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IMPROVEMENTS TO NT TRUNK ROAD
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A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU AND THE EXISTING EASTERN ROUNDABOUT IN YUEN LONG WILL BE WIDENED AND RECONSTRUCTED.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF AN OVERALL PLAN TO IMPROVE THE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CARRIAGEWAY ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING OLD CARRIAGEWAY.

THERE WILL BE CYCLE TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS ON THE SIDES, SEPARATED FROM THE ROAD ITSELF BY TREES AND LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE THREE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE BRIDGES AT LOCATIONS BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND AU TAU AND THREE SUBWAYS AT THE NEW ROUNDABOUT AT AU TAU TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS CROSSING THE ROAD.

WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NT) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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KING'S ROAD TRAFFIC SCHEME APPLIES FROM TUESDAY
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT THE FULL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME ALONG KING'S ROAD WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT 7 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30).

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FOR BUS ONLY AND TRAM RESERVED LANES OVER A STRETCH OF ABOUT FIVE KILOMETRES OF KING'S ROAD FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO CAUSEWAY ROAD.

UNDER THE SCHEME ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND OMNIBUSES AND THOSE WITH WRITTEN AUTHORISATION, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS-ONLY LANES DURING PEAK HOURS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY. THE PROHIBITION APPLYING TO THE TRAM-ONLY LANES WILL BE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

A LEAFLET EXPLAINING THE SCHEME AND SHOWING THE BUS AND TRAM ONLY LANES IS OBTAINABLE AT THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND IN SAI KUNG

A CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND IS BEING BUILT ON A FORMER RUBBISH TIP IN SAI KUNG.

THE 2 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS IN THE TOWN CENTRE AND WAS OFTEN USED FOR THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF LITTER. A DISTRICT OFFICE PROPOSAL TO TURN IT INTO A RECREATIONAL AREA FOR LOCAL CHILDREN WAS ENDORSED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT, COSTING ABOUT \$100 000, WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT FEBRUARY WHEN THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PLANTING SHRUBS AND FLOWERS. FUNDS HAVE COME FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH A RANGE OF MORE VIGOROUS ACTIVITIES THAN ARE AVAILABLE IN USUAL PLAYGROUNDS.

SAND PITS AND SAFETY MATS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT. FOR ADULTS THERE ARE REST BENCHES AND TABLES.

ASSISTANT SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE TSANG, SAID LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES HAD ALREADY STARTED PLANNING TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF FACILITIES.

MISS TSANG SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO SET UP A TOY LIBRARY AND INSTALL MORE GAMES EQUIPMENT AT THE PLAYGROUND.

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QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

A NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WILL BE INSTALLED AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT INTO USE AT 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 31). THE MAIN EXCHANGE NUMBER WILL BE 5-8192111, AND 5-8192348 FOR THE CASUALTY WARD.

THE TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS FROM THE OLD EXCHANGE TO THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30). CONNECTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY WHEN THE NEW EXCHANGE COMES INTO OPERATION.

DURING THE TRANSFER PERIOD, THE OLD AND THE NEW EXCHANGE WILL BE OPERATING SIMULTANEOUSLY. CALLS TO THE HOSPITAL CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE EXISTING NUMBER, 5-873873, AND CONNECTED TO THE DESIRED EXTENSIONS IF THESE EXTENSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW EXCHANGE.

IF THE EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED, THE OPERATOR WILL ASK THE CALLER TO DIAL THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER.

THE NEW PATHOLOGY BUILDING IN THE HOSPITAL, WHICH HAS ITS OWN SEPARATE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT PRESENT, WILL ALSO BE SERVICED BY THE NEW EXCHANGE ON THE MAIN NUMBER 5-8192111.

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TENDER FOR WORK ON TEMPORARY MARKET
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY MARKET IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE TEMPORARY MARKET WILL OCCUPY A 900-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT TAI LOONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG AND WILL HAVE 177 STALLS FOR HAWKERS NEARBY.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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SHA TIN WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA COVERS HO TUNG LAU TSUEN, LOK LO HA TSUEN, FO TAN, ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND RACE COURSE, UNIVERSITY STATION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SEA VIEW VILLA AND RED BRIDGE VILLA.

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