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HONG KONG'S PART IN PROMOTION OF MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY URGED THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH WILL SOON BE ORGANISING A PROGRAMME FOR A SMALL GROUP FROM PEKING, TO ALSO FOSTER THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GUANGDONG.

SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE ASSOCIATION AT NEW WORLD CENTRE THIS EVENING, SIR MURRAY SAID AS GUANGDONG EMBARKS ON ITS PLANS FOR MODERNISATION IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE A GREAT NUMBER OF TRAINED MANAGERS.

+CHINESE LEADERS IN GUANGDONG HAVE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT THEY ARE SHORT OF SUCH PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL TURMOILS OF THE PREVIOUS DECADE.

+THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE USE OF HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE TO HELP TRAIN THE PEOPLE THEY NOW NEED.

+I HAVE SAID I AM SURE THAT, IF THIS IS WHAT THEY WISH, ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING TO RUN SEMINARS ON MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES OR TO SHARE IN OTHER WAYS THE EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE BUILT UP,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INVITATION TO THIS EVENING'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. LIKE MR TUNG I WOULD LIKE TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO THE GIANTS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT WHO INITIATED, FOSTERED AND ARE CONTINUALLY STRENGTHENING THE WORK OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

+I AGREE WITH YOU, MR TUNG, THAT AS FROM THE EARLY 60'S A SORT OF SEA-CHANGE COMMENCED IN HONG KONG. BY THEN THE MIRACLE OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL HONG KONG HAD BEEN CREATED. IT HAD BEEN CREATED BY PERSONAL FLAIR AND EVEN GENIUS AND BY ENERGY, IMAGINATION, BUSINESS ACUMEN, HARD WORK, AND FINANCIAL COMPETENCE. IT WAS THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF A REMARKABLE GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS. BUT AT THE TIME THIS ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED A POINT HAD BEEN REACHED AT WHICH SOMETHING MORE WAS NEEDED TO PROMOTE FURTHER PROGRESS. THIS +SOMETHING MORE+ CAME ALRIGHT, IT HAD MANY INGREDIENTS, AND THEY INCLUDED FAVOURABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, BUT ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL ADDITIONS WAS A NEW STYLE OF MANAGEMENT BASED ON MORE SCIENTIFIC METHODS THAN IN THE RUGGED FORMATIVE YEARS.

+THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED HAVE BECOME SOMETHING OF A LEGEND. IT HAS NOT ONLY BEEN A QUESTION OF VISIBLE PROSPERITY BUT OF STEADY PROGRESS IN EVERY FACET OF OUR COMMUNITY'S LIFE, WHICH HAS TRANSFORMED HONG KONG INTO A GREAT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, KNOWN AND RESPECTED ALL OVER THE WORLD, LIVING IN FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND ABLE AND WILLING TO PLAY A PART IN ITS MODERNISATION.

/+THE CONTRIBUTION

+THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THIS TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBTLE BUT PERVASIVE. TRAINING COURSES, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE, THE EXAMINATION WITH A PRAGMATIC AND CRITICAL EYE OF THE APPLICABILITY OF NEW TECHNIQUES IN THE LOCAL CONTEXT, THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY EMPLOYERS, LIBRARY FACILITIES AND THE PUBLICATION OF A JOURNAL- ALL THESE ARE TANGIBLE SIGNS OF A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE ASSOCIATION. WHAT IS LESS READILY QUANTIFIABLE IS THE ETHIC OF RESPONSIBLE AND ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT WITH WHICH THE ASSOCIATION HAS IMBUED ITS MEMBERS AND PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF MANAGERS.

+IF OUR PROSPERITY IS TO BE SUSTAINED FIRST OF ALL WE MUST TEND TO DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY, AND IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF OUR MANAGERS AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS OF OUR WORKFORCE. THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTING QUICKLY ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION. THE NEW REVIEW OF POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN PART SPRANG FROM THIS, AND IT WILL CONSIDER HOW THE DEMAND FOR THE PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNOLOGICAL STAFF IN HONG KONG CAN BE MET.

+WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER THE GREAT CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOUR, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THESE PRESENT AND THE CHANGE OF FOCUS FROM ALL OF US THEY REQUIRE. AS GUANGDONG EMBARKS ON ITS PLANS FOR MODERNISATION IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE A GREAT NUMBER OF TRAINED MANAGERS. CHINESE LEADERS IN GUANGDONG HAVE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT THEY ARE SHORT OF SUCH PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL TURMOILS OF THE PREVIOUS DECADE. THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE USE OF HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE TO HELP TRAIN THE PEOPLE THEY NOW NEED. I HAVE SAID I AM SURE THAT, IF THIS IS WHAT THEY WISH, ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING TO RUN SEMINARS ON MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES OR TO SHARE IN OTHER WAYS THE EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE BUILT UP. A START HAS, I KNOW, ALREADY BEEN MADE WITH LAST YEAR'S SEMINAR AND THE ASSOCIATION WILL SOON BE ORGANISING A PROGRAMME FOR A SMALL GROUP FROM PEKING. BUT I WOULD URGE THE ASSOCIATION ALSO TO FOSTER THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GUANGDONG. THE GREATEST INPUT FROM HONG KONG IN TERMS OF COMPENSATION DEALS, JOINT VENTURES AND INVESTMENT IS LIKELY TO BE IN THIS NEIGHBOUR PROVINCE, AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON MANAGEMENT WITH PERSONS FROM THAT PROVINCE COULD BE OF GREAT MUTUAL BENEFIT.

+MR CHAIRMAN, THESE 20 YEARS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION'S LIFE HAVE COINCIDED WITH A REMARKABLE PERIOD OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG - PROBABLY THE FASTEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE GROWTH THAT HAS EVER BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE WORLD WITHOUT EXTERNAL AID. DURING THIS REMARKABLE PHENOMENON YOU HAVE STEADILY INCREASED YOUR INFLUENCE, UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE BECOME THE YEAST THAT LEAVENS THE LOAF. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM THAT HAS RESULTED IN THIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, AND SO TOO WILL THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR OWN CONTRIBUTION. I HAD NOT HEARD THE ROBUST WORDS OF MY PREDECESSOR AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE FORMATION OF THIS ASSOCIATION, BUT THEY ARE AS APPLICABLE AND TRUE TO-DAY AS THEY WERE 20 YEARS AGO. THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE AND THERE IS STILL A LONG AND BRIGHT FUTURE, AND IT IS STILL ESSENTIAL THAT YOU PLAN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO IT. LIKE SIR ROBERT, I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU CAN AND WILL DO THE JOB, AND CERTAINLY YOU CAN COUNT ON THE VERY FIRM SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN DOING IT.+

EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - SEPTEMBER
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1980, VALUED AT \$150 989 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 26 PER CENT TO \$49 933 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 31 PER CENT TO \$79 927 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 47 PER CENT TO \$21 129 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT.

THE DETAILED STATISTICS WERE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN - SEPT 80 (HK\$M)	JAN - SEPT 79 (HK\$M)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$M)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	16 933	13 461	+ 3 472	+ 26
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 425	4 450	+ 975	+ 22
U.K.	4 856	4 261	+ 595	+ 14
JAPAN	1 674	2 008	- 334	- 17
AUSTRALIA	1 434	1 266	+ 168	+ 13
SINGAPORE	1 321	1 023	+ 298	+ 29
CANADA	1 289	1 167	+ 122	+ 10
NETHERLANDS	1 144	972	+ 172	+ 18
CHINA	1 049	331	+ 718	+217
FRANCE	965	653	+ 312	+ 48

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$890 MILLION OR 17%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$498 MILLION OR 47%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$425 MILLION OR 60%), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$354 MILLION OR 51%), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$330 MILLION OR 44%).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, MAINLY OF CLOTHING (BY \$571 MILLION OR 22%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$98 MILLION OR 29%) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$78 MILLION OR 67%).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K., INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$202 MILLION OR 10%), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$58 MILLION OR 23%). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$109 MILLION OR 25%).

THE DOWNWARD TREND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN CONTINUED. DECREASES WERE NOTED MAINLY FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND THEIR PREPARATIONS (BY \$95 MILLION OR 37%) AND CLOTHING (BY \$120 MILLION OR 19%).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN - SEPT 80 (HK\$M)	JAN - SEPT 79 (HK\$M)	INCREASE (HK\$M)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	17 139	14 603	+ 2 536	+ 17
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	8 353	6 732	+ 1 621	+ 24
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 981	3 453	+ 1 528	+ 44
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 675	2 769	+ 906	+ 33
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 270	2 849	+ 421	+ 15
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	3 261	2 294	+ 967	+ 42

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CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN - SEPT 80 (HK\$M)	JAN - SEPT 79 (HK\$M)	INCREASE (HK\$M)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	18 166	13 873	+ 4 293	+ 31
CHINA	15 273	10 345	+ 4 928	+ 48
U.S.A.	9 854	7 482	+ 2 372	+ 32
TAIWAN	5 557	4 218	+ 1 339	+ 32
SINGAPORE	5 371	3 467	+ 1 904	+ 55
U.K.	3 876	3 192	+ 684	+ 21
R. OF KOREA	2 666	1 807	+ 859	+ 48
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 157	2 019	+ 138	+ 7
SWITZERLAND	2 055	1 845	+ 210	+ 11
AUSTRALIA	1 212	1 133	+ 79	+ 7

IN CONTRAST WITH DECLINING DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$747 MILLION OR 90%), TEXTILES (BY \$541 MILLION OR 26%), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$426 MILLION OR 49%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$409 MILLION OR 35%), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$366 MILLION OR 26%).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$784 MILLION OR 75%), CLOTHING (BY \$782 MILLION OR 118%), TEXTILES (BY \$691 MILLION OR 33%), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$232 MILLION OR 26%), AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$164 MILLION OR 42%).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$346 MILLION OR 51%), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$301 MILLION OR 70%), TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$243 MILLION OR 40%), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$146 MILLION OR 22%).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 555 MILLION OR 79%) FROM SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$239 MILLION OR 51%), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$139 MILLION OR 46%) FROM TAIWAN.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES
IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION :

	JAN - SEPT 80 (HK\$M)	JAN - SEPT 79 (HK\$M)	INCREASE (HK\$M)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	23 786	19 089	+ 4 697	+ 25
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	17 942	13 433	+ 4 509	+ 34
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	12 199	8 722	+ 3 477	+ 40
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	8 208	6 858	+ 1 350	+ 20
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 987	4 842	+ 1 145	+ 24
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	5 953	3 588	+ 2 365	+ 66

AS FOR RE-EXPORTS, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THOSE TO CHINA (BY \$2 129 MILLION OR 280%), INDONESIA (BY \$748 MILLION OR 62%), U.S.A. (BY \$593 MILLION OR 40%), SINGAPORE (BY \$484 MILLION OR 37%), TAIWAN (BY \$402 MILLION OR 31%), THE U.K. (BY \$310 MILLION OR 157%), NIGERIA (BY \$302 MILLION OR 135%), MACAU (BY \$274 MILLION OR 67%), AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$185 MILLION OR 65%). ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECLINE WAS REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN (BY \$355 MILLION OR 13%).

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MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$949 MILLION OR 48%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$621 MILLION OR 71%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$588 MILLION OR 69%), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$454 MILLION OR 143%), CLOTHING (BY \$435 MILLION OR 66%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY 419 MILLION OR 98%), AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$241 MILLION OR 113%).

+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, A REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER, 1980, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$3 A COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY DECEMBER AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE AT \$10.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE MADE TO THE SALES OF PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375).

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MILITARY SERVICE CORPS HAS IMPORTANT ROLE

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THE MILITARY SERVICE CORPS HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEWIS DAVIES, SAID TODAY AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS AT LYEMUN BARRACK.

BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION HE POINTED OUT THAT 12 DOG-HANDLERS AND SIX DOGS HAD OVER A PERIOD OF 15 MONTHS APPREHENDED 3 472 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

APART FROM BEING DOG-HANDLERS, SOLDIERS OF THE HKMSC ARE ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON OPERATIONS AS DRIVERS, SAILORS, MECHANICS, INTERPRETERS, CLERKS, COOKS, MEDICAL STAFF, SIGNALLERS, STOREMEN, INSTRUCTORS, MILITARY POLICE AND THE GUARD COMPANY.

+THERE IS HARDLY A UNIT IN THE GARRISON IN WHICH A MEMBER OF THE HK MILITARY SERVICE CORPS IS NOT TO BE FOUND,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG TO HAVE A PERMANENT GARRISON OF HER MAJESTY'S FORCES.

+IT EMPHASISES THE BRITISH COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, IT SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER WITHIN HONG KONG AND ON ITS BORDERS, AND IT ASSISTS THE GOVERNMENT IN TIMES OF DISASTER,+ SAID MR DAVIES.

THE NEW DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FOR THE STATIONING OF A FIFTH BATTALION IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS AN IMPORTANT AND MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE HKMSC.

+IT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN EXCITING AND SATISFYING CAREER WITH EXCELLENT PROSPECT FOR PROMOTION, WHILST MAINTAINING THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG,+ ADDED MR DAVIES.

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BAN ON USE OF UNSAFE MACHINE

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THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED A COURT ORDER PROHIBITING THE USE OF A HAZARDOUS MACHINE INVOLVED IN AN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH A WORKER LOST A FOREARM.

+THE ONLY WAY THAT THE OWNER CAN USE THE MACHINE AGAIN IS TO INSTALL GUARDS TO ALL ITS DANGEROUS PARTS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN A SAI CHO WAN FACTORY WHEN THE WORKER'S HAND WAS CAUGHT BY AN UNGUARDED REVOLVING SPIRAL WORM OF A PLASTIC EXTRUDING/GRANULATING MACHINE.

+HAD THE REVOLVING SPIRAL WORM BEEN EFFECTIVELY GUARDED THE TRAGIC HUMAN SUFFERING WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED,+ HE STATED.

AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED FOR AN INTERIM ORDER UNDER SECTION 11(2) OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE CAP. 59 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE PLASTIC EXTRUDING MACHINE UNTIL ITS DANGEROUS PARTS HAD BEEN EFFECTIVELY GUARDED.

+THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR BREACH OF SECTION 11 OF THE ORDINANCE IS \$50 000 AND SIX-MONTH IMPRISONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR COURT ORDERS TO DEAL WITH STUBBORN FACTORY OPERATORS WHO CHOSE TO IGNORE SAFETY REGULATIONS.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN AGAIN URGED BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY THEY OPERATE.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS 1976, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO GUARD EFFECTIVELY ALL DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY.

+THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WAS ALWAYS READY TO ADVISE ON GUARDING HAZARDOUS MACHINERY AND THAT COPIES OF A WELL-ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK ON GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY WERE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

+GUARDS WHICH ARE PROPERLY DESIGNED, INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CAN HELP ELIMINATE MECHANICAL HAZARDS, INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OPERATORS,+ HE STRESSED.

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HIGHER INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES
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THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL BE 9.84 PER CENT FROM TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 21), AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 8.16 PER CENT.

AN AUTHORISATION NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW.

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS TAX-FREE AND IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS -- THE NEW RATE WILL BE 82 CENTS PER MONTH PER \$100.

IT WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX.

NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID IN CASH.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED FROM TOMORROW.

CERTIFICATES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>RATE PER ANNUM</u>
19.9.75 - 16.2.77	4.2%
17.2.77 - 21.9.78	3%
22.9.78 - 23.11.78	3.24%
24.11.78 - 15.2.79	5.04%
16.2.79 - 3.5.79	5.76%
4.5.79 - 25.10.79	8.04%
26.10.79 - 10.4.80	8.4%
11.4.80 - 29.5.80	10.5%
30.5.80 - 26.6.80	9%
27.6.80 - 29.7.80	7.2%
30.7.80 - 15.10.80	6.24%
16.10.80 - 20.11.80	8.16%

HOWEVER INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF INTEREST CALCULATION:

\$1 000 CERTIFICATES BOUGHT ON 2.12.80, 2.1.81 AND 2.2.81
RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON 2.3.81

ON \$1 000 (2.12.80 - 2.3.81)
3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$8.20 PER MONTH = \$ 24.60

ON \$1 000 (2.1.81 - 2.3.81)
2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$8.20 PER MONTH = \$ 16.40

ON \$1 000 (2.2.81 - 2.3.81)
1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$8.20 PER MONTH = \$ 8.20

INTEREST ACCRUED \$ 49.20

(ROUNDED TO \$50)

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FIRST KWAI CHUNG FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

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KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRED TING, APPEALED TODAY TO LOCAL PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO A FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT SHORTLY.

MR TING WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 14.

HE SAID THE IDEA OF A FESTIVAL HAD GROWN OUT OF A SERIES OF ESTATE DAYS HELD IN THE SIX DISTRICTS OF KWAI CHUNG FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

THEY HAD BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, BUT IT WAS FELT THAT A LARGER-SCALE FESTIVAL WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AT ACHIEVING COMMUNITY BUILDING AND A GREATER SENSE OF IDENTITY WITH THE AREA AS IT WOULD BRING PEOPLE FROM ALL THE DISTRICTS TOGETHER.

+I HOPE THE NEW EVENT, BASED ON THE OLD, WILL GET MORE SUPPORT FROM KWAI CHUNG PEOPLE,+ MR TING SAID.

HE SAID KWAI CHUNG WAS A SPECIAL DISTRICT WHERE, BECAUSE OF VARIOUS FACTORS, A SENSE OF BELONGING OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT HAD NOT BEEN VERY STRONG.

ON THE ONE HAND THERE WERE 100 000 INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, WHO ALTHOUGH NOT LIVING IN KWAI CHUNG PROBABLY REGARDED THEMSELVES AS A PART OF THE AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RESIDENTS WERE MOSTLY NEWCOMERS WHO BECAUSE OF VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL BARRIERS HAD FORMED THEMSELVES INTO SEVERAL SMALL AND SEPARATE COMMUNITIES.

+I APPEAL TO ALL KWAI CHUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE THE FESTIVAL THEIR FULL SUPPORT, THEREBY HELPING TO DO AWAY WITH THE BARRIERS WHICH FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER HAVE EXISTED IN THE PAST AND PREVENTED A COMMUNITY FEELING FROM BEING FULLY ESTABLISHED,+ MR TING SAID.

/THE FESTIVAL

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHOSE PRESIDENT IS MR TING AND WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS MR LAM YAU-KWONG.

MORE THAN 30 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD DURING THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD, INCLUDING FOOTBALL MATCHES, TABLE TENNIS GAMES, MARTIAL ARTS, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING EVENTS AND CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$60 000 TOWARDS FESTIVAL COSTS AND ANOTHER \$70 000 IS BEING RAISED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION ON FIRE PREVENTION

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JUDGING OF THE INTER-SCHOOL PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION ON FIRE PREVENTION, HELD BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TOOK PLACE TODAY AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

A PANEL OF FOUR JUDGES CHOSE THE WINNING DESIGNS FROM ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY 17 SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

ENTRIES WERE IN FOUR SUBJECT GROUPS: HIGH COST OF FACTORY FIRES, FIRE PROTECTION AT HOME, PREVENTION OF HILL FIRES, AND THE FIRE SERVICES IN HONG KONG. THEY WERE ILLUSTRATED BY PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, CHARTS AND FEATURE ARTICLES.

THE JUDGES WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIRE SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES, AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS.

MARKS WERE GIVEN FOR CAREFUL AND RELEVANT RESEARCH, OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENTRY INCLUDING ITS LAYOUT, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ENTRY APTLY AND GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED THE CHOSEN THEME, AND THE ARTISTRY, SKILL AND INGENUITY OF PRESENTATION.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE BOOK AND STATIONERY TOKENS, VALUED AT \$1 000, \$800, AND \$500. THERE ARE ALSO FIVE MERIT PRIZES OF \$300 EACH.

RESULTS OF THE JUDGING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND THE PRIZES PRESENTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE START OF A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHERE ALL THE ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR LAM LOK-BUN, AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS LOUISE MOK.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM AND ON SUNDAY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

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CAS EXERCISE AT +SUICIDE WALL+
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF EXERCISES IN HILLY AND COUNTRYSIDE AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG THE WHOLE OF NEXT WEEK AS PART OF ITS BIENNIAL INSPECTION.

THE INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, SQUADRON LEADER GORDON BLACKBURN ARRIVED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) TO CONDUCT THE INSPECTION.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXERCISES WILL BE A TWO-HOUR MOCK CLIFF RESCUE AT +SUICIDE WALL+ ON KOWLOON PEAK ON NOVEMBER 25, TUESDAY.

THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF ROCK CLIMBING AS WELL AS VARIOUS CLIFF RESCUE TECHNIQUES.

OTHER EXERCISES INCLUDING A CROSS-COUNTRY EXPEDITION AND A NIGHT NAVIGATION WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CLIFF RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT AT +SUICIDE WALL+ ON KOWLOON PEAK.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 25) BEGINNING AT 10.30 AM. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT THERE WILL BE A 45-MINUTE WALK OVER FAIRLY ROUGH HILL PATHS TO THE DEMONSTRATION AREA.

THOSE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO MEET THE ASSISTANT COMMANDER OF THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT, MR HO KAI SHEK AT CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET (NEXT TO KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION) AT 9.15 AM. THEY ARE ADVISED TO PUT ON PROPER FOOTWEAR AND TO CARRY TELE-LENSES FOR THEIR CAMERAS.

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PERFORMANCE BY NT DANCE TROUPES
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DANCE TROUPES FROM TAI PO, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN WILL GIVE A JOINT PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22) TO REFINE THEIR ART.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO VALTORTA COLLEGE.

TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL ALSO SEND TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE CHINESE, JAPANESE, SPANISH AND BANGLADESHI DANCES DEPICTING RURAL LIFE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SAID THE TROUPES WERE BACKED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DAB'S AND THE JOINT PERFORMANCE WAS TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE.

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ADMISSION IS FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE TAI PO DANCE TROUPE, WHICH HAS 20 MEMBERS, WAS FORMED BY THE ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION SET UP MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AGO. TRAINING IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT A LOCAL SCHOOL.

A DRIVE IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO EXPAND THE TROUPE. ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN SHOULD APPLY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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SENIOR FORM STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT DRUG PROBLEM
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WORKSHOPS ON DRUG ABUSE ARE BEING PLANNED FOR STUDENTS IN SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG.

A TEAM COMPRISING A MEDICAL DOCTOR, POLICE INSPECTOR AND PRISON OFFICER WILL VISIT SCHOOLS TO GIVE TALKS ON THE EFFECTS, TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SLIDE SHOW AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION, AND THE WHOLE PROGRAMME WILL LAST ABOUT TWO HOURS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO HOLD THE WORKSHOP FOR THEIR STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE ORGANISER, THE DRUG ABUSE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, FOR THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, MRS JOY OTTWAY, AT 3B HAY WAH BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 72-86 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, TEL NO. 5-283061.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTES TO NAM SHAN ESTATE

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TWO NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE STARTED FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF NAM SHAN ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

ROUTE NO. 9 FROM THE ESTATE TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 11 PM ON MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS AND FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FULL FARE IS FIXED AT \$1.50 WHILE SECTIONAL FARES WILL BE \$1 FOR OUTWARD JOURNEYS FROM WATERLOO MTR STATION TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY, AND FOR INWARD JOURNEYS FROM THE STATION TO NAM SHAN ESTATE.

THE SERVICE WILL BE RUN AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING PEAK HOURS.

THE OTHER NEW ROUTE, NO. 10 FROM NAM SHAN ESTATE TO SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER, WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 10.45 PM DAILY AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING PEAK HOURS.

A FLAT FARE OF 70 CENTS WILL BE CHARGED.

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AP LEI CHAU MAXICAB FARE INCREASE

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THE FARE FOR MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 29 BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU AND WONG CHUK HANG WILL INCREASE BY 20 CENTS FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) DUE TO RISING OPERATING COSTS.

THE REVISED FULL FARE WILL BE 70 CENTS. SECTIONAL FARES WILL BE 50 CENTS FOR OUTWARD JOURNEYS FROM ABERDEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO WONG CHUK HANG AND GRANTHAM HOSPITAL, AND FOR INWARD JOURNEYS FROM AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE (SOUTH) TO AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ROUTE WILL BE EXTENDED TO GRANTHAM HOSPITAL DURING VISITING HOURS TO SERVE HOSPITAL VISITORS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT DISTRICTS WALK

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) FOR THE YUEN LONG/TUEN MUN JOINT DISTRICTS WALK:

ROAD CLOSURE

TAI LAM CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH SPECIAL LABELS BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM.

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SUSPENSION OF CAR PARK/PLB STAND

THE CAR PARK OPPOSITE SHEK KONG BUS TERMINUS AND THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON KAM SHEUNG ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED AND USED FOR RESERVED PARKING.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED AS FOLLOWS:-

- * THROUGH ROUTE 61S FROM TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD VIA YUEN LONG TO SHEUNG TSUEN EVERY 10 MINUTES BETWEEN 8.10 AM AND 10.30 AM AT \$1.50 FLAT FARE=
- * ROUTE 52S FROM TAI LAM EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL TO TUEN MUN EVERY 10 MINUTES BETWEEN 1 PM AND 3.20 PM AT \$1 FLAT FARE=
- * ROUTE 50S FROM TAI LAM EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL TO YUEN LONG EVERY 10 MINUTES BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 4 PM AT \$1.50 FLAT FARE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN DIAMOND HILL

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WATER SUPPLY TO DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22) TO ALLOW FOR REPAIRS TO WATER MAINS.

TAI HOM VILLAGE AND SHEUNG YUEN LING WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLY.

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