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KWAI CHUNG EXPANSION COMPLETE IN 1986
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WHEN THE CURRENT PHASE OF EXPANSION IS COMPLETED IN 1986, THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT, THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD, WILL HAVE A THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 2.2 MILLION TEUS (TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS), COMPARED WITH 1.56 MILLION TEUS LAST YEAR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID AT THE OPENING OF EXPOSHIP FAR EAST '82 TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EXPANSION PHASE WILL INVOLVE THE RECLAMATION OF THE CREEK TO THE EAST OF THE CONTAINER PORT SO AS TO PROVIDE ABOUT 14 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL LAND AS BACK-UP AREA FOR THE PRESENT CONTAINER TERMINALS, SIR PHILIP SAID.

+EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE PORT IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR ABILITY TO TRADE, WHETHER IN OUR OWN PRODUCTS OR IN RE-EXPORTS,+ HE SAID.

THE OCEAN-GOING TONNAGE ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER INCREASED FROM 0.42 MILLION GROSS REGISTERED TONS IN 1975 TO 2.58 MILLION IN 1981 AND TO 3.49 MILLION BY THE END OF LAST SEPTEMBER, SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT.

+IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION, SAFETY, MANNING AND CREW TRAINING APPLICABLE BY LAW TO BRITISH SHIPS, BY EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND CONTINUAL MONITORING OF CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS,+ HE STRESSED.

APART FROM BEING A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY, HONG KONG IS A MAJOR OWNING CENTRE, WITH AN ESTIMATE OF 33 MILLION GROSS REGISTERED TONS OF SHIPPING BEING CONTROLLED BY HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS, HE SAID.

WITH REFERENCE TO DIFFICULTIES OF HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS IN THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC CLIMATE, SIR PHILIP EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE OWNERS WOULD +SAFELY NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH TO CALMER WATERS.+

ON HONG KONG'S SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL RECESSION, SIR PHILIP SAID, +THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH AN EXTERNALLY-ORIENTED ECONOMY, SUCH AS HONG KONG'S, CAN BE INSULATED AGAINST FLUCTUATIONS IN THE GROWTH RATE OF WORLD TRADE AND, INDEED, IT WOULD BE DAMAGING TO THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM TO ATTEMPT TO DO SO.+

+THE FACT IS THAT UNFETTERED OPERATION OF THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM ENSURES OUR PROSPERITY IN THE LONGER TERM, NOT THAT THIS FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH NECESSARILY PRECLUDES A DEGREE OF POSITIVE INTERVENTIONISM BY THE GOVERNMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE SAID.

+FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUPPLY RESPONSE IN THE PROPERTY MARKET IN HONG KONG IS INEVITABLY LUMPY, AND THIS CAN CAUSE RATHER SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IF A LARGE SUPPLY OF PROPERTY COMES ON STREAM AT A TIME OF WEAK DEMAND.

+CERTAINLY, IN SUCH A SITUATION, THE BANKING SYSTEM HAS AN OBLIGATION TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING THE DEBT LIABILITIES OF SOUND PROPERTY COMPANIES, FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM ACCEPTED THE EXPOSURE IN THE FIRST PLACE,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

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PREMIUM ON SMALL NT HOUSES REDUCED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE BY 30 PER CENT THE FIVE-YEAR, NON-ASSIGNMENT PREMIUM ON SMALL HOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, YUEN LONG, MR THOMAS H.K. HO, REVEALED TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB'S DINNER TONIGHT, MR HO SAID OWNERS OF SUCH HOUSES NEED ONLY PAY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$400 PLUS A PREMIUM FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE SMALL HOUSE CONDITIONS, THUS ALLOWING THEM TO SUB-DIVIDE THEIR HOMES INTO THREE SEPARATE FLATS, SUBJECT TO A DEED OF COVENANT GOVERNING THE THREE FLATS.

MR HO SAID THAT A VILLAGE HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR THE DRAWING UP OF A VILLAGE LAYOUT SO THAT SYSTEMATIC DEVELOPMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED.

AND FOR THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, PLOT RATIOS HAVE BEEN READJUSTED ACCORDING TO NEEDS SO THAT LARGE SITES COULD BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO SMALLER PLOTS.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS READJUSTMENT, MR HO POINTED OUT THAT FOR TWO PLOTS OF LAND IN THE YUEN LONG AREA WHICH WOULD BE AUCTIONED ON NOVEMBER 18, THE PLOT RATIO HAS BEEN ADJUSTED FROM SIX TO THREE.

+AND AGAIN IN JANUARY 1983, THE PLOT RATIO FOR TWO SITES WHICH WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE SAME AREA HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM EIGHT TO THREE,+ HE ADDED.

THE REMAINING INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN SITES IN YUEN LONG WOULD BE SIMILARLY READJUSTED TO A PLOT RATIO OF NOT MORE THAN THREE, HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THESE WERE SOME OF THE CHANGES IN THE LAND ADMINISTRATION POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE DEMANDS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO ALLOW PRIVATE LAND OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT. IN THE CASE OF TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY RESUME LAND FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WHILE LAND OWNERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO COME FORWARD WITH PROPOSALS FOR IN-SITU EXCHANGES,+ MR HO SAID.

LOOKING AT THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, MR HO SAID THAT 14.5 HECTARES OF LAND IN YUEN LONG WOULD BE OFFERED FOR SALE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE 4.8 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN USE, SEVEN HECTARES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY AND TWO HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE.

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+ABOUT 12 PLOTS OF CROWN LAND ARE BEING LEASED OUT TEMPORARILY FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS AND PAINT SPRAYING, ONE PLOT FOR OPEN STORAGE INCLUDING EMPTY CONTAINERS, ANOTHER FOR BATCHING PLANTS CONCRETE AND A 5 000 SQUARE METRES SITE WILL BE MARKETED FOR A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND CAR-REPAIRING PURPOSES,+ MR HO SAID.

LAND OWNERS COULD ALSO APPLY FOR SHORT-TERM WAIVERS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES ON PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND ON WHICH PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR THE TIME BEING, PROVIDED THE APPLICATION MET WITH THE NECESSARY CRITERIA.

+AS FAR AS YUEN LONG IS CONCERNED NO FURTHER LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES,+ MR HO SAID. +LEASE ENFORCEMENT AND CROWN LAND CONTROL WILL ALSO BE STEPPED UP.+

MR HO SAID THAT THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES CONSULTANTS AND THEIR REPORTS WERE EXPECTED SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN TURNING YUEN LONG INTO A MORE DYNAMIC AND BALANCED COMMUNITY.

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BRITISH TRADE GROUP TOURS NT
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MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND TRADE, WHO ARE IN HONG KONG FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT, TODAY (MONDAY) TOOK A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE 11-MEMBER DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, DR RICHARD BUTLER.

THE PARTY LATER LANDED AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR VICTOR W. MILLER, ON THE WORK OF THE CORPORATION.

THEY ALSO VISITED AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY AT THE ESTATE AND A CARPET FACTORY IN TAI PO.

THE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AND WILL LEAVE FOR KUALA LUMPUR TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

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MORE APPEALS HEARD BY SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

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THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD RECEIVED 70 APPEALS IN 1981-82, OR 29 PER CENT MORE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE.

IN ITS 1981-82 ANNUAL REPORT JUST PUBLISHED, THE BOARD NOTES THAT OF THE APPEALS, 19 WERE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 47 WERE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE CASES AND THE REMAINING FOUR CONCERNED THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

BOARD HEARINGS WERE HELD FOR 57 APPEALS, 11 OF WHICH WERE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TOTAL REFLECTED AN INCREASE OF 17 HEARINGS OVER 1980-81.

OF THE APPEALS HEARD, THE BOARD CONFIRMED THE DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE ON 31 CASES AND GAVE SUBSTITUTES FOR HIS DECISIONS ON 26 OTHERS.

THE REPORT SAID THAT THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF THE BOARD'S IMPORTANT ROLES.

+THE COMPLAINTS LODGED AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD DO NOT ALL EVENTUALLY BECOME APPEALS BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS OF SOME COMPLAINANTS MAY BE SOLVED WHEN APPROPRIATE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD,+ IT ADDED.

THE BOARD RECEIVED 103 COMPLAINTS DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, ONE CASE LESS THAN IN THE PRECEDING YEAR.

OF THESE, 45 DID NOT LEAD TO APPEALS, 11 WERE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES, AND 47 EVENTUALLY BECAME APPEALS.

THE BOARD SAID IN THE REPORT THAT THE APPEAL MACHINERY SHOULD BE GIVEN WIDER PUBLICITY.

WHERE INVESTIGATIONS OF A CASE BEING REVIEWED FOR EXTENSION OF ALLOWANCE MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER EVEN WHEN THE ALLOWANCE HAD EXPIRED, THE BOARD SAID THAT PAYMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY HARDSHIP TO THE RECIPIENT.

IT SUGGESTED THAT PART OF THE EARNINGS OF THOSE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO SHOULD BE IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT BE DISREGARDED.

AT PRESENT, THIS RULE APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

IT SAID THAT A RELAXATION OF THIS RULE WOULD ENCOURAGE RECIPIENTS TO BE DILIGENT AND AT THE SAME TIME DISCOURAGE THEM FROM BEING DISHONEST.

THE BOARD ALSO FELT THAT THE PERMITTED PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE RELAXED TO SIX MONTHS IN A YEAR.

AT PRESENT, THE ALLOWABLE PERIOD OF ABSENCE IS 28 DAYS FOR A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT AND 56 DAYS FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE RECIPIENT.

COMMENTING ON THE BOARD'S REPORT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE VALUABLE OBSERVATIONS MADE.

+WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE APPEAL SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

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TRAINING COURSE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT * * *

THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICES HAVE ORGANISED A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES FOR MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND FLAT OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICTS TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

SPEAKERS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES WILL GIVE TALKS ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE, HOME SAFETY, CRIME PREVENTION AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF TENANCY MATTERS.

CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN AND MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE COURSES, DIVIDED INTO FOUR SESSIONS, WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG VERNACULAR NORMAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOOL IN MONG KOK.

THE SESSIONS FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BEGIN FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHILE THOSE FOR MONG KOK WILL START FROM NOVEMBER 23.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE FULL COURSE.

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DECEMBER SPORTS CARNIVAL FOR WEST KOWLOON * * * *

RESIDENTS LIVING IN WEST KOWLOON WILL BE TREATED TO A HALF-DAY CARNIVAL OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS ON DECEMBER 12.

THE KOWLOON WEST SPORTS CARNIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

NEARLY 3 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO, STARTING AT 2 PM.

CARNIVAL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S OLYMPICS, THREE-A-SIDE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COMPETITION, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING FOR TEENAGERS, WALKATHON FOR THE AGED, SHUTTLE-COCK FOR ALL AND FISHING FOR FUN.

PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS OFFICES OF KOWLOON WEST, AND ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 3-326449 (MONG KOK OFFICE), 3-614757 (SHAM SHUI PO OFFICE) OR 3-682585 (YAU MA TEI OFFICE).

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\$22.8 MILLION MORE FOR TAI PO WORKS
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THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$22.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR ANOTHER PROJECT AS PART OF ITS PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

WORK INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 2.35 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE VICINITY OF YIM TIN TSAI FOR A FISH MARKET, FUEL DEPOT, ICE PLANT AND SMALL BOATYARDS, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF 300 METRES OF SEAWALL AND ROADWORKS, DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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KODALY CENTENARY CELEBRATION CONCERT
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A CENTENARY CONCERT TO MARK THE BIRTH OF HUNGARIAN COMPOSER AND MUSIC EDUCATOR ZOLTAN KODALY WILL BE HELD IN LA SALLE COLLEGE, LA SALLE ROAD, KOWLOON ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AT 2.30 PM.

THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEVISED AND ARRANGED BY MISS CECILIA VAJDA, VISITING MUSIC ADVISER TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND WILL FEATURE KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN A DEMONSTRATION OF KODALY'S APPROACH TO MUSIC EDUCATION AND A PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPOSER'S +CHRISTMAS DANCE OF THE SHEPHERD+ SUNG BY THE CELESTIAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONDUCTED BY MR CHAN TAK-CHEE.

THE CONCERT WILL CONCLUDE WITH KODALY'S +SONG OF PEACE+ AND +TO THE NATION+, SUNG BY COMBINED CHOIRS DRAWN FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED MISS VAJDA'S COURSES.

THE CONCERT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUSIC SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, 5TH FLOOR LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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BANNING OF RIGHT TURNS IN TSUEN WAN AND SHAU KEI WAN

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NORTHBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG TAI HO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND FROM 10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI HO ROAD FLYOVER.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, DURING WHICH KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND AND SAI LAU KOK ROAD.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, RIGHT TURN MOVEMENTS FROM HOI LEE STREET INTO SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND WILL ALSO BE BANNED FOR ABOUT A MONTH STARTING FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE TRAM TRACKS.

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CLOSURE OF SECTION OF TUEN MUN HIGHWAY

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THE CLOSURE LAST NIGHT OF THE SECTION OF ROAD BETWEEN THE SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE AND THE SIU LAM INTERCHANGE ON TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, FOLLOWING A SERIOUS BUS ACCIDENT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL REPAIRS TO THE CRASHED BARRIERS ARE COMPLETED.

THIS WILL AFFECT ALL TRAFFIC TRAVELLING TOWARDS TUEN MUN FROM TSUEN WAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WITHIN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD TO WARN MOTORISTS.

HE URGED DRIVERS TO OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR ALONG THE WHOLE OF TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AND TO BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WHEN DRIVING ON IT IN RAINY WEATHER.

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WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE BEACON HILL AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG COURT.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 80.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 465.263 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 276.328 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 47.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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