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REVISION OF HYF FERRY SERVICES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF ECONOMY MEASURES INCLUDING THE CURTAILMENT OF SOME LIGHTLY PATRONISED LATE NIGHT SAILINGS TO BEAT ESCALATING FUEL AND OPERATING COSTS.

STARTING TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THE TIMETABLES FOR THE HONG KONG TO TSUEN WAN AND TSUEN WAN TO TSING YI FERRY SERVICES WILL BE SLIGHTLY REVISED.

THE TSUEN WAN TO TSING YI SERVICE WILL STOP AT 10 PM INSTEAD OF 12.15AM WHILST THE BASIC OPERATING FREQUENCY OF THE HONG KONG TO TSUEN WAN SERVICE WILL BE REDUCED FROM 25 MINUTES INTERVALS TO 30 MINUTES.

THE HONG KONG TO TAI O SERVICE WILL OPERATE FOUR SAILINGS INSTEAD OF SIX A DAY FROM APRIL 1. THE 6.20 AM SAILING FROM TAI O TO HONG KONG AND THE 9.10 AM SAILING FROM HONG KONG TO TAI O WILL BE WITHDRAWN, BUT THE 3.50 PM SAILING FROM HONG KONG TO TAI O WILL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL CALL AT CASTLE PEAK BAY.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS REVISED TIMETABLE WILL CAUSE LITTLE INCONVENIENCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS THE TWO CANCELLED SAILINGS HAVE SELDOM CARRIED MORE THAN 50 PASSENGERS A TIME.

DESPITE THE REDUCTION IN SERVICES IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN LANTAU TO TRAVEL TO TUEN MUN AND RETURN BY FERRIES ON THE SAME DAY.

A 550-SEATER DOUBLE-DECK VESSEL WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE HONG KONG TO TAI O SERVICE IN THE MORNING AND BE DEPLOYED TO AUGMENT THE MORNING PEAK CARRYING CAPACITY ON THE SHAU KEI WAN TO SAM KA TSUEN SERVICE.

IN TURN THIS WILL RELEASE A 260-SEATER WATER BUS WHICH WILL THEN BE USED ON THE SHAU KEI WAN TO KOWLOON CITY SERVICE TO REPLACE THE MUCH SMALLER WATER TAXI USED AT PRESENT.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE TIMETABLE REVISIONS AND THE REDEPLOYMENT OF VESSELS WERE APPROVED AFTER CAREFUL EVALUATION OF THE USE MADE OF THE SERVICES AGAINST RISING OPERATING COSTS.

HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES MORE EFFICIENT USE COULD BE MADE OF THE FERRY FLEET.

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GOVERNOR LAUNCHES SALVATION ARMY'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT, IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN DIRECT EFFORTS, MUST CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE UNSTINTING EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE THE SALVATION ARMY TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE SALVATION ARMY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS LAUNCHING CEREMONY IN THE OCEAN TERMINAL, SIR MURRAY SAID ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG WERE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER AND MUCH VALUED BY ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

WHEN IT FIRST BEGAN HERE IN 1930, HONG KONG'S POPULATION WAS A BARE 850 000 AND ITS OPERATION WAS COMPARATIVELY SMALL.

+BUT IT HAS RESPONDED SPLENDIDLY TO THE SWOLLEN NEEDS OF A SWOLLEN POPULATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES NOW INCLUDE SIX SCHOOLS, FOUR CLINICS AND 43 CENTRES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

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

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO CELEBRATE WITH THIS GROUP OF DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN 50 YEARS OF DEVOTED AND IMAGINATIVE SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+WHEN THE SALVATION ARMY FIRST BEGAN HERE IN 1930, HONG KONG'S POPULATION WAS A BARE 850 000. ITS OPERATION WAS COMPARATIVELY SMALL. BUT IT HAS RESPONDED SPLENDIDLY TO THE SWOLLEN NEEDS OF A SWOLLEN POPULATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES NOW INCLUDE SIX SCHOOLS, FOUR CLINICS AND 43 CENTRES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED. THIS EXPANSION GOES ON AND INCLUDES A PURPOSE-BUILT HOME FOR THE MENTALLY-AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. THE SALVATION ARMY IS AN ORGANISATION OF WORLDWIDE RENOWN, HERE, IN HONG KONG, ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES ARE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER AND MUCH VALUED BY ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES IS CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE SERIES OF WHITE PAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE 70S. TO REALISE THESE AMBITIOUS GOALS, IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN DIRECT EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT MUST CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE UNSTINTING EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD. I AM SURE THAT THE SALVATION ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO RISE TO THE OCCASION, AS IT HAS TO SO MANY OTHERS IN SO MANY LANDS.

+I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.+

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SHA TIN'S NEW RAILWAY STATION TAKING SHAPE

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THE NEW RAILWAY STATION BEING BUILT AT SHA TIN IS ENTERING ANOTHER PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CALLING OF TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A TWO-LEVEL BRIDGE WITH SHOPPING FACILITIES AT THE LOWER DECK.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT SUB-STRUCTURE WORK ON THE STATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND FINISHING TOUCHES WERE BEING PUT TO THE NEW PLATFORMS.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN MAY ON THE SUB-STRUCTURE OF THE BRIDGE.

+THE BRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE OVER TAI PO ROAD, WILL LINK THE STATION WITH THE NEW TOWN CENTRE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE CONNECTING PAI TAU VILLAGE WITH THE STATION AT CONCOURSE LEVEL WHILE THE CONCOURSE AND PLATFORMS WILL BE CONNECTED BY FOUR PAIRS OF ESCALATORS, FOUR STAIRWAYS AND TWO GOODS LIFTS.+

THE CONCOURSE OF THE NEW STATION, WHICH IS NEXT TO THE EXISTING ONE, WILL BE OVER THE TRACKS AND WILL BE ACCESSIBLE BY CAR VIA THE SHA TIN EXTERNAL BUS ROUTE TERMINUS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STRUCTURE FOR THE STATION HAD BEEN SO DESIGNED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A NINE-STORY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN FUTURE.

WORK CALLED BY THE TENDER IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SNT OPENS SCOUT CLUBHOUSE IN YUEN LONG

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) COMPLETION OF A \$460 000 CLUBHOUSE FOR THE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION YUEN LONG (EAST) DISTRICT WAS +A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF A COMMUNITY CAN ACHIEVE.+

OPENING THE CLUBHOUSE AT AU TAU, YUEN LONG, MR AKERS-JONES SAID: +IT IS OF COURSE YET ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SPIRIT OF THE YUEN LONG COMMUNITY.+

HE SAID HE PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF SCOUTING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. +SCOUTING, ONE OF THE MOST WELL ORGANISED ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, HAS A LONG HISTORY.

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+THE SUCCESS OF SCOUTING DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE EFFORTS OF UNIFORMED SCOUT PERSONNEL, IT ALSO RELIES ON THE SUPPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

+FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MAGNIFICENT CLUBHOUSE CAME FROM GENEROUS DONATIONS OF LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. WITHOUT THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT, THE COMPLETION OF SUCH A GREAT UNDERTAKING WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE UNDERSTOOD THE YUEN LONG (EAST) SCOUT ASSOCIATION WAS PLANNING TO DEVELOP A CAMP SITE ADJACENT TO THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AND THE YUEN LONG (WEST) SCOUT ASSOCIATION HAD ALSO APPLIED FOR A SITE IN LAU FAU SHAN TO CONSTRUCT A CLUBHOUSE AND CAMP SITE.

+YOUR ENTHUSIASM IN THE PROMOTION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IS MOST PRAISEWORTHY AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE NECESSARY IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION YUEN LONG (EAST) DISTRICT, MR LAI KAM-MAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG WAI-KWOK, UNVEILED A PLAQUE OFFICIALLY TO OPEN THE CLUBHOUSE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR P.G. WILLIAMS, PERFORMED THE +DOOR-OPENING+ CEREMONY. THE CLUB HAS DONATED \$200 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE CLUBHOUSE.

THE NEW CLUBHOUSE HAS THREE STOREYS EACH OF 65 SQUARE METRES. A CONFERENCE ROOM AND A RECEPTION AREA ARE ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THERE ARE TWO OFFICES ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND A LECTURE ROOM, EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AUDIO/VISUAL FACILITIES, IS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

IT IS BUILT ON A 260 SQUARE METRES (2 800 SQ FEET) SITE WHICH INCLUDES PARADE GROUNDS EQUIPPED WITH FLOOD LIGHTING.

THE NEW BUILDING WILL SERVE MORE THAN 500 BOY SCOUTS IN THE YUEN LONG (EAST) DISTRICT. ITS FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS TO SCOUTS FROM OTHER NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

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REPORT TRAFFIC BOLLARD DAMAGES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO REPORT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IF THEY SEE TRAFFIC BOLLARDS DAMAGED ON THE ROAD.

BY DOING SO, THEY WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE BOLLARDS ARE IN PLACE ALL THE TIME TO GUIDE PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY PWD ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE TRAFFIC AIDS.

IT FOLLOWED CONTINUAL DAMAGE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC BOLLARDS AT PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AND ROAD JUNCTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

A PWD SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR ALONE MORE THAN 3 000 BOLLARDS WERE KNOCKED DOWN BY VEHICLES.

+HOWEVER, ONLY VERY FEW, WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN SERIOUS TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, WERE REPORTED,+ HE SAID.

+THE MAJORITY WERE DISCOVERED BY NIGHT PATROLS OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.+

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SAFETY FEATURES WERE INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN OF THE BOLLARDS TO MINIMISE DAMAGE TO VEHICLES AND INJURY TO DRIVERS IN ACCIDENTS.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME IRRESPONSIBLE MOTORISTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS AS MANY OF THE BOLLARDS WERE DAMAGED BY CARS WILFULLY OR CARELESSLY DRIVEN CLOSE TO OR OVER PAVEMENTS OR TRAFFIC ISLANDS.

AT SOME LOCATIONS, HE SAID, THE BOLLARDS WERE HIT SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT FOR THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS, THE BOLLARDS, WHICH WERE ILLUMINATED AT NIGHT, MUST BE MAINTAINED IN WORKING CONDITION AT ALL TIME.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT DAMAGED BOLLARDS THAT COME TO THEIR NOTICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO CALL ARE:

HONG KONG ISLAND: 5-763125 (24-HOURS SERVICE)

KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES:
3-644241 EXT. 8 (DURING OFFICE HOURS)
3-644244 (AFTER OFFICE HOURS)

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DSW OPENS TRAINING CENTRE FOR RETARDED CHILDREN
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REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD WITH THE OPENING TODAY (SATURDAY) OF HONG KONG'S FIRST PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING CENTRE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX YEARS.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, THIS MORNING UNVEILED A PLAQUE AT A CEREMONY TO OPEN THE TRAINING CENTRE OPERATED BY THE PO LEUNG KUK IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR LEE SAID THE PROJECT WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF WELFARE SERVICE TO MEET CHANGING SOCIAL NEEDS.

HE SAID THE PROJECT, FINANCED BY A \$400 000 GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND MADE THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, COULD ACCOMMODATE 48 SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE.

+THE CENTRE PROVIDES DAY CARE AND PRE-SCHOOL BASIC TRAINING IN BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT TO PREPARE THE CHILDREN FOR FURTHER SUITABLE TRAINING LATER ON+, HE SAID.

OCCUPYING A FLOOR AREA OF 4 800 SQUARE FEET, HE SAID, THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH VARIOUS FACILITIES INCLUDING ROOMS FOR TRAINING CLASSES, PLAY ACTIVITIES, NURSING CARE AND PHYSIOTHERAPY, AS WELL AS OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND.

MR LEE PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOCIAL WELFARE, PARTICULARLY FOR STARTING THE PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING CENTRE PROJECT.

+BACK IN 1978, THE KUK OPERATED THE FIRST TRAINING CENTRE IN KWAI SHING FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 16 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

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RENEWAL OF HAWKER LICENCE IN KWAI CHUNG
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PEOPLE HOLDING ITINERANT HAWKER LICENCES FOR KWAI CHUNG SHOULD RENEW THEIR LICENCES AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE FROM APRIL 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF HAWKERS LIVING IN KWAI CHUNG. +THOSE WHO LIVE IN TSUEN WAN SHOULD CONTINUE TO RENEW THEIR LICENCES AT THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.+

THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE IS SITUATED AT 31, SHING FONG STREET, 5/F., KWAI CHUNG.

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PROHIBITED ZONES AT ADMIRALTY STATION

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THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (EAST) BUS TERMINUS, TOGETHER WITH ITS ENTRANCE ROAD FROM HARCOURT ROAD AND ITS SOUTHBOUND EXIT ROAD ONTO QUEENSWAY, AS WELL AS THE STATION'S WEST BUS TERMINUS, WILL BE DESIGNATED +PROHIBITED ZONES+ FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 1).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THESE ZONES.

MEANWHILE, THE SECTION OF THE EXIT ROAD OF THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (WEST) BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE AND A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES EAST OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE RE-OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MID-LEVELS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 1) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LYTTTELTON ROAD, BABINGTON ROAD AND OAKLANDS PATH INCLUDING BREEZY PATH, PO YUEN LANE, BREEZY TERRACE, NOS 12-30 BONHAM ROAD, NOS 6A-10 PARK ROAD, AND HONITON ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM DAILY ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 2) AND THURSDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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