, MR ANDREW K.N. LI PRESENTED A CHEQUE TO MR LIAO AS A TOKEN OF THE CLUB'S CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMME.

MR LIAO AND MR LI ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND PRIVATE INSTITUTES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMME.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW IN WHICH POPULAR SINGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TOOK PART.

THE VARIETY SHOW, PRODUCED AND LIVE BROADCAST BY TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD., ATTRACTED MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE.

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FUN-FILLED SUMMER FOR MONG KOK YOUTHS
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A TOTAL OF 113 RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE BEING OFFERED TO PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25, LIVING IN MONG KOK.

THESE INCLUDE GAMES AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS, TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, FORUMS, OUTINGS, CAMPING, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST.

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A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD ON JULY 9 AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STALL GAMES AND AN EXHIBITION.

A PAMPHLET LISTING THE ACTIVITIES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$200,000, WHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$40,000, TO SPONSOR THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR POLLUTION PHOTO COMPETITION

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THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S "IDENTIFY THE POLLUTION SOURCES" PHOTO COMPETITION HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO JULY 14, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE COMPETITION, AIMED AT ENHANCING LOCAL RESIDENTS' CONCERN OVER POLLUTION PROBLEMS, IS OPEN TO ALL THOSE RESIDING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: ONE FOR THOSE AGED 18 OR ABOVE, AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD.

CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A 3R PHOTOGRAPH, COMPLETE WITH A CAPTION, ON ANY POLLUTION PROBLEM THEY SPOTTED IN THE DISTRICT. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM EACH CONTESTANT.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, BY THE DEADLINE.

THE PHOTO COMPETITION IS AMONG A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1989.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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DISTRICT POLICE HQ FOR MA ON SHAN

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A DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION WILL BE BUILT IN MA ON SHAN TO SERVE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SITUATED NEAR THE MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL COMPRISE A 17-STOREY MAIN BLOCK AND TWO SINGLE-STOREY ANCILLARY BUILDINGS.

THE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, PUBLIC REPORTING AREA, CELL BLOCK, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, CANTEEN AND MESS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE, 1992.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 21.

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NT TAXIS TO OPERATE IN MA ON SHAN

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THE OPERATING BOUNDARY OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MA ON SHAN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 3).

ALL NT TAXIS WILL SERVE ALL INTERNAL ROADS WITHIN MA ON SHAN, AND BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM SAI KUNG TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TO TAI PO OR NORTH DISTRICTS.

HOWEVER, NT TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ON THE MAIN ROADS BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

AT PRESENT, NT TAXIS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN SHA TIN, INCLUDING MA ON SHAN, EXCEPT TO TAKE PASSENGERS FROM THE NORTH TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND MEI SHA PIER. FROM SAI KUNG, NT TAXIS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO OPERATE AS FAR AS NAI CHUNG IN SAI KUNG NORTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR HAS GENERATED A DEMAND FOR TAXI TRAVEL BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND TAI PO/NORTH DISTRICTS VIA MA ON SHAN.

THE DEMAND FOR TAXI TRAVEL BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND TAI PO/NORTH DISTRICTS IS ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE WITH POPULATION GROWTH. NT TAXIS CAN MEET THIS INCREASING DEMAND.

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REMOVAL OF THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS WILL ALSO ALLOW PATIENTS FROM SAI KUNG TO TRAVEL TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL DIRECT BY NT TAXIS, HE ADDED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED NEW TERRITORIES TAXI URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * FO TAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND YUEN WO ROAD;
- * YUEN WO ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD;
- * THE SLIP ROADS OFF SHA TIN ROAD LEADING TO AND FROM TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD;
- * THE SLIP ROADS OFF TAI PO ROAD LEADING TO AND FROM YUEN WO ROAD;
- * TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD BETWEEN MA ON SHAN ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD; AND
- * MA ON SHAN ROAD.

NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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SEVERAL AIRPORT ACCESS ROADS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

A NUMBER OF ROADS GIVING ACCESS TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM ABOUT NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BECAUSE OF A PROCESSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ADVISED DEPARTING PASSENGERS THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE HOME EARLY AND ALLOW MORE TIME TO GET TO THE AIRPORT.

WHERE POSSIBLE, PUBLIC TRANSPORT SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS.

ALL ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT TERMINAL FACILITIES WILL BE FROM EAST KOWLOON.

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF OLYMPIC AVENUE LEADING TO THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM ABOUT NOON UNTIL 4 PM.

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IN PARTICULAR, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO THE EAST OF THE JUNCTION OF SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL SLIP ROAD TO SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

VEHICLES GOING TO THE AIRPORT WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE POLICE TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAY BE AFFECTED ARE ADVISED TO LISTEN TO ROAD TRAFFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BROADCAST BY THE MEDIA.

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DIVERSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TOMORROW

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MANY BUS ROUTES IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO AVOID THE ROADS THAT WILL BE CLOSED BECAUSE OF PROCESSIONS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

IN KOWLOON, BUSES OPERATING VIA THE AREAS NEAR HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE AFFECTED. THESE ROUTES MAINLY RUN FROM KWUN TONG AND THE ADJACENT DISTRICTS TO OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HONG KONG ISLAND. BUSES ON THEM WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIVERSIONS AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, BUS SERVICES TO THE MID-LEVELS AND ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE WILL BE AFFECTED. BOTH THE TRAM AND BUS SERVICES WILL BE MAINTAINED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND AS ROAD CONDITIONS PERMIT.

SOME GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES MAY ALSO AFFECTED BY ROAD CLOSURES.

IF NECESSARY, ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO THE AREAS NEAR THE AIRPORT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROCESSION. THE EXACT PICK UP POINTS WILL DEPEND ON THE SITUATION.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID TRAVELLING TO THE AFFECTED AREAS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IF THEY HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THESE AREAS, THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO RADIO REPORTS ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION BEFORE THEY SET OUT THEIR JOURNEY. PEOPLE SHOULD START THEIR JOURNEY EARLY IF THEY HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THE AIRPORT.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN HAPPY VALLEY, SAI YING PUN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 3), THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY BETWEEN THE LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET JUNCTION AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES TO THE EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE LAYING OF GAS MAINS.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SAI YING PUN WILL ALSO BE MADE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS:

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN WATER STREET AND CHIU KWONG STREET;
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WATER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE SOUTH; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHIU KWONG STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON TOLO HIGHWAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC LANES ON TOLO HIGHWAY IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- * JULY 3 AND 4 -- ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF THE FAST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND STARTING FROM A POINT ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE SOUTH OF ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE.
- * JULY 5 -- ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF THE SLOW LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND STARTING FROM A POINT ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE SOUTH OF ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE.
- * JULY 10 AND 11 -- ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF THE FAST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND STARTING FROM A POINT ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE NORTH OF PAK SHEK KOK BRIDGE.

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PLB URBAN CLEARWAYS ON SHA TSUI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 3), TWO SECTIONS OF SHA TSUI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS URBAN CLEARWAYS.

SHA TSUI ROAD BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY AND THAT PART OF THE ROAD BETWEEN CHUNG ON STREET AND TAI HO ROAD WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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