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TRIP TO JAPAN POSITIVE, USEFUL - SIR EDWARD  
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A HONG KONG BUSINESS DELEGATION LED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HAD CONVEYED A NUMBER OF MESSAGES TO MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY DURING A TWO-DAY TRIP THERE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING ON THEIR RETURN FROM JAPAN, SIR EDWARD SAID THE MESSAGES WERE MAINLY THAT HONG KONG WAS LOOKING FOR FURTHER LIBERALISATION IN THE NEXT STEP ROUND.

+BUT WE BELIEVE CONDITIONS ARE VERY POSITIVE FOR FURTHER INVESTMENT BY THE JAPANESE IN HONG KONG AND THAT WE HAVE SOME PRACTICAL IDEAS ON HOW WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INCREASE IN HONG KONG IMPORTS INTO JAPAN.+

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY UNDER SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UNDER MISS LYDIA DUNN WOULD BE CONSULTING TOGETHER TO SEE WHAT FURTHER ACTION THEY COULD TAKE TO GIVE PRACTICAL EXPRESSION TO THE IDEAS DISCUSSED.

IN JAPAN, THE HONG KONG GROUP HAD MET A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, MR NAKASONE, THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FINANCE, SOME VICE-MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN OTHER JAPANESE DEPARTMENTS.

IN ADDITION, SIR EDWARD SAID THE HONG KONG-JAPAN AND JAPAN-HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES WERE MEETING.

ASKED WHETHER ANY AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +WE WERE NOT AT THE STAGE OF SIGNING AGREEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT, BUT WE DID FIND QUITE A LOT OF UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR THE MEASURES WHICH OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY PROPOSED TO ADOPT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HONG KONG EXPORTS TO JAPAN.+

ON THE BN(O) PASSPORT ISSUE, SIR EDWARD SAID THE HONG KONG GROUP EXPLAINED TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JAPAN THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE BN(O) PASSPORT AND THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD RECEIVE WIDE ACCEPTANCE INTERNATIONALLY.

+I THINK THEY ARE QUITE POSITIVE ON THIS SUBJECT,+ HE SAID.

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ASKED WHEN HE WOULD MEET THE NEW MACAU GOVERNOR, WHO ARRIVED THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I THINK HE IS PASSING THROUGH VERY QUICKLY. I DOUBT IF I SHOULD MEET HIM ON THIS OCCASION, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM IN THE FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE.+

SIR EDWARD WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE JAPANESE CONSULATE.

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RECORD PRICE FETCHED AT LAND AUCTION  
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THE HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID AT AUCTION FOR A PIECE OF LAND IN HONG KONG - \$1 005 MILLION - WAS REALISED AT A PACKED CITY HALL TODAY (TUESDAY).

AND IT ONLY TOOK 15 MINUTES.

THE PURCHASER WAS SWIRE PROPERTIES LIMITED.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$850 MILLION AND EACH BID WAS \$5 MILLION.

THE SITE, THE LAST FOR SALE IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES AND IS NEXT TO ONE PURCHASED BY SWIRE PROPERTIES FOR \$703 MILLION IN APRIL LAST YEAR. A HOTEL WILL ALSO BE PERMITTED ON THE SITE.

THERE ARE VARIOUS SPECIAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE SALE, INCLUDING ONE REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO BUILD A MINIMUM OF 96 000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE.

HE MUST ALSO CONSTRUCT A COVERED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY THROUGH THE LOT, PLUS ESCALATORS AND STAIRWAYS TO CONNECT THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO BE BUILT OVER QUEENSWAY.

OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS INCLUDE PROVIDING AT LEAST 3 000 SQUARE METRES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPING IT.

PARKING FOR 280 CARS WILL BE PROVIDED, PLUS A FURTHER 170 MAXIMUM SPACES IF ANY PART OF THE SITE IS DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE PURCHASERS PAID A DEPOSIT OF \$50 MILLION TODAY AND THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE HAS TO BE PAID WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH.

CONDUCTING THE AUCTION WAS GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR JIM HUGHES, WHO SAID AFTERWARDS: +I AM MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH THE RESULT.+

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EVIDENCE INCONCLUSIVE IN FOOD POISONING CASE

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AFTER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE RECENT CASE OF FOOD POISONING AFFECTING 36 SCHOOL TEACHERS IN TUEN MUN, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE EVIDENCE THAT THE TEACHERS WERE POISONED BY FAN MUSSELS CONTAMINATED BY RED TIDE WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

+IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT THE CAUSE OF CONTAMINATION,+ SAID THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER (OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH), DR S.Y. CHAN, +BUT IT IS SUSPECTED TO BE SOME FORM OF NEURO-TOXIN WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS AREA BEFORE.+

HE ADDED THAT IN THIS CASE MANY THEORIES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY SCIENTISTS, BUT ALL EVIDENCE WAS CIRCUMSTANTIAL AND NO CONCLUSIONS COULD BE MADE.

IN THE EVENT OF A SUSPECTED TOXIC RED TIDE OUTBREAK, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SCIENTISTS CAN CONFIRM WHETHER A RED TIDE IS CAUSED BY A TOXIC SPECIES WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF ARRIVING AT THE SCENE.

ONCE THE CONFIRMATION IS MADE THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH ARE INFORMED AND WARNINGS ARE IMMEDIATELY GIVEN TO SELLERS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF SEAFOOD ORIGINATING FROM THE AFFECTED RED TIDE AREA. PENALTIES MAY BE IMPOSED ON SELLERS WHO DO NOT HEED THE WARNING.

HOWEVER, TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN MAINTAINING ITS VIGILANCE ON RED TIDE, THE PUBLIC IS ASKED TO REPORT ANY SIGHTING OF THE TIDE IMMEDIATELY TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. RED TIDE SIGHTINGS ON BEACHES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

FROM JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE TEN REPORTED CASES OF RED TIDE IN HONG KONG WATERS. BUT NONE OF THESE WAS TOXIC. IN FACT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS NOT OBSERVED A RED TIDE INVOLVING A SPECIES KNOWN TO CAUSE PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISONING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

ALSO MAINTAINING VIGILANCE OVER RED TIDE IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WHICH IS CONDUCTING IN-DEPTH STUDIES INTO ITS CAUSES. IN ADDITION, REGULAR SHELLFISH SAMPLES IN TOLO HARBOUR ARE TAKEN BY THE ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR TOXICITY TESTS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS ALSO WARNED SWIMMERS TO BE CAREFUL OF RED TIDES AT BEACHES. A TOXIC RED TIDE CAN CAUSE SEVERE SKIN IRRITATION.

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ONGOING PROGRAMME OF INDUSTRIAL STUDIES MAINTAINED  
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL BE MAINTAINING AN ONGOING PROGRAMME OF STUDIES AIMED AT IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES FACED BY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

SPEAKING ON +INDUSTRIAL POLICY FORMULATION+ TO THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES TODAY (TUESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG OUTLINED THE HIGHLY RATIONAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES WERE FORMULATED.

HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDIES WHICH FORMED THE BASIS FOR PLANNING MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES FOR MANUFACTURERS.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT 12 STUDIES HAD BEEN FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1982 AT A COST OF ABOUT \$13 MILLION.

THE STUDIES, CARRIED OUT ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, COVERED SUCH BROAD AREAS OF STUDY AS THE METALS FABRICATION, ELECTRONICS, AND THE PLASTICS CONVERSION INDUSTRY.

HE SAID IT WAS THE TASK OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY ANY OBSTACLES WHICH PREVENTED LOCAL INDUSTRIES FROM EXPLOITING TO THE FULL OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS. AND WHERE THESE OBSTACLES WERE CAUSED BY PUBLIC POLICIES TO SEEK TO REMOVE THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

THIS WAS DONE BY MAINTAINING AN ONGOING PROGRAMME OF STUDIES, EACH CARRIED OUT BY EXPERT FIRMS OF CONSULTANTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

+THE PROGRAMME OF STUDIES IS QUITE FORMIDABLE,+ HE SAID.

IN RESPECT OF THE FOUR MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, THE STUDY ON THE PLASTICS CONVERSION INDUSTRY, COMPLETED A MONTH AGO, WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY AND WOULD BE REPEATED IN 1989-90.

THE STUDY ON THE GARMENTS, TEXTILES AND RELATED INDUSTRIES AND THE STUDY ON THE METALS FABRICATION AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES WOULD START IN 1986-87 AND BE COMPLETED THE SAME YEAR.

MR YEUNG SAID THE STUDY ON ELECTRONICS WAS COMPLETED IN 1983 AND ALREADY FORMED THE BASIS ON WHICH A NUMBER OF SUPPORT FACILITIES AND BACK-UP SERVICES HAD BEEN PROVIDED. IT WOULD BE REPEATED IN 1987-88.

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IN ADDITION TO THESE FOUR MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, THE PROGRAMME ALSO ENVISAGED EIGHT OTHER INDUSTRIAL STUDIES BEING UNDERTAKEN OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND INCLUDED INVESTIGATIONS BEING MADE OF THE WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRY, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, PRINTING, DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, TOYS, FOODS AND BEVERAGES.

SAID MR YEUNG: +AS EACH STUDY WILL BE UP-DATED EVERY TWO YEARS IN TERMS OF EXTERNAL MARKET INFORMATION, AND AS EACH STUDY WILL BE DONE EVERY FOUR YEARS OR SO, THIS PROGRAMME REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF THE IMPORTANT INVESTIGATIVE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION.+

MR YEUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE STUDIES PROVIDED THE MEANS BY WHICH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, CHAIRED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, COULD IDENTIFY THE EXTENT TO WHICH AN INDUSTRY MIGHT BE EXPLOITING OR FAILING TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITIES IN WORLD MARKETS AND WHAT OBSTACLES STOOD IN THE WAY.

THESE STUDIES THEREFORE FORMED THE POLICY FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH MOST OF THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE CONCEIVED.

PROJECTS WHICH STEMMED DIRECTLY FROM THE STUDIES INCLUDED THE SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY, TO BE DEVELOPED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS AT A COST OF \$9 MILLION, AND THOSE BEING DEVELOPED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION, AT A COST OF ALMOST \$50 MILLION.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE THE TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS BUREAU AND THE HONG KONG STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WHICH HAD INVOLVED SETTING UP COSTS TOTALLING \$17 MILLION AND COST ABOUT \$7 MILLION A YEAR TO RUN.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT ALL THESE PROJECTS WERE DESIGNED TO HELP HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY ACHIEVE GREATER PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT.

SAID MR YEUNG: +SO THE FORMULATION AND EVOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES, FAR FROM BEING AD HOC, TAKE PLACE WITHIN A HIGHLY RATIONAL FRAMEWORK.

+WHILE THAT FRAMEWORK IS GOVERNED BY A STEADFAST REFUSAL TO TAMPER WITH THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES, IT CALLS FOR AN OBJECTIVE, MEASURED AND SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE EVALUATION OF EXTERNAL DEMAND AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE EVERY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

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+WHERE, AS A RESULT OF THESE EVALUATIONS, SHORTCOMINGS ARE IDENTIFIED, AND THESE SHORTCOMINGS CONSTITUTE SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO AN INDUSTRY'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD WILL DEAL WITH THEM, THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WHERE SERVICES FOR PROMOTING PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY ARE INVOLVED, AND THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL NETWORK OF DEPARTMENTS WHERE MANPOWER TRAINING IS INVOLVED.+

+IT IS MY BELIEF, THEREFORE, THAT THE MEASURED AND SYSTEMATIC APPROACH THAT WE ARE TAKING IN DEALING WITH OUR INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS WILL, IN TIME, INVEST HONG KONG'S LIGHT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT IN NEEDS TO EXPAND THE RANGE AND TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT.

+THIS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH OUR EXCELLENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, WILL IN MY VIEW ENSURE THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES,+ HE SAID.

ON GOVERNMENT'S NON-INTERVENTIONIST STANCE IN THE ECONOMY, MR YEUNG SAID THIS MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH DOING NOTHING FOR MANUFACTURERS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT INVESTED HEAVILY BOTH IN MANPOWER TRAINING, THROUGH ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, AND IN CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, THROUGH INDUSTRIAL LAND FORMATION AND PUBLIC WORKS.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT WAS THE REALISATION THAT HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS MUST RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO CHANGES IN THE LEVEL AND PATTERN OF EXTERNAL DEMAND FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

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#### ISLAND HOUSE LET TO WWF

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GOVERNMENT APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED TO LET ISLAND HOUSE, WHICH IS NO LONGER REQUIRED AS A QUARTER, TO THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (HONG KONG) AT A NOMINAL RENT TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION, RESOURCE AND SEMINAR CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (HONG KONG) (WWF), THE BUILDING WOULD ALSO BE USED AS A BASE FOR A WWF EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A MOBILE EDUCATION UNIT.

/+THE UNIT .....

+THE UNIT WOULD VISIT SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ABOUT WILDLIFE, NATURE CONSERVATION AND THE WORK OF THE FUND,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, ISLAND HOUSE WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE MAI PO WETLANDS PRESERVATION PROJECT AND SERVE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE BASE FOR THE ORGANISATION, WHICH HAS PLANS TO EXTEND ITS OPERATIONS TO OTHER AREAS OF WILDLIFE INTEREST.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE USES WERE COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROTECTED STATUS OF ISLAND HOUSE WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED AN HISTORIC BUILDING UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE.

THE BUILDING WOULD THUS BE PRESERVED AND MAINTAINED WHILE SERVING A PUBLICLY USEFUL PURPOSE, HE SAID.

+THE HOUSE IS ALSO WELL SITUATED FOR USE BY FIELD STUDY GROUPS BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE AND OTHER COUNTRY PARKS.

+STUDENTS AND OTHER VISITORS TO ISLAND HOUSE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE FORESHORE AND GARDENS WHICH, AS A RESULT OF SELECTIVE PLANTING OVER THE YEARS, CONTAIN A LARGE AND VARIED COLLECTION OF TREES AND SHRUBS. THE GROUNDS ALSO PROVIDE A HAVEN FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF BIRDS,+ HE SAID.

THE DECISION TO LET THE PROPERTY TO WWF AT A NOMINAL RENT WAS TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE ORGANISATION'S NON-PROFIT-MAKING STATUS AND THE VALUE OF THE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATIONAL WORK WHICH IT IS PERFORMING.

+WWF WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE GROUNDS AND FOR PAYMENT OF RATES,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, ADDING THAT SINCE ISLAND HOUSE IS AN HISTORIC BUILDING, WWF WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR ITS FITTING-OUT PROPOSALS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD.

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DEBATE ON BANKING BILL TO RESUME  
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A NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK WHEN DEBATE ON THE BANKING BILL 1986 RESUMES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), AND THREE OTHER BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING.

THE THREE NEW BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED AND GIVEN A SECOND READING ARE:

- \* ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986;
- \* PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986; AND
- \* ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

OTHER BUSINESS WILL INCLUDE TWO OFFICIAL MEMBERS' MOTIONS AND 11 QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE MOTIONS ARE ONE UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE, TO BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON NICKY CHAN, AND ONE UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE, TO BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED  
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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHEUNG WAI-WAH ON MARCH 28, 1985 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON LO YUNG-KAN ON MARCH 15, 1985 AND WU WAI-CHI ON FEBRUARY 28, 1985 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 15 AND 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY.

CHEUNG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHUNG SAN-KWAI IN MARCH 1984. LO WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MADAM NG DOR-KAI ON OCTOBER 24, 1984, WHILE WU WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MADAM LEUNG SAU-KING IN SEPTEMBER 1984.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION MEETING  
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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S NINTH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (MAY 30). THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE FORM AND CONTENT OF NEW LEASE DOCUMENTS AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF LEASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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HONG KONG'S FIRST BOATING PARK OPENS  
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THE OPENING OF HONG KONG'S FIRST BOATING PARK TODAY HAS INAUGURATED A UNIQUE RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR HOWARD YOUNG, SAID THIS WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR PARK IN WONG NAI CHUNG GAP.

POINTING OUT THAT THE BOATING PARK WAS A CLEVER ADAPTATION OF THE LONG DEFUNCT WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR, HE SAID: +THIS \$5.3 MILLION PROJECT IS THE LATEST OF NUMEROUS ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE OPENED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+AND, AS SOMETHING QUITE NEW IN THE WAY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THIS MAGNIFICENT BOATING PARK IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGHLY POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC.+

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PARK HAS A BOATING AREA OF 1.8 HECTARES AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 50 ROWING AND PEDAL-WHEEL BOATS.

APART FROM THE LANDSCAPED BOATING +LAKE+, FACILITIES INCLUDE A PAVILION WITH A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK, A VIEWING PLATFORM, A BOOKING OFFICE AND TOILETS.

MR YOUNG SAID: +FOR THOSE WHO MERELY WISH TO SIT AND ENJOY THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, THERE IS PLENTY OF SEATING SET AMID LUSH GREENERY AND HIGH MOUNTAINS.+

+TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF VISITORS, THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PERSON QUALIFIED TO OPERATE AN INFLATABLE MOTORISED RESCUE CRAFT PLUS A MINIMUM OF THREE QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS. ALSO, THERE IS A LOOKOUT TOWER WITH A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.

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+AS AN ADDED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, ALL PASSENGERS MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET, WHILE PEOPLE AGED UNDER 14 ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HIRE ANY BOAT AND IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CHILDREN IN ARMS PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON ANY BOAT.+

THE BOAT PARK ALSO HAS A FREE CARPARK WITH PARKING FOR 60 CARS AND SIX COACHES.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PARK PROJECT WILL BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A \$1.04 MILLION FITNESS TRAIL SURROUNDING THE BOATING LAKE.

THE BOATING PARK IS OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M. DAILY.

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#### BRIEFING ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANS IN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FOR THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING THIS FRIDAY (MAY 30).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PAPER WILL GIVE MEMBERS AN IDEA OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK IN TSUEN WAN AND INFORMATION ON MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THE NEWLY-OPENED TSUEN WAN BYPASS AND THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

REPORTS ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS ARE ALSO CONTAINED IN THE PAPER.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE LAWS IN CHINESE.

THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST PUT FORWARD BY THE WORKING PARTY OF THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION ON THE PRODUCTION OF CHINESE TEXT OF LEGISLATION ENACTED IN HONG KONG.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE JOINT SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS AND COMMENT ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND ON THE PHASING OUT AND REPLACEMENT OF THE SYSTEM WITH A NEW ALLOCATION SCHEME IN 1991.

/THE MEETING .....

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY.

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FIRST CLEARANCE FOR EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING  
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ABOUT 181 SQUATTER STRUCTURES IN LEI YUE MUN ROAD WERE CLEARED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO MAKE WAY FOR THE \$3 000 MILLION EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF CLEARANCES CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT SET UP LAST OCTOBER UNDER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY AS ALL FAMILIES AFFECTED HAD BEEN PROPERLY REHOUSED.

+ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY, 74 PERSONS FROM 25 FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WERE ALLOCATED FLATS IN PUBLIC HOUSING WHILE 152 PERSONS FROM 68 FAMILIES HAVE MOVED TO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE FAMILIES HAD ALSO BEEN OFFERED REMOVAL ALLOWANCES.

AMONG THE STRUCTURES CLEARED TODAY, 37 WERE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, MOSTLY WORKSHOPS, AND EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN GRANTED TO ALL ELIGIBLE BUSINESS OPERATORS.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN EASTERN  
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A YEAR-LONG CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN EASTERN DISTRICT THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS AND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN PROMOTING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

AN EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED CONSISTING OF 13 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH ORGANISING AND CO-ORDINATING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN, WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, WILL START ON MAY 31 (SATURDAY) WITH AN OPEN SEMINAR AT THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL IN NORTH POINT.

DETAILS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES OF THE YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 29) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MR PAUL YIN, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND CONVENERS OF SEVEN SUB-GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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SPORTS TRAINING AT DISTRICT LEVEL ORGANISED

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE NEWLY-FORMED KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, WILL BE ORGANISING A SERIES OF SPORT TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A DISTRICT BOARD HAS JOINED WITH THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE TO DEVISE A SYSTEMATIC SPORTS TRAINING PROGRAMME AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

TRAINING COURSES IN JUDO, GYMNASTICS, AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS, WILL BE HELD IN JULY FOR ABOUT 600 PARTICIPANTS.

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AND OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 31) AT NOON IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, MR DENNIS BRAY; THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAM KIN-MING, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, WILL ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

A DEMONSTRATION ON JUDO, GYMNASTICS AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WILL ALSO BE HELD AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND JUDO, GYMNASTICS AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS DEMONSTRATIONS ON SATURDAY AT NOON IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, BY 11 AM.

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MEET THE MEDIA

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THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MR HARRIS MYERS, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (MAY 29) AT 2.30 PM IN THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, CORNWALL HOUSE, 28 TONG CHONG STREET, HARRY BAY.

THE SESSION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE LATEST COMPUTERISED CHINESE TYPESETTING MACHINE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE 14TH FLOOR, CORNWALL HOUSE BY 2.15 PM.

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200 000 VISITORS FOR HK PAVILION

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THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ITS SEVEN PER CENT SHARE OF THE 2.5 MILLION VISITORS WHO HAD CALLED AT THE WORLD EXPOSITION SITE IN VANCOUVER SO FAR.

AMONG THE 200 000TH VISITORS TO THE HONG KONG STAND WAS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR ADOLF HSU, WHO HAD WORKED CLOSELY ON THE PROJECT SINCE ITS INCEPTION EARLY LAST YEAR.

MR HSU, WHO SAID HIS MAIN INTEREST WAS TO GAUGE THE RESPONSE OF VISITORS TO THE PERFORMANCE IN THE HONG KONG PAVILION, ALSO VISITED THE UNITED STATES, SOVIET UNION, CHINA AND CANADA PAVILIONS DURING HIS SHORT STAY IN VANCOUVER.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR LO WAI  
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A SUB-STANDARD PRIVATE ROAD IN THE TEMPLE AREA OF LO WAI IN TSUEN WAN IS TO BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS FOR VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS.

THE PROPOSED WORK INVOLVES MORE THAN 340 METRES OF THE ROAD OF VARYING WIDTH IN THE VICINITY OF THE WESTERN MONASTERY.

ON COMPLETION THERE WILL BE A 4.5-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND A FOOTPATH OF 1.6 METRES WIDTH.

THE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY A SOCIETY RUNNING THE MONASTERY, WHICH IS ALSO THE PROSPECTIVE GRANTEE OF A SITE TO THE NORTH OF THE MONASTERY.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT OR ENQUIRE ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT WORK SHOULD CALL AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING.

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ROAD BUILDING AT TIN SHUI WAI  
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AS PART OF THE VILLAGE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME AT TIN SHUI WAI, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN THE AREA.

THE NEW ROADS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS FOR MAINTENANCE CREWS AND ALSO IMPROVE ACCESS TO VILLAGES.

BESIDES ROADS AND FOOTPATHS, THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES, FOOTBRIDGES, CAR PARKS AND CYCLE TRACKS AT LO UK TSUEN, SIK KONG TSUEN, SIK KONG WAI AND KIU TAU WAI.

TWO STRETCHES OF PING HA ROAD EAST OF LO UK TSUEN AND NORTH OF KIU TAU WAI WILL BE REALIGNED AND AN ACCESS ROAD BUILT AT NGAU HOM SHA LEADING TO THE BORROW AREA.

TWO BRIDGES ON PING HA ROAD EAST OF LO UK TSUEN AND NORTH OF KIU TAU WAI WILL BE DEMOLISHED AS WILL OTHER MINOR BRIDGES.

PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 22.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY BEGINS

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THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY BETWEEN MAY 30 AND JUNE 26 TO COLLECT UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE AS THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO FORMULATE MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S NEEDS.

SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO HELP COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THE INFORMATION WILL BE DEALT WITH IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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CHINESE MUSIC NIGHT AT FRINGE CLUB

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS ORGANISING A CHINESE MUSIC NIGHT AT THE FRINGE CLUB THIS FRIDAY (MAY 30) TO STIMULATE GREATER INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC.

THE PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL FEATURE CHINESE FOLK SINGING AND INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE FOLK MUSIC. POPULAR PIECES SUCH AS +DANCE OF THE YI+ WILL BE PLAYED.

ADMISSION IS FREE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-283257.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES, RESTRICTIONS  
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 30) IN CONNECTION WITH THE STAGE II RECONSTRUCTION OF CHATHAM ROAD NORTH BETWEEN PAK KUNG STREET AND CHI KIANG STREET. THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* THE SECTION OF THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD NORTH FROM CHI KIANG STREET TO PAK KUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- \* SHANSI STREET, KIANG HSI STREET AND ANHUI STREET WILL BE CONVERTED TO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS ONLY FROM KO SHAN ROAD; SHEK TONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND; AND SAN WAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- \* SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC INCLUDING KMB ROUTES 5, 5A, 11, 14, 26 AND 201; CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 101, 108, 111 AND 116; AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 27M IN CHATHAM ROAD NORTH WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE DIVERTED BACK ONTO THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN CHI KIANG STREET AND SAN WAI STREET.
- \* GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 7 TRAVELLING IN MA TAU WAI ROAD ON ITS JOURNEYS TO TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DIVERTED BACK TO OPERATE VIA GILLIES AVENUE AND SAN WAI STREET BEFORE REJOINING CHATHAM ROAD NORTH.

ALSO ON FRIDAY, THE SECTION OF ROAD P3 (WONG CHU ROAD) WEST OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, AND ITS ASSOCIATED SLIP ROADS WITH TSING WUN ROAD AND LUNG MUN ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES.

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

IN YUEN LONG, THE ACCESS ROAD TO TAI SHANG WAI WILL BE MADE A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE. NO PLBS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE AREA.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TWO AREAS  
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FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 29), SECTIONS OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO SHING ON VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE CLOSED AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

DETAILS OF THE CLOSURES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE NOTICE BOARD ERECTED IN SHING ON STREET NEAR HOUSE NO 35.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 30), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ISLAND ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DEEP WATER BAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 360 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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