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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 2 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT. TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988.

THIS INCLUDED RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-39 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (-39 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-28 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-25 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-21 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-18 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FABRICS (+13 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+8 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+5 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+3 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988.

THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+11 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+8 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+5 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+2 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+1 PER CENT); AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN FOOTWEAR (-3 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-3 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-2 PER CENT); AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; SOYABEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS AND LIVE POULTRY. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; SUGAR AND RICE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND WATCHES. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL; AND MAN-MADE FIBRES.

SOME COMMODITY ITEMS RECORDED INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME, NOTABLY YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; COTTON YARN AND THREAD AND FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE MACHINES.

THERE WERE DECREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

COMPARING THE IMPORT PRICES IN SEPTEMBER 1989 WITH THOSE IN SEPTEMBER 1988, ALL END-USE CATEGORIES SHOWED SOME INCREASES: FUELS (+15 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+6 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+4 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+3 PER CENT) AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+1 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 126 PER CENT. THAT OF CONSUMER GOODS ALSO INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED, BY 15 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN SEPTEMBER 1989 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988: FUELS (+14 PER CENT); RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+6 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+6 PER CENT); CAPITAL GOODS (+5 PER CENT) AND FOODSTUFFS (+4 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND DECEMBER 11 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING SEP 1989 WITH SEP 1988			COMPARING JAN-SEP 1989 WITH JAN-SEP 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	7	4	2	8	2	5
TEXTILE FABRICS	15	2	13	11	*	11
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	11	5	5	12	2	9
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-11	8	-18	-9	7	-14

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RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-40	-2	-39	-42	*	-42
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	10	1	8	18	-5	24
FOOTWEAR	-41	-3	-39	-19	*	-19
METAL MANUFACTURES	-20	11	-28	1	12	-9
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	6	-1	7	20	2	18
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1	-3	3	2	*	3
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-20	6	-25	-13	5	-17
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-20	1	-21	-23	5	-26
ALL COMMODITIES	-2	3	-5	5	3	2

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING SEP 1989 WITH SEP 1988			COMPARING JAN-SEP 1989 WITH JAN-SEP 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-1	3	-4	9	3	5
CONSUMER GOODS	17	6	11	28	5	22
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-5	1	-6	12	3	9
FUELS	27	15	10	38	8	27
CAPITAL GOODS	4	4	1	17	4	13
ALL COMMODITIES	5	3	2	18	4	14

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TABLE 3: CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING SEP 1989 WITH SEP 1988			COMPARING JAN-SEP 1989 WITH JAN-SEP 1988		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-11	4	-15	5	6	-1
CONSUMER GOODS	39	6	31	46	5	39
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-5	6	-11	18	7	10
FUELS	158	14	126	145	5	134
CAPITAL GOODS	4	5	-1	35	6	27
ALL COMMODITIES	16	6	10	32	6	24

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PROTECTIONISM IN U.S. REMAINS MAJOR THREAT

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THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MR PETER LO, YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THAT PROTECTIONISM IN THE U.S. REMAINED A MAJOR THREAT AND RECENT INDICATIONS WERE THAT A TEXTILE BILL MIGHT EMERGE IN CONGRESS NEXT YEAR.

MR LO WAS ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL APPAREL AND TEXTILE ASSOCIATION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON STATE, ON HONG KONG'S PERSPECTIVE IN THE APPAREL TRADE IN THE 1990'S.

MR LO EMPHASISED THAT THE NEXT 12 TO 18 MONTHS WOULD BE A CRUCIAL PERIOD IN WHICH THE SHAPE AND DIRECTION OF WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES IN THE 1990'S WOULD BE DETERMINED.

HE WAS REFERRING TO THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TALKS AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE MFA (MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT) INTO THE GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE).

"THE U.S. IS A KEY PLAYER IN THESE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID. "HOWEVER, PROGRESS IN THE MULTILATERAL TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA HAS NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING."

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HE URGED THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST THREATS AND COMMIT ITSELF TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND.

THIS WAS AN OBJECTIVE WHICH HONG KONG AND OTHER GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES SHARED, HE SAID.

"THE U.S. SHOULD ALSO RECOGNISE THAT A MOVE TOWARDS LIBERALISING TRADE IN TEXTILES IS IMPORTANT IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE TO AGREE TO PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS SERVICES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION," HE SAID.

MR LO ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPEL ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HONG KONG'S POSITION.

"WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE MFA INTO THE GATT.

"WE HAVE NO WISH FOR OUR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE TO BE DICTATED BY CURRENT CONSTRAINTS UNDER THE MFA.

"WE SEE NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED, AND INDEED ENCOURAGED, TO ADJUST, LIKE ANY OTHER MANUFACTURING OR TERTIARY SERVICE SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY," HE SAID.

ON ANTI-DUMPING, MR LO SAID IT WAS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SUBSIDIES TO COMPANIES, AND THAT COMMERCIAL JUDGEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S BUSINESSMEN WERE DICTATED ENTIRELY BY FREE MARKET FORCES.

"COMPANIES IN HONG KONG THEREFORE HAVE NEITHER THE MOTIVE NOR THE INCENTIVE TO SELL PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AT LESS THAN MARKET VALUE," HE SAID.

"IN SHORT, THE RATIONALE FOR DUMPING SIMPLY DOES NOT EXIST IN HONG KONG."

MR LO NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE LAY IN THE SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY AND HIGH-FASHION PRODUCTS.

"I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ACTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT PLAYER IN THE TEXTILE TRADE IN THE 1990'S," HE SAID.

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TAC DISCUSSES KMB FIVE-YEAR PLAN, GOVT TUNNELS

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (THURSDAY) AGREED THAT THE ONE-WAY TOLL SYSTEM AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE EXTENSION OF THE TIDAL FLOW BEYOND 7.40 AM SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED IN VIEW OF THE CONSEQUENTIAL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ALONG TAI PO ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD AND THE SOUTHBOUND LION ROCK TUNNEL.

AT A MEETING HELD ON BOARD THE LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" EN ROUTE TO CHEK LAP KOK FOR A SITE VISIT, THE TAC MEMBERS WERE TOLD ABOUT THE TAI PO ROAD STAGE II IMPROVEMENT WORKS, WHICH INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UPHILL CLIMBING LANE AND WERE COMPLETED, AND OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE ON NOVEMBER 18.

WHILE THESE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF NORTHBOUND TAI PO ROAD, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THIS ROAD TO ABSORB THE TRAFFIC DIVERTED FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL IF THE ONE-WAY TOLL SYSTEM WERE RE-INTRODUCED.

THIS IS BECAUSE INCREASING NUMBERS OF GOODS VEHICLES ARE USING TAI PO ROAD, THEREBY REDUCING THE ACTUAL TRAFFIC VOLUME WHICH THE ROAD IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING.

THE TAC WAS INFORMED THAT DIVERTING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO TAI PO ROAD WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED CONGESTION ON THE ROAD THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NOT JUST DURING THE PERIODS OF TIDAL FLOW, AND ADDITIONAL CONGESTION WAS LIKELY ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND POSSIBLY OTHER ROADS IN KOWLOON.

MOREOVER, ADDITIONAL SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ATTRACTED FROM THE TAI PO ROAD TO THE TOLL FREE SOUTHBOUND TUNNEL WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED CONGESTION IN THE SOUTHBOUND TUNNEL THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED THAT, SINCE THE EXTENDED TIDAL FLOW SCHEME COMMENCED ON JULY 10 THIS YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN AN INITIAL SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL VOLUME OF TRAFFIC USING THE TUNNEL DURING THE MORNING PEAK PERIOD, BUT THIS REDUCTION WAS GRADUALLY BEING TAKEN UP BY NATURAL GROWTH, ESPECIALLY OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

MEMBERS UNDERSTOOD THAT FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIDAL FLOW PERIOD WOULD ONLY LENGTHEN THE QUEUES AND GIVE RISE TO CONGESTION AT THE KOWLOON END OF THE TUNNEL.

TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, THE TAC MEMBERS SUPPORTED PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL AND HUNG MUI KUK ROADS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A CONTINUOUS BUS LANE, AND THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CLOSED CIRCUIT TV CAMERAS IN KOWLOON WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE MONITORING OF QUEUE LENGTHS ON WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND, AND HENCE PERMIT A MORE FLEXIBLE OPERATION OF THE TIDAL FLOW.

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REGARDING GOVERNMENT TUNNEL TOLLS, THE TAC CONSIDERED A RECOMMENDATION FOR A UNIFORM TOLL FOR ALL GOVERNMENT TOLL TUNNELS UNTIL THE TUNNELS ARE READY FOR A DIFFERENTIAL TOLL REGIME.

THIS WILL INCLUDE THE EXISTING LION ROCK AND ABERDEEN TUNNELS, AS WELL AS THE SHING MUN AND JUNK BAY TUNNELS WHICH ARE BEING BUILT AND WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN 1990.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPOSED TOLL SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN THE SHING MUN TUNNEL IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN MARCH-APRIL 1990.

THE TAC WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE FIVE-YEAR FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME (FPP) FROM 1990-1994 OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

THE FPP INCLUDES PROGRAMMES ON THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT, FLEET DEVELOPMENT, DEPOT DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT 50 NEW ROUTES, THE USE OF HIGHER CAPACITY BUSES ON 45 ROUTES AND FREQUENCY IMPROVEMENTS ON 144 ROUTES WERE PLANNED FOR NEW TERRITORIES NEW TOWNS AND EAST KOWLOON TO MEET DEMANDS FROM AREAS OF POPULATION GROWTH.

ON FLEET SIZE, KMB WILL INCREASE ITS FLEET OF BUSES FROM 2,725 BUSES AT END 1989 TO 3,541 BUSES AT END 1994.

UNDER THIS FLEET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, KMB PROPOSES TO PURCHASE 1,676 BUSES AND SCRAP 860 BUSES DURING THE FIVE YEARS.

AS A RESULT, THE AVERAGE AGE OF KMB'S FLEET WILL DROP FROM 6.3 YEARS IN 1990 TO 5.7 YEARS IN 1994.

ON DEPOT DEVELOPMENT, THE TAC WAS INFORMED THAT KMB PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT SEVEN NEW PERMANENT DEPOTS, ONE TEMPORARY DEPOT, AND TO REDEVELOP TWO EXISTING DEPOTS, IN ADDITION TO THE DEPOT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN KOWLOON BAY.

IN CONSIDERING THIS PAPER, MEMBERS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THE EXISTING ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD BE EXAMINED TO TRIM DOWN LOSS MAKING ROUTES BY RATIONALISATION OF THE ROUTE NETWORK AND A REDUCTION IN CROSS-SUBSIDISATION.

ON DEPOT PROVISION, THERE SHOULD BE AN EXAMINATION OF WHETHER PURCHASING LAND WAS THE ONLY OPTION CONSIDERING THAT IT WOULD BOOST THE ASSET BASE IN THE SCHEME OF CONTROL.

OTHER METHODS, SUCH AS LEASING LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT, SHOULD BE EXPLORED IF POSSIBLE.

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CS VISITS PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE OPERATION OF A GOVERNMENT ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ALSO THE TEACHING HOSPITAL OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, SIR DAVID WAS MET BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR SUSAN CHAN, THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOSPITAL, DR LOUIS CHU, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY DR CHU, SIR DAVID TOURED THE SURGICAL, MEDICAL AND PAEDIATRIC WARDS AND TALKED TO THE PATIENTS AND STAFF IN THE WARDS.

SIR DAVID ALSO VISITED THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AND MET THE STAFF THERE.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN OF FLE CARNIVAL

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN IN A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE) CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CARNIVAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PATRICIA CHU, SAID IT WAS AIMED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGES ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY.

"THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 4.30 PM AND A VARIETY SHOW ON THE SAME THEME WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

"AN OPENING CEREMONY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME BEST AWARD WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM," SHE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR DAVID CHU; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI.

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"ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE OF CHARGE," MRS CHU SAID.

"THERE WILL BE GAMES STALLS, FAMILY ACTIVITY STALLS AND TWO EXHIBITIONS, ONE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND THE OTHER ON OUTSTANDING PROJECTS OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AWARD."

MRS CHU NOTED THAT ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE ACTIVITY WAS THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE - THE FUTURE PARENTS.

"THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME IS 'HOME SAFETY FOR CHILDREN'.

"BY TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY AND WILL HELP TO BRING THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS."

MRS CHU POINTED OUT THAT THE CARNIVAL/VARIETY SHOW WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF GOOD PARENTING AND THE NEED TO DEVELOP A GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

OUTLINING THE PROGRAMME OF THE VARIETY SHOW, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MS MARIA WAN, SAID THE ITEMS WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE OCCASION.

"APART FROM SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, THERE WILL BE A MUSICAL TO BRING OUT THE CARNIVAL'S THEME IN AN ENTERTAINING AND INTERESTING WAY."

SINGERS AND ARTISTES WHO WILL APPEAR IN THE SHOW INCLUDE MR JACKY CHEUNG, MS PRUDENCE LIEW, MR RICKY HUI, MISS MAY NG, MR ANDY HUI, MR WILLIAM SO, MS WENDY YU AND MR LUKE TSANG.

THE SHOW WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE FROM 10.30 PM TO 11.30 PM ON DECEMBER 16 (SATURDAY).

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE AUDIENCE WILL ENJOY THE CARNIVAL AND TAKE HOME THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD," MS WAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CARNIVAL AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME BEST AWARD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) AT THE VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

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VARIETY SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY THE DISABLED IN KWUN TONG

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A VARIETY SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY DISABLED PERSONS WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIALS OF THE DISABLED.

THE SHOW IS THE FINALE TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT JOINT PROGRAMME ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "IN TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION" CAMPAIGN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT REHABILITATION SERVICES JOINT FUNCTION COMMITTEE, THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A LION DANCE, WHEELCHAIR DANCE, SINGING AND BAND PERFORMANCE.

DURING THE VARIETY SHOW, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A WALL PICTURE DESIGN COMPETITION HELD LAST MONTH. THE WINNING ENTRIES AND OTHER DESIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE VENUE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI; KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE, MISS MONA LO; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS AMELIA TO; AND CHAIRMAN OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT REHABILITATION SERVICE JOINT FUNCTION COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG LAI-CHOR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT JOINT PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "IN TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION" CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS ON SATURDAY

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A STAR-STUDED VARIETY SHOW TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TVB-JADE CHANNEL ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) EVENING WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE 1989-90 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AND ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS AT 8.30 PM.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 8, OFFERS A TOTAL OF 55 DIFFERENT EVENTS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

IT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH FUNDING FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

TOPPING THE LIST OF ENTERTAINERS AT THE VARIETY SHOW ON SATURDAY WILL BE ROMAN TAM, LUI FONG, ALEX TO, TAT MING PAIR AND MARIA CORDERO. THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS WILL ALSO GIVE PERFORMANCES.

DOCUMENTARIES ON THE DISTRICT'S FEATURES, SUCH AS THE LEI CHENG UK TOMB, THE FISH AND VEGETABLE "MORNING" MARKETS AND THE ABATTOIR AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, WILL ALSO BE SHOWN DURING THE LIVE PROGRAMME.

A HOST OF OTHER EVENTS SUCH AS CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS AND CANTONESE OPERA WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL.

DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37-39 TONKIN STREET AND ITS FOUR SUB-OFFICES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.45 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) AT STUDIO ONE, TV CITY, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

COACHES FOR GUESTS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE CARPARK (OPPOSITE SO UK ESTATE BUS TERMINUS) AT 6.15 PM SHARP THAT DAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS CHRISTINE LEONG, ON TEL. 3-7204251 TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR SEATING AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

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EASTERN DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING YOUTHS NAMED
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A TRAFFIC POLICEMAN AND TWO STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NAMED THE 1989 EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS FOR THEIR ZEALOUS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK.

THEY ARE 28-YEAR-OLD POLICEMAN, MR CHOW FUK-KEUNG; 19-YEAR-OLD FORM SEVEN STUDENT, MISS HUANG HAI-YEN; AND 17-YEAR-OLD FORM SIX STUDENT, MISS NG YUEN-YEE.

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TO MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD A CARING AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY.

THE ADJUDICATORS WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS SUN FONG-CHUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, MR WU TING-PANG.

MR CHOW'S INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE DATED BACK TO 1982 WHEN HE JOINED THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS CHAI WAN YOUTH CENTRE AS A VOLUNTARY WORKER.

BESIDES SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE, HE HAS ALSO DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME TO CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.

MISS HUANG HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SINCE 1986, AND BECAME THE CLUB'S SECRETARY IN 1988-89.

HER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY HAVE ALREADY WON HER A PURPLE BADGE, THE HIGHEST HONOUR UNDER THE CLUB'S MERIT AWARD SCHEME.

MISS NG HAS TAKEN PART IN A BROAD RANGE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING VISITS TO SQUATTER RESIDENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WORK AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION ACTIVITIES.

SHE WAS ALSO THE ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY OF THE VOLUNTARY SERVICE GROUP OF THE ST JAMES SETTLEMENT IN 1987-88.

THE TRIO WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH DAY AT VICTORIA PARK.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES, THEY WILL EACH BE GIVEN AN EIGHT-DAY STUDENT TRIP TO SINGAPORE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTHS FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI; EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND THE ACTING EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CHANG KING-YIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTITIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND OPENING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH DAY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NO. 4 TO 6. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2 PM.

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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN TSUEN WAN

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MORE THAN 100 FACTORY OWNERS AND OPERATORS IN TSUEN WAN TOOK PART IN AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING PROPER MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA'S 160 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS. MANY ARE OVER 10 YEARS OLD.

IN AN OPENING ADDRESS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE OLD INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS HAD SERIOUS MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS, AND THE LACK OF MANAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE OWNERS ACCELERATED WEAR AND TEAR.

HE SAID THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED EARLY THIS YEAR TO SPEED UP CO-ORDINATION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS TO UPGRADE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS OF THESE BUILDINGS.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 17 TARGET BUILDINGS HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR ACTION AND PROGRESS IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS WAS ENCOURAGING, HE SAID.

THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MR CHAN KAM-TONG, OUTLINED COMMON PROBLEMS THAT ARISE IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. ALSO TOOK PART. THEY SPOKE ON TOPICS SUCH AS POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN TSUEN WAN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE FIRE PREVENTION FACILITIES.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 100 OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT BY ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT FORERUNNERS SCHEME" BEING ORGANISED BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SEMINAR'S OPENING.

THERE WILL BE TALKS BY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT EXPERTS AND A TALK ON HOME SECURITY BY AN OFFICER FROM THE POLICE'S CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND ITS OPENING CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 4 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) IN A FUNCTION ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR, METROPOLE HOTEL, 75 WATERLOO ROAD, HO MAN TIN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POLLUTION WHITE PAPER

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION IN HONG KONG AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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LABOUR INSPECTORS ENDEAVOUR TO MEET CHALLENGES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTORATE IS ENDEAVOURING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM RECENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES WITH IMPROVED AND DIVERSIFIED SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN OPENING THE NINTH RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR OF THE INSPECTORATE.

MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE INSPECTORATE'S SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM, 82 PER CENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT LAW OFFENCES DETECTED DURING INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN RECTIFIED BY THE EMPLOYERS CONCERNED.

"THE TEAM HAS CONDUCTED SOME 2,700 INSPECTIONS ON VARIOUS TRADES INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, CONSTRUCTION SITES AND GARMENT FACTORIES SINCE IT WAS FORMED LAST YEAR," HE ADDED.

"THERE IS ALSO A FAVOURABLE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE SET UP IN JULY WHICH RECEIVED A DAILY AVERAGE OF 200 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON LABOUR LEGISLATION AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES," MR HAMMOND SAID.

THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR AT THE LEI YUE MUN HOLIDAY VILLAGE IS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 60 LABOUR INSPECTORS.

IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INSPECTORS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND VIEWS ON THEIR DAY TO DAY WORK AND KEEPS THEM ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN JOB-RELATED LEGISLATION.

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FEWER STUDENTS HURT IN SUMMER JOBS

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THERE HAVE BEEN FEWER INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUMMER-JOB WORKERS IN RECENT YEARS DESPITE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS JOINING THE LABOUR MARKET EVERY SUMMER.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ONLY 29 SUCH ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED THIS SUMMER, COMPARED WITH 35 IN 1988 AND 41 IN 1987.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, MOST OF THE ACCIDENTS RELATED TO THE USE OF MACHINERY (18 CASES), SUCH AS POWER PRESS, STUD PRESS AND PRINTING MACHINE WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR EIGHT ACCIDENTS.

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OTHERS WERE CAUSED BY STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS (THREE CASES), FALLING OBJECTS (TWO CASES), MANUAL LIFTING OF WEIGHTS (TWO CASES), HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES (TWO CASES), USE OF HAND TOOLS (ONE CASE), AND EXPLOSION OR FIRE (ONE CASE).

THE INJURED WORKERS, WHO INCLUDED SEVEN FEMALES, WERE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 19.

"TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF WORK SAFETY TO STUDENTS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ORGANISED A SPECIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS IN SUMMER," THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID.

"IN ADDITION TO INSTILLING IN STUDENTS THE CONCEPT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ENHANCING THEIR AWARENESS OF POTENTIAL WORK HAZARDS, THE CAMPAIGN ILLUSTRATED TO THEM THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

"WE FIND THIS CAMPAIGN EXTREMELY USEFUL AND HOPE TO ORGANISE MORE IN THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

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OUTDOOR EXHIBITION ON POLICE FORCE IN SHA TIN
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POLICE FORCE WHEN THEY VISIT AN OUTDOOR EXHIBITION IN SHA TIN ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE FUNCTION, AN ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY OF THE CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF DISPLAY ITEMS INTRODUCING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF POLICE WORK. THESE INCLUDE ASSORTED POLICE VEHICLES, THE MOBILE EXHIBITION CENTRE, THE ROAD SAFETY BUS AND A MARINE INFLATABLE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITION COUNTERS FROM THE POLICE ADVENTURE TRAINING UNIT, FORCE MUSEUM, RECRUITMENT GROUP, CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU, NARCOTICS BUREAU, POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, MARINE POLICE AS WELL AS THE AUXILIARY POLICE.

LIVE PERFORMANCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE STAGED FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM. THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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- 1 PM PERFORMANCE BY THE KOWLOON CITY JUNIOR POLICE CALL BAND
- 1.30 PM IDENTIKIT DEMONSTRATION BY CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU
- 2 PM DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE JUDO CLUB
- 2.20 PM SELF-DEFENCE DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL
- 2.40 PM SILENT DRILL BY POLICE CADET SCHOOL
- 3 PM POLICE DOG SHOW
- 3.30 PM PERFORMANCE BY THE KOWLOON CITY JUNIOR POLICE CALL BAND
- 4 PM SILENT DRILL BY POLICE CADET SCHOOL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE POLICE OUTDOOR PRESENTATION ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN. PPRB OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION OR LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THOSE DECLARED TO BE DANGEROUS ARE 11 AND 13 POPLAR STREET, TAI KOK TSUI; THE EXTERNAL REAR STAIRCASE AT 46 AND 48 LARCH STREET, TAI KOK TSUI; THE REAR STAIRCASE AT 4 AND 4A HUMPHREYS AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI; AND THE EXTERNAL REAR STAIRCASE AT 253 APLIU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

THOSE THAT ARE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS ARE THE MAIN BUILDINGS AT 46 AND 48 LARCH STREET; THE MAIN BUILDING AT 4 AND 4A HUMPHREYS AVENUE AND THE MAIN BUILDING AT 253 APLIU STREET.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 8 NEXT YEAR WERE POSTED ON THE AFFECTED BUILDINGS TODAY.

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YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA RECRUITS MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR 1990-91.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978, THE ORCHESTRA HAS TAKEN PART IN CONCERTS, DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVALS AND OVERSEAS MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES.

IT WILL SOON TAKE PART IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR EVENTS INCLUDING THE YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL AND THE ANNUAL TRAINEES GALA.

THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL DRAW UP AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE ORCHESTRA, EMBRACING MASTERCLASSES AND REHEARSALS CONDUCTED BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS. ALL REHEARSALS IN THE TRAINING SCHEDULE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY EVENINGS.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA WOULD BE RECRUITED EACH YEAR BY OPEN AUDITION AND CURRENT MEMBERS WERE NO EXCEPTION.

FULL ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS AT REHEARSALS AND TRAINING SESSIONS WOULD BE EXPECTED, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OLD, AND HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE VI IN THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT OR EQUIVALENT IN ONE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3-7955761.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE, NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 21 ON WAH STREET, BY DECEMBER 20.

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SUPPLY OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 350,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR VARIOUS ECONOMIC SURVEYS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

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STARTING FROM DECEMBER 1, A SAMPLE LISTING CONTAINING 20 PER CENT OF THE RECORDS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTER WILL BE CREATED FOR USE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THEIR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEYS AND BUSINESS OR PRODUCTS PROMOTION.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS 20 PER CENT SAMPLE LISTING CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) \$2.50 PER PAGE OF PHOTOCOPY; AND
- (B) A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNITS) PLUS \$17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S, IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES. THE MAGNETIC TAPES ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234760.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TSING YI BRIDGE CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE IMPROVEMENT WORKS, TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM 1 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) TO 5.30 AM ON DECEMBER 11.

THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE:

- * KWAI TSING ROAD, THE SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI TAI ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING THE WHOLE TSING YI BRIDGE, WILL BE CLOSED.
- * TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT, THE SECTION BETWEEN THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSING TSUEN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED.
- * TRAFFIC ON KWAI TSING ROAD HEADING FOR TSING YI WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

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- * TRAFFIC ON TEXACO ROAD WESTBOUND INTENDING TO USE THE TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO GO TO NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA SHA TSUI ROAD AND TAI CHUNG ROAD BEFORE CONTINUING THE REST OF THE JOURNEY ON TSUEN WAN ROAD.
- * FOR CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, CHEUNG HONG ESTATE AND TSING YAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KMB ROUTES NOS. 42, 43, 43A, 43C, 43D AND 43M WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS ON JOURNEYS TO TSING YI AND VICE VERSA ON JOURNEYS TO KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON.
- * FOR CHEUNG WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, MAYFAIR GARDEN AND TSING YI UNITED DOCKYARD, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) ROUTES NOS. 88B, 88C AND 88M WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND VICE VERSA ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM KWAI FONG MTR STATION.

THE FOOTPATHS OF TSING YI BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

DEPENDING ON ACTUAL TRAFFIC SITUATION, ADDITIONAL ROAD CLOSURES MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND POLICE WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HUNG TO ROAD IN KWUN TONG FROM A POINT ABOUT 33 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 46 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CANCELLED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHING YIP STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHING YIP STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 220 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SECTION OF TUNG YAN STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD; AND THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FU YAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

IN KOWLOON CITY, A SHORT SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE ON BOUNDARY STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) TO 6 AM ON DECEMBER 11 TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL EITHER VIA LA SALLE ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST; OR VIA EARL STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, LA SALLE ROAD NORTHBOUND AND LANCASHIRE ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT, SHAU KEI WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9), TANNER ROAD IN NORTH POINT BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONG LUNG STREET PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY:

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- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ALDRICH BAY ROAD BETWEEN MONG LUNG STREET AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR;
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE UNNAMED ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR GROUND LEVEL ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MONG LUNG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE EAST; AND
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MONG LUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ALDRICH BAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

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

IN ADDITION, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ALDRICH BAY ROAD EAST OF THE SLIP ROAD LINKING ALDRICH BAY ROAD WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN NORTH POINT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD:

- * KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NORTH VIEW STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * NORTH VIEW STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

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

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