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GOVERNMENT HELPS IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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USING KWUN TONG DISTRICT AS AN EXAMPLE, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE STANDARD OF MANAGEMENT IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT ALONE, MAJOR RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR SEVEN FACTORY BUILDINGS HAD BEEN COMPLETED SINCE MARCH 1988 AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORTS BY THE DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MANAGEMENT AGENTS AND FACTORY OWNERS. THE COST OF EACH PROJECT RANGED FROM \$100,000 TO \$1.25 MILLION, HE ADDED.

THESE SEVEN FACTORY BUILDINGS, MR LAN CONTINUED, WERE AMONG 24 TARGETTED BY THE KWUN TONG BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR INDEPTH STUDIES OF THEIR PROBLEMS.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDIES, REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BEGAN MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO IMPROVE PROBLEMS RELATING TO MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

AS REGARDS THE TARGET BUILDINGS IN KWUN TONG, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ISSUED 28 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES AND EIGHT SUMMONSES; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ISSUED EIGHT WARNING LETTERS, 45 DEMOLITION ORDERS AGAINST UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES AND 48 LETTERS CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE, WHILE THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SERVED 98 NUISANCE ABATEMENT NOTICES AND EIGHT SUMMONSES.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WAS SET UP IN MARCH 1988 WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING MANAGEMENT IN FACTORY BUILDINGS.

APART FROM KWUN TONG, THERE ARE TWO OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY WHERE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FACTORY BUILDINGS.

THE TEAMS HAD SINCE BEEN CARRYING OUT THEIR WORK TO MOTIVATE FACTORY OWNERS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT, TO ASSIST THEM TO FORM OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AND TO OFFER EXPERT ADVICE TO COMPANIES.

THE TEAMS ALSO ADVISED ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS ON THE PRIORITY IN DEALING WITH BREACHES OF REGULATIONS, SUCH AS ACTION AGAINST UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ON ROOFTOPS AND FLAT ROOFS.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT TO ADDRESS BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS ARISING FROM UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANTS (DMCS) ON DECEMBER 1, 1987 THE GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED A SET OF SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAFTING OF DMCS. THIS PROVIDED SOLICITORS WITH GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW IN DRAWING NEW DMCS FOR RESIDENTIAL MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

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TAKING NOTE THAT SIMILAR PROBLEMS ALSO OCCURRED IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, MR LAN CONTINUED, A SUB-COMMITTEE WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED UNDER THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO WORK OUT A SIMILAR SET OF GUIDELINES IN THE DRAFTING OF DMCS APPLICABLE TO INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THIS YEAR, AND THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WOULD BE PREPARED WITH PROVISIONS STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF FLAT OWNERS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS," HE SAID.

"LOOKING AHEAD, FLAT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS WOULD BE EDUCATED ON HOW TO PROPERLY MANAGE THEIR BUILDINGS," HE ADDED.

THE LONG-TERM TARGET WOULD BE TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF BOTH PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE A CONGENIAL LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

MR LAN RECENTLY MET THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION TO ENLIST THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE KWUN TONG BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

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GREATER AUTONOMY ON MANAGEMENT FOR AIDED SCHOOLS

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AIDED SCHOOLS WILL HAVE GREATER AUTONOMY IN THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THIS WAS THE RESULT OF A REVIEW OF PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE SUPERVISION OF AIDED SCHOOLS TO ALLOW THEIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES MORE AUTONOMY.

"AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS COUNCILS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT FROM APRIL 1 CERTAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS AND THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION) WILL BE PASSED ON TO SCHOOLS," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE SCHOOLS, HE SAID, WOULD NOW HAVE FULL DISCRETION TO:

- * USE SCHOOL AND CLASS GRANTS (INCLUDING THE BOARDING GRANT FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS) FOR APPROVED ITEMS SUCH AS EXPENDITURE ON SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHING STAFF AND STAFF TRAINING;
- * GRANT A MAXIMUM OF TWO DAYS (NON-CUMULATIVE) SPECIAL LEAVE WITH PAY FOR TEACHERS IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS;

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- * GRANT DISCRETIONARY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN LINE WITH PRESENT PROVISIONS FOR SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS BUT THE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM OF THE DISCRETIONARY HOLIDAYS - FOUR HALF-DAYS AND ONE FULL-DAY - MUST NOT BE EXCEEDED;
- * USE OR REVISE TONG FAI OR GENERAL FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES;
- * HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION BUT GUIDELINES ON HIRING SHOULD BE COMPLIED WITH, AND
- * WAIVE PAYMENT OF SALARY IN LIEU OF TERMINATION NOTICE BUT FOR RECORD PURPOSES, THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER OR SENIOR INSPECTOR (SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION) SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE WAIVER AND ITS JUSTIFICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT UNDER THE REVISED PROCEDURES, SCHOOLS WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS TO ATTEND INTERVIEWS WITH THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS OR THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION) TO VERIFY DOCUMENTS.

"PRINCIPALS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCES CLAIMED BY APPOINTEES ARE CORRECT AND THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CODES OF AID," HE SAID.

BUT SALARY ASSESSMENTS FOR NEW TEACHERS, HOWEVER, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY DEO OR SI(SEA).

"COMPLETED APPOINTMENT FORMS AND PHOTO-COPIES OF DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED BY THE SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

SCHOOLS ALSO WOULD NOW HAVE THE DISCRETION TO SELECT QUOTATIONS, PROVIDED THEY ARE THE LOWEST, FOR A SINGLE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR AIDED PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND \$10,000 FOR AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HE SAID.

CIRCULARS ANNOUNCING THE REVISED PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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'FLEXI DESIGN' PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SHEK WU HUI
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WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 'FLEXI DESIGN' PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI HAS BEGUN FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$25.14 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

LOCATED IN AREA 6, SHEK WU HUI, THE BUILDING SITE OF THE SCHOOL COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,800 SQUARE METRES.

THE SCHOOL WILL COMPRISE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE 30 CLASSROOMS AND SPECIAL ROOMS, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS INCLUDING STAFF QUARTERS.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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CHILD EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES IS AN OFFENCE
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EMPLOYERS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION IF THEY EMPLOY CHILDREN TO WORK IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE WARNING CAME IN THE WAKE OF A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH AN EMPLOYER WAS FINED \$4,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE FOR EMPLOYING A CHILD IN HIS COMPUTER EMBROIDERY FACTORY.

THE 14-YEAR-OLD CHILD WAS FOUND ATTENDING TO AN EMBROIDERY MACHINE DURING AN INSPECTION BY LABOUR INSPECTORS.

"ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, NO PERSON SHALL EMPLOY A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 15 IN ANY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS," SAID SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MRS TERESA LO OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

"A CHILD AGED 13 AND ABOVE MAY, HOWEVER, BE EMPLOYED ONLY IN PART-TIME JOBS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS," SHE ADDED.

ANYONE WHO EMPLOYS A CHILD IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000.

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MONG KOK RESTAURANT PENALISED WITH WEEK-LONG LICENCE SUSPENSION
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A RESTAURANT IN MONG KOK WAS GIVEN A SEVERE PENALTY OF LICENCE SUSPENSION FOR A WEEK BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH (MARCH) FOR HAVING REPEATEDLY VIOLATED FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

CHUEN FOOK KEE RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 224 FA YUEN STREET, WAS PENALISED WITH A SEVEN-DAY SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS AFTER BEING FOUND TO STORE AND PREPARE FOOD IN OPEN AREA DURING AN INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH INSPECTOR IN DECEMBER, LAST YEAR.

"ACCORDING TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S POLICY, THE OPERATORS OF THE FOOD PREMISES WILL BE PUNISHED HEAVILY WITH A LICENCE SUSPENSION FOR A MINIMUM OF SEVEN DAYS WHEN FURTHER CONVICTED WITHIN THE TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE LAST OFFENCE LEADING TO THE FOUR-DAY SUSPENSION HAD BEEN IMPOSED," THE STAFF OFFICER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (LICENSING AND HYGIENE), MR HUI KWOK-HUNG, SAID.

"NORMALLY, AN OFFENDER WILL GET A TWO-DAY SUSPENSION AS PENALTY FOR THE FIRST THREE CONVICTIONS IN A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS, AND FURTHER PUNISHED BY A FOUR-DAY SUSPENSION FOR THREE SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS," HE ADDED.

"A FOUR-DAY SUSPENSION IN ADDITION TO A TWO-DAY ONE HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON THE RESTAURANT SINCE LAST JULY, PRIOR TO THE SEVEN-DAY SUSPENSION," MR HUI SAID, ADDING THAT MOST OFFENCES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE BY THE LICENSEE TO MAINTAIN A HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT IN THE FOOD ROOM OR TO STORE AND PREPARE FOOD IN A PROPER MANNER.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SUSPENDED THE LICENCES OF TEN OTHER FOOD OUTLETS, EACH FOR TWO DAYS, IN THE LAST MONTH.

THEY WERE: LUCKY DRAGON RESTAURANT AT 271-285 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, FU MOON RESTAURANT AT 389 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WONG LO KUT HERB SHOP AT 227 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, AND VIKING RESTAURANT AT 95-97 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, IN WESTERN; KAM SING FAST FOOD SHOP AT 26-32 FA YUEN STREET, TAI CHEONG FRESH PROVISION SHOP AT 7 FA YUEN STREET, KAM WAH RESTAURANT AT 37-39 CHUNG WUI STREET, AND WAH HING SIU MEI AND LO MEI SHOP AT 1B POPLAR STREET, IN MONG KOK; PO YUEN FRESH PROVISION SHOP AT 76 NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, AND KWONG MING RESTAURANT AT 193C YEE KUK STREET, IN SHAM SHUI PO.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS
IN YUEN LONG FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSION IN CELEBRATION OF TIN HAU FESTIVAL, A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION:

- * FROM 9 AM, THE SECTION OF FUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN KIN LOK STREET AND FUNG KAM STREET; AND HOP YICK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.
- * FROM 10 AM, THE SECTION OF TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND FRASER VILLAGE; KAU YUK ROAD; YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD; MA TIN ROAD; AND UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM MA TIN TSUEN TO LUNG TIN TSUEN WILL BE CLOSED.

FROM 7 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) TO 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD BETWEEN TAI KEI LENG AND TAI SHU HA WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND WHILE THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

IN THIS CONNECTION, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 73 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD ON ITS JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), THE OFF-STREET CARPARK OFF YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD OUTSIDE YUEN LONG STADIUM AND ALL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, MA TIN ROAD, TAI TONG ROAD SECTION BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND FRASER VILLAGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION. ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE REMOVED BY THE POLICE.

FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT BUS ROUTE 656 WILL OPERATE FROM WONG NAI TUN VIA TAI TONG ROAD TO FRASER VILLAGE WHERE A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED. THE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BY 24-SEAT COACHES UNTIL THE PROCESSION COMPLETES.

FROM 4 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) AND UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 31 AND 32 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI TONG ROAD, YU KING SQUARE, YUEN LONG HONG LOK ROAD TO TERMINATE AT HONG KING STREET ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

AT THE SAME TIME, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 73 WILL BE SUSPENDED BUT WILL RESUME SERVICE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROCESSION.

FROM 4 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) TO 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 39 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO TERMINATE AT KIN YIP STREET ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), THIS SERVICE WILL OPERATE AS A SHORT-WORKING SERVICE BETWEEN KUNG OM AND LUNG TIN TSUEN ALONG THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD WITH TEMPORARY STOP PROVIDED AT LUNG TIN TSUEN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHEUNG SHUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG SHUI FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 17) TO APRIL 30 TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING KAI LENG ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT AND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 17, 18 AND 19 BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 6 AM.

MOTORISTS ON EASTBOUND ROAD D3 HEADING FOR YUEN LONG ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA ROAD D3, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND PO SHEK WU ROAD TO REJOIN TAI PO ROAD (FANLING).

THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING TAI PO (FANLING) AND SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 20, 21 AND 23 BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 6 AM.

MOTORISTS ON TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) HEADING FOR YUEN LONG ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA KAI LENG ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT, ROAD D3, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND PO SHEK WU ROAD TO REJOIN SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT.

THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT AND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 24, 25 AND 26 BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 5.30 AM.

MOTORISTS ON PO SHEK WU ROAD HEADING FOR KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND ROAD D3 TO REJOIN SOUTHBOUND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING).

THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) AND KAI LENG ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 27, 28 AND 30 BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 6 AM.

MOTORISTS ON TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) HEADING FOR ROAD D3 ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, PO SHEK WU ROAD AND JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

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NEW WATER SPORTS TRAINING SCHEME LAUNCHED

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A NEW PACKAGE TRAINING SCHEME OFFERING SPECIALLY-DESIGNED COURSES TO SMALL GROUPS OF WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS HAS JUST BEEN INTRODUCED AT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S THREE WATER SPORTS VENUES - TAI MEI TUK, CHONG HING AND JOCKEY CLUB WONG SHEK WATER SPORTS CENTRES.

SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER (OPERATIONS) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHU KWONG-MAN, SAID THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING "TAILOR-MADE" COURSES TO GROUPS OF FIVE TO EIGHT PERSONS ACCORDING TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS, INTERESTS AND QUALIFICATIONS IN SPECIFIC TYPES OF WATER SPORTS.

"THE RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES THAT ARE BEING OFFERED AT THESE CENTRES INCLUDE CANOEING, WINDSURFING AND SAILING. THERE ARE ALSO WATER SPORTS FUN DAYS ARRANGED FOR BEGINNERS," HE SAID.

"BY FORMING THEIR OWN SMALL CLASSES AND HAVING A TRAINING PROGRAMME MADE-TO-ORDER FOR THEM, IT IS LIKELY THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD ENJOY THEMSELVES A LOT MORE THAN TAKING REGULAR TRAINING COURSES," HE SAID.

ANY GROUP INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME IS WELCOMED TO APPROACH ONE OF THE THREE CENTRES TO MAKE RESERVATION IN THE NAME OF THE ORGANISATION OR COMPANY THEY BELONG. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PHYSICALLY FIT AND BE ABLE TO SWIM.

MEANWHILE, THE "WATER SPORTS SCHEME", WHICH HAD PROVEN TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH INDIVIDUAL WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS AT TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE OTHER TWO CENTRES THIS SUMMER.

"SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THIS YEAR'S SCHEME ON APRIL 1, MORE THAN 1,000 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS REGISTERED THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED 2,000," MR CHU SAID.

"THE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME IS OFFERED TO THOSE WHO USE THE FACILITIES AT WATER SPORTS CENTRES ON A REGULAR BASIS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE SCHEME, ONE HAS TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT AND ABLE TO SWIM," HE SAID.

"BY PAYING AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$55, MEMBERS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO HIRE CRAFT AT ALL CENTRES BY TELEPHONE AND ARE ENTITLED TO USE LOCKERS AND SHOWER ROOMS. ALSO, THE DAY CAMP FEE WILL BE WAIVED," HE ADDED.

THE THREE WATER SPORTS CENTRES MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ARE ALL SITUATED AT SCENIC SPOTS AND EACH HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE FEATURE.

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"THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE AT THE MAIN DAM OF PLOVER COVE IN TAI PO AND THE JOCKEY CLUB WONG SHEK WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN SAI KUNG BOTH ORGANISED A WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES REGULARLY," MR CHU SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE, SITUATED AT THE WESTERN COFFERDAM OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR IN SAI KUNG, IS AN IDEAL VENUE FOR THOSE MAINLY INTERESTED IN CAMPING AND WISHING TO HAVE A TASTE OF WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES."

ALL CENTRES OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF CRAFT FOR HIRE WHICH INCLUDE SINGLE AND DOUBLE-SEAT CANOES, CANADIAN CANOES, PADDLE CANOES, COLOUR BOATS, SAMPANS, WINDSURFERS AND SAILING DINGHIES.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PACKAGE TRAINING COURSE, WATER SPORTS SCHEME, AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES AND CRAFT AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING AT THESE CENTRES SHOULD CALL 656 3591.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN NORTH DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S 1990 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG KUEN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S SYP IS "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY".

"THIS YEAR, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS ALLOCATED \$200,000 FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

"THE PROJECT SHOULD BE NON-PROFIT MAKING AND DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER."

THE DISTRICT'S SYP WAS A BIG SUCCESS LAST YEAR WITH MORE THAN 20,000 YOUNGSTERS TAKING PART IN 145 EVENTS ORGANISED BY 37 AGENCIES.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S SYP, INVITATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RURAL COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 10. FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 675 5358.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17).

THE FUNDS WILL BE USED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO HOLD A DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL CELEBRATION FOR THE ELDERLY, A PARENT-AND-CHILD RELATIONS PROJECT AND A HEALTH EDUCATION TALK.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE "WORKING GROUP ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY".

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KING FUK STREET, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN HENG FA CHUEN

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPEN A NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN HENG FA CHUEN ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) TO SERVE THE GROWING POPULATION IN CHAI WAN.

THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE FREE ENQUIRY SERVICE TO RESIDENTS, AND DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT FORMS, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

IT IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE WEST CARPARK BLOCK, HENG FA CHUEN, CHAI WAN. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 889 1538 AND 889 1547.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHAU KEI WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN SAI YUN LANE AND BASEL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WILL BECOME TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SACS:

- * THE SECTION BETWEEN KAM WA STREET AND SAI YUN LANE; AND
- * THE SECTION BETWEEN BASEL ROAD AND THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR GROUND LEVEL ROAD.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST SOUTH OF SAI YUN LANE MAY TRAVEL VIA FACTORY STREET, WANG WA STREET AND KAM WA STREET, AND VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST NORTH OF BASEL ROAD MAY TRAVEL VIA A KUNG NGAM ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF A CABLE DUCT AT HEREFORD ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG, THE SECTION OF HEREFORD ROAD BETWEEN RENFREW ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY OPERATION TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 17) FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT A WEEK.

CONCURRENTLY MOTORISTS ON HEREFORD ROAD HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA RENFREW ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN HAPPY VALLEY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17), THE EASTERN KERBLINE OF SHAN KWONG ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY FOR SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OF GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PEKING ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS AT PEKING ROAD, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) THE SECTION OF PEKING ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND CANTON ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON PEKING ROAD HEADING FOR CANTON ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA KOWLOON PARK DRIVE NORTHBOUND INTO CANTON ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON CANTON ROAD HEADING FOR PEKING ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA HOI PHONG ROAD EASTBOUND AND LOCK ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO PEKING ROAD.

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BAN ZONE FOR BUSES IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17), THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM SALISBURY ROAD TO THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE FOR ALL BUSES 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE ACCESS ROAD.

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BAN ZONE IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17), THE SECTION OF ROAD 44E TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WU HONG STREET IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE FOR ACCESS, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS BAN ZONE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI O MUN ROAD FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL, TAI O MUN ROAD BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY NO. 2 BEACH CARPARK AND PO TOI O CHUEN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TYPES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS SECTION OF ROAD:

- * PO TOI O VILLAGERS' VEHICLES;
- * VEHICLES OF THE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB IDENTIFIED BY SPECIFIED LABELS OF THE CLUB;
- * SHUTTLE SERVICE VEHICLES OF THE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB;
- * SERVICE VEHICLES OF THE ORGANISATIONS DEPLOYED ON DUTY FOR THE FESTIVAL.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN NEW TERRITORIES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (APRIL 17 TO 19).

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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