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1985 A GOOD YEAR FOR HOTEL BUSINESS

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HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES RECORDED IN 1985 THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE, AT 12 PER CENT OVER 1984, IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE 1985 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND 102,919 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1985, WITH 617,250 PERSONS ENGAGED. WHEN COMPARED WITH 1984, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND OF PERSONS ENGAGED INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN 1985, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$501,776 MILLION OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS; AND SPENT \$25,601 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, \$47,994 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES AND \$406,881 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE. WHEN COMPARED WITH 1984, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, WHILE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED, REPRESENTING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, GREW SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT TO \$50,836 MILLION IN 1985, FROM \$50,506 MILLION IN 1984.

ANALYSED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT IN 1985, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SHARE OF SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AT \$349,765 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR TOTAL. RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 15 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 11 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS 4 PER CENT AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES 1 PER CENT.

IN 1985, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST SHARE (56 PER CENT) OF TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR. THE REMAINING CONTRIBUTION WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY RETAIL TRADE (17 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (14 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (7 PER CENT) AND HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (6 PER CENT).

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WHEN COMPARED WITH 1984, HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES HAD THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS (+12 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE (+9 PER CENT), RESTAURANTS (+8 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (+4 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (+1 PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE WAS AGAIN RECORDED FOR HOTELS/BOARDING HOUSES (+16 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY RESTAURANTS (+10 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (+4 PER CENT) AND WHOLESALE TRADE (+3 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE (-4 PER CENT).

THE 1985 SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE AND SERVICE SECTOR AND UPDATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, STOCKS, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY, TOGETHER WITH ANALYTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUP/ACTIVITY AND ANALYSED BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1985 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS".

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE IN JULY 1987 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234942.

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Comparison of Selected Principal Statistics for all establishments in
the Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels Sector between 1984 and 1985

| Activity | | Number of establishments | Number of persons engaged | Number of employees | Compensation of employees \$ Mn. | Operating expenses \$ Mn. | Purchases of goods for sale \$ Mn. | Changes in stocks \$ Mn. | Sales and other receipts \$ Mn. | Value added \$ Mn. |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wholesale trade | 1984 | 12 605 | 57 775 | 43 214 | 1 712 | 2 772 | 46 522 | 332 | 52 330 | 3 517 |
| | 1985 | 13 446 | 61 149 | 46 179 | 1 938 | 3 072 | 46 723 | 379 | 52 996 | 3 623 |
| | % change | +7 | +6 | +7 | +13 | +11 | # | +14 | +1 | +3 |
| Retail trade | 1984 | 48 608 | 164 008 | 107 016 | 4 351 | 7 712 | 55 469 | 1 025 | 70 558 | 8 543 |
| | 1985 | 48 030 | 168 496 | 109 609 | 4 683 | 8 170 | 57 285 | 1 044 | 73 131 | 8 880 |
| | % change | -1 | +3 | +2 | +8 | +6 | +3 | +2 | +4 | +4 |
| Import/export trade | 1984 | 30 939 | 187 802 | 166 259 | 10 431 | 26 409 | 269 309 | 3 065 | 321 133 | 29 482 |
| | 1985 | 33 881 | 205 780 | 183 169 | 11 856 | 29 771 | 293 767 | 1 282 | 349 765 | 28 308 |
| | % change | +10 | +10 | +10 | +14 | +13 | +9 | -58 | +9 | -4 |
| Restaurants | 1984 | 6 828 | 156 452 | 148 123 | 5 193 | 4 781 | 7 971 | -42 | 19 014 | 6 312 |
| | 1985 | 6 620 | 157 453 | 150 270 | 5 887 | 5 100 | 8 592 | 5 | 20 585 | 6 946 |
| | % change | -3 | +1 | +1 | +13 | +7 | +8 | -111 | +8 | +10 |
| Hotels/boarding houses | 1984 | 846 | 23 948 | 23 377 | 1 076 | 1 733 | 483 | -1 | 4 735 | 2 652 |
| | 1985 | 942 | 24 372 | 23 690 | 1 238 | 1 881 | 514 | 3 | 5 299 | 3 079 |
| | % change | +11 | +2 | +1 | +15 | +9 | +6 | -435 | +12 | +16 |
| Total | 1984 | 99 825 | 589 986 | 487 990 | 22 763 | 43 407 | 379 753 | 4 379 | 467 770 | 50 506 |
| | 1985 | 102 919 | 617 250 | 512 917 | 25 601 | 47 994 | 406 881 | 2 712 | 501 776 | 50 836 |
| | % change | +3 | +5 | +5 | +12 | +11 | +7 | -38 | +7 | +1 |

Notes : 1. Individual items may not add up to total due to rounding.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.

3. # denotes less than 0.5% in magnitude.

4. Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1985 Survey of Wholesale and Retail Trades, Restaurants and Hotels" report.

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NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR US BOUND SHIPMENTS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A NEW ARRANGEMENT UNDER THE HK/USA TEXTILES AGREEMENT COVERING EXPORT OF PERSONAL SHIPMENTS AND MARKED COMMERCIAL SAMPLES HAD BEEN AGREED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE USA. THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1988.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT:

- (A) (I) ALL TEXTILES AND APPAREL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BONA FIDE GIFTS VALUED AT US\$50 OR LESS, BUT EXCLUDING SUITS UNDER (B) BELOW, EXPORTED TO THE USA FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE IMPORTER AND NOT FOR RESALE, REGARDLESS OF VALUE; AND
- (II) EXPORTS TO THE USA OF PROPERLY MARKED COMMERCIAL SAMPLE SHIPMENTS VALUED AT US\$250 OR LESS;

SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO QUOTA OR EXPORT AUTHORISATION.

- (B) EXPORTS OF WOOL, MAN-MADE FIBRE AND SILK BLEND AND OTHER VEGETABLE FIBRES SUITS TO THE USA, REGARDLESS OF VALUE MUST IN FUTURE BE SHIPPED UNDER QUOTA. A NEW QUOTA CATEGORY HAS BEEN CREATED FOR MADE-TO-MEASURE SUITS AND ADDITIONAL QUOTA HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO HONG KONG FOR SUCH EXPORTS.
- (C) PERSONAL SHIPMENTS OF SUITS ACCOMPANYING THE TRAVELLER TO THE USA, REGARDLES OF VALUE, SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO QUOTA OR EXPORT AUTHORISATION.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS. AS REGARDS ALLOCATION OF QUOTA IN THE NEWLY CREATED CATEGORY COVERING MADE-TO-MEASURE SUITS, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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FOOD HYGIENE HOTLINE SET UP

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RESIDENTS ARE URGED TODAY (SATURDAY) TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST FOOD POISONING AND VARIOUS DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH UNCLEAN FOOD IN THE SUMMER SEASON.

TO FACILITATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD HYGIENE, THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS SET UP A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINE WHICH WILL OPERATE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, MR WONG LUP-GAY, CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TODAY (SATURDAY) TO MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE PREVENTION OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY DIAL 5-8916443 TO LISTEN TO A RECORDED MESSAGE CONTAINING GENERAL ADVICE IN CANTONESE. THEY ARE THEN GIVEN 30 SECONDS TO MAKE ENQUIRIES. STAFF OF THE UNIT WILL CALL BACK AND ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," MR WONG SAID.

TO ASSIST ENGLISH SPEAKERS, HE SAID THAT A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE RECORDING TO DIRECT THEM TO MAKE ENQUIRIES AT ANOTHER NUMBER DURING OFFICE HOURS.

MR WONG RECOMMENDED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHILE EATING, PREPARING AND STORING FOOD:

- * DO NOT PATRONISE UNLICENSED COOKED FOOD HAWKERS BECAUSE THE PLACE AND WAYS IN WHICH THEY PREPARE THEIR FOOD ARE USUALLY NOT HYGIENIC;
- * USE REFRIGERATORS PROPERLY AND STORE RAW AND COOKED FOOD SEPARATELY;
- * COOK FOOD THOROUGHLY AND CONSUME WHILE STILL HOT, LEFTOVERS SHOULD ALSO BE REHEATED THOROUGHLY;
- * COVER CUTS AND SORES WITH WATERPROOF DRESSINGS BEFORE COOKING AND EATING;
- * KEEP CLEAN PERSONAL HABITS AND WASH HANDS ALWAYS BEFORE PREPARING FOOD; AND
- * MAINTAIN A CLEAN KITCHEN.

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CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO PROSPER

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS OF LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG IN THE PAST YEAR.

REVIEWING LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR AT THE 65TH INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY CELEBRATION DINNER IN HIS CAPACITY AS REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID THAT THE BUSINESS OF MOST SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO PROSPER.

"VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLES. LOCAL PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES IN 1986 AMOUNTED TO 158,500 TONNES. OF THE 65,600 TONNES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED MARKETED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, ABOUT HALF WERE HANDLED BY THESE SOCIETIES," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE ANCILLARY SERVICES OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES SUCH AS THE CO-OPERATIVE SALE OF ROTARY CULTIVATORS, PLASTIC BASKETS AND GOOD QUALITY PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES AT RESASONABLE PRICES PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND TO THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS.

IN THE PAST YEAR, HE SAID, THE FEDERATION PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING THE CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASE AND SALE OF QUALITY VEGETABLE SEEDS PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

DR LEE SAID THAT THE FEDERATION ALSO TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

"IN APRIL THIS YEAR, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE FEDERATION SPONSORED A GROUP OF 15 VEGETABLE FARMERS TO VISIT AUSTRALIA TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF VEGETABLE CULTIVATION AND MARKETING AND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS," HE SAID.

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ON PIG FARMING DR LEE SAID THAT THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE.

"THROUGH THE IMPORT OF QUALITY PEDIGREE PIGS FROM OVERSEAS, THE ORGANISATION OF MONTHLY TECHNICAL SEMINARS, AND THE PRODUCTION OF QUARTERLY TECHNICAL NEWSLETTERS FOR FREE ISSUE TO ITS MEMBERS, THE FEDERATION MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE UPGRADING OF THE LOCAL BREEDING STOCK, AND ENHANCING THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MODERN PIG PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES," HE SAID.

DR LEE ALSO SPOKE OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT.

"DURING THE PAST YEAR, ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE \$14.2 MILLION LOANED TO FARMERS FROM VARIOUS LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT WERE CHANNELLED THROUGH THESE SOCIETIES.

"AT THE SAME TIME, \$170,000 WERE ISSUED FROM THE SOCIETIES' OWN REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS TO THEIR MEMBERS TO MEET A WIDE RANGE OF FARM CREDIT NEEDS," HE SAID.

IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR, DR LEE CONTINUED, FISHERMEN CO-OPERATIVES CONTINUED TO DO WELL WITH A TOTAL SURPLUS OF SOME \$200,000 REGISTERED IN THE PAST YEAR AND THE CUMULATIVE REVOLVING LOAN FUND CAPITAL SAVED BY MEMBERS STOOD AT \$6.56 MILLION.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, SOME \$10 MILLION WERE LOANED TO FISHERMEN FROM FISHERMEN'S SOCIETIES' OWN LOAN FUNDS AND FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL LOAN FUNDS FOR PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES SUCH AS BUILDING NEW VESSELS, PURCHASING FISHING GEAR AND EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRING ENGINES AND HULLS.

TO KEEP LOCAL FISHERMEN ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHING TECHNOLOGY, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION LAST YEAR ORGANISED AND SPONSORED 10 CHAMPION OR LEADING FISHERMEN ON AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN.

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REGARDING URBAN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID SEVEN OF THESE SOCIETIES APPLIED FOR VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PERMIT CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETIES TO TRANSFER LEGAL TITLE TO FLATS TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

"OTHER SOCIETIES ARE NOW ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE PROPOSAL," HE ADDED.

DR LEE SAID THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE URBAN CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO BE STEADY LAST YEAR WITH SLIGHT INCREASES IN TOTAL SALES TURNOVER AND GROSS TRADING SURPLUS.

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WORK ON FIRST LONG STAY CARE HOME STARTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ARE PLANNING TO BUILD THREE LONG STAY CARE HOMES IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST SUCH INSTITUTION AT TUEN MUN, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE 200 PLACES IN EACH HOME, WHICH MEANT THE TOTAL DEMAND COULD BE MET IN FIVE YEARS.

ACCORDING TO THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN, THERE IS NEED FOR ONE SUCH PLACE PER 10,000 POPULATION, GIVING AN ESTIMATED DEMAND OF 600 PLACES IN THE ENTIRE TERRITORY. THE OTHER TWO HOMES WILL BE IN SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG CHUK HANG.

MR LAW SAID LONG STAY CARE HOME WAS A NEW SERVICE TO CATER FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF A PARTICULAR GROUP OF MENTAL PATIENTS.

"THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER EX-MENTAL PATIENTS IN THAT THEY STILL NEED CONTINUOUS NURSING CARE, AND THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCHARGED BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF ABILITY TO COPE WITH DAILY LIFE BY THEMSELVES AS A RESULT OF LENGTHY HOSPITALISATION THOUGH THEIR CONDITIONS ARE UNDER CONTROL AND THEIR MENTAL STATE IS STABLE.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ALSO LACK THE NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO LOOK AFTER THEM AT HOME.

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"LONG STAY CARE HOMES CAN REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUCH PATIENTS BEING STRANDED IN HOSPITALS," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO NURSING CARE PROVIDED BY NURSES, THERE WOULD BE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN THESE HOMES TO RENDER THE NECESSARY SERVICES, MR LAW SAID.

"THESE SERVICES AIM TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS WITH PROPER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CARE, TO ENABLE THEM TO LEARN ABOUT THE WAYS AND SKILLS TO COPE WITH DAILY LIFE AS WELL AS TO REINSTATE THEIR CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY IN INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP," HE EXPLAINED.

THE TUEN MUN HOME WILL BE OPERATED BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION. THE CAPITAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS ABOUT \$19 MILLION, OF WHICH \$13.5 MILLION COMES FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

MR LAW PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG THROUGH THE OPERATION OF A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES INCLUDING HALF-WAY HOUSES, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, SOCIAL CENTRES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

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NEW CHILDREN CENTRE FOR SHA TIN OPENS
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IN ADDITION TO PARENTAL CARE, CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH AND TO SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL AS TO UNDERSTAND ONESELF, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE MEI LAM CHILDREN CENTRE OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION IN SHA TIN, MRS WONG SAID: "THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF MEANINGFUL SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CHILDREN CENTRES CAN HELP MEMBERS TO DEVELOP THEIR CHARACTER, POTENTIAL AND SOCIALISATION SKILLS, BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY OF INDEPENDENT THINKING AND EVENTUALLY TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE AND USEFUL CITIZENS."

MRS WONG ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR PARENTS TO PROVIDE A SAFE HOME AND TO INSTILL HOME SAFETY KNOWLEDGE TO THEIR CHILDREN.

TURNING TO WELFARE FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWNS, SHE SAID THEY WERE BEING EXPANDED TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WERE AN IMPORTANT ITEM.

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SHE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SOME 350,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN SHA TIN AND THE WELFARE UNITS INCLUDED EIGHT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, THREE YOUTH CENTRES, FOUR CHILDREN CENTRES, SEVEN SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, FIVE HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY, 14 NURSERIES AND THREE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

MRS WONG ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CHILD WELFARE SINCE 1936 AND FOR HAVING EXPANDED ITS CLIENTELE TO INCLUDE YOUTHS AND FAMILIES.

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AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES EXPANDED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS EXPANDING ITS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SUCH SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, MR LI SAID AUDIOLOGISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT VISITED SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO ASSESS AND DIAGNOSE STUDENTS SUSPECTED TO HAVE HEARING IMPEDIMENT. THEY WOULD ALSO ADVISE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS ON THE USE OF HEARING AIDS.

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN ITS MANPOWER TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCTION OF EAR-MOULD SERVICES, MR LI SAID.

"EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR DEAF STUDENTS WILL CERTAINLY BE FURTHER DEVELOPED THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT," SAID MR LI.

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NEED FOR WHOLESOME RECREATION FOR YOUTHS STRESSED

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MORE THAN 500 YOUTHS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD A MORNING OF FUN TODAY (SATURDAY) IN A FOLK DANCE GATHERING AT THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE TO LAUNCH THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID SUMMER ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP PARTICIPANTS FOSTER STRONG CHARACTER AND CULTIVATE LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE CHALLENGES OF A COSMOPOLITAN CITY.

SHE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING WHOLESOME CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP STRIKE A GOOD BALANCE AGAINST A MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY.

SHE NOTED THAT THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THIS DISTRICT WERE IN LINE WITH THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED TO SHARE THE FUN AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR JACOB CHAN URGED YOUTHS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH RECREATION AND TO HELP THEM BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 72 EVENTS ORGANISED BY SOME 20 LOCAL COMMUNITY BODIES FOR MORE THAN 40,000 YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM SPORTS AND GAMES, TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS, THERE ARE ALSO ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO SERVE THE NEEDY PEOPLE, SUCH AS SCHOOL DROPOUTS, MENTALLY UNBALANCED PEOPLE AND DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OPENING CEREMONY SUB-COMMITTEE, MRS GRACE TAM ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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COURSE ON HELPING PUPILS WITH PROBLEMS

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TO HELP PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDERSTAND PUPILS' PROBLEMS IN THE CLASSROOM AND TO LEARN VARIOUS WAYS OF HANDLING SUCH PROBLEMS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE A COURSE NEXT MONTH.

THE THREE-DAY COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, BETWEEN JULY 20 AND 22.

IT WILL PROVIDE THE PARTICIPANTS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. TEACHERS HAVING SUCH PUPILS IN THEIR CLASSES WILL FIND THE COURSE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

TALKS WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE COURSE ON HELPING PUPILS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIOUR, HEARING, VISION AND PHYSICAL PROBLEMS, STUDENTS GUIDANCE SERVICES, PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, INTENSIVE REMEDIAL SERVICES, AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES, PERIPATETIC ADVISORY SERVICE, SPEECH THERAPY SERVICE, SCREENING SERVICE AND RESOURCE HELP SERVICE FOR PUPILS.

A VISIT WILL BE ORGANISED TO THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE COURSE.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, SECOND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT YOUNGSTERS COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY BY GETTING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AFFAIRS.

MR LEUNG SAID THE GREEN PAPER SET OUT OPTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

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"YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SEND THEIR COMMENTS TO THE SURVEY OFFICE DIRECT OR THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30," HE SAID.

"THOSE WHO CAN ONLY EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ORALLY MAY STILL MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WHO WILL TRANSCRIBE THEM AND PASS THEM ON TO THE SURVEY OFFICE," HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG ALSO URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WOULD BE LAUNCHED FROM AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER.

AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS YUENG KAM-CHUN, COMMENDED THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR CONCERTED EFFORT IN ORGANISING MEANINGFUL SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

TO MARK THIS AFTERNOON'S GRAND OPENING, A WATER CARNIVAL FEATURING WATER-SAFETY AND LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION, AQUATIC GAMES AND FREE-SWIMMING SESSIONS WAS HELD.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; LEGCO MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED IN WAN CHAI

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THE WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY-CUM-CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURED EXCITING PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL YOUNGSTERS AND A FUN FAIR.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY AT THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HO-YIN, SAID HE HOPED THIS YEAR'S THEME OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY' WOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL YOUTHS IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED.

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MORE THAN 140 EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED AND WILL RUN FROM JULY TO MID-AUGUST. EIGHTEEN LOCAL GROUPS, INCLUDING YOUTH CENTRES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS AND RELIGIOUS BODIES HAVE TAKEN PART IN PLANNING AND ARRANGING VARIOUS PROJECTS.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER RANGE FROM OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CAMPING, PICNICS, LAUNCHES, FISHING, VISITS TO MACAU AND CHINA, BALL GAMES, DANCES, TO MORE INTELLECTUALLY ORIENTED PROJECTS LIKE SEMINARS, QUIZZES, EXHIBITIONS, VOLUNTARY WORKERS' TRAINING CLASSES, WRITING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS. NOVEL ITEMS LIKE CRAB-CATCHING CAMPS, SURVIVAL TRAINING COURSE, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND A CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 30,000 TO 40,000 PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME.

FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT IS CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WHICH HAS ALLOCATED \$120,400 TO WAN CHAI. THE REST COMES FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS WHICH AMOUNT TO \$31,000 AND A SUBSIDY FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

ALSO AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR LEE SHUNG-TAK.

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KWAI TSING RESIDENTS TO SHARE SUMMER FUN

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MORE THAN 80,000 RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI CAN SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER BY PARTICIPATING IN SOME 480 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI OFFICIALLY OPENED THE PROGRAMME AT A CEREMONY IN THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

MR CHAN SAID MEMBERS OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE STARTED PLANNING THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES EARLY IN FEBRUARY AND WORKED OUT A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE.

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THE \$400,000 PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL COVER NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE COMMUNITY SERVICE, RECREATIONAL, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FACT-FINDING EVENTS.

MR CHAN SAID THE RESPONSE TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. THE NUMBER OF LOCAL BODIES APPLYING FUNDS FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT FROM 35 LAST YEAR TO 53 THIS YEAR.

RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES OF THEIR OWN INTEREST, HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN AREAS IN THE DISTRICT JOINTLY PRODUCED A VARIETY SHOW. PROGRAMMES OF THE SHOW INCLUDED AEROBIC AND CLASSICAL DANCING, TAE KUA DAO AND BAND PERFORMANCES, AND GROUP SINGING.

OTHER GUESTS AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WERE THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CARLOS LEUNG SZE-HUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN.

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CAMP TO TRAIN YOUTHS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

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MORE THAN 60 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE SPENDING THIS WEEKEND IN A LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO FURTHER EQUIP THEMSELVES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE CAMP, WHICH IS PART OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUNTEERS TAKING PART IN THE CAMP ARE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS YOUTH SERVICES GROUPS AND LEADERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL IN THE DISTRICT.

AN ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE CAMP IS TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL LEADERS WITH PROPER TRAINING SO THAT THEY CAN SERVE THE COMMUNITY BETTER.

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"TALKS WILL BE GIVEN ON TOPICS LIKE BASIC QUALITIES OF A LEADER, TECHNIQUES TO CHAIR MEETINGS, HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND HOW TO LEAD GROUP GAMES," HE SAID.

THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME WOULD FOCUS ON HELPING ISLANDERS TO KNOW, TO SHOW CONCERN AND TO SERVE THE DISTRICT BETTER, HE SAID.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGN
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A LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE NEXT SATURDAY (JULY 11).

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 6) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAI-WANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY TO STAY
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THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SOUTH WALL ROAD WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT SIX MORE WEEKS.

THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN LUNG KONG ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, WHILE SOUTH WALL ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD WILL REMAIN A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS ONLY FROM NGAI TSIN WAI ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON CARPENTER ROAD HEADING FOR SOUTH WALL ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG KONG ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR LOK SIN ROAD VIA LUNG KONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD.

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TUNG CHOI STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
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TUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND FIFE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 7) AND JULY 8 FOR THE DELIVERY OF ESCALATORS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS OF MONG KOK ROAD ON TO TUNG CHOI STREET WILL BE BANNED.

TRAFFIC ON BOTH DIRECTIONS OF MONG KOK ROAD HEADING FOR ARGYLE STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

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