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PUDDING BASIN TYPE CRASH HELMETS
TO BE BANNED FROM FEBRUARY 1
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MOTORCYCLISTS WILL BE BANNED FROM WEARING PUDDING BASIN TYPE CRASH HELMETS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1980.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORCYCLISTS THAT TWO STANDARDS OF HELMETS WILL BE AFFECTED. THEY ARE THE BRITISH STANDARDS 2001 AND 1869.

FROM FEBRUARY 1, THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SCHEDULE TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS AND WILL BE SUBSTITUTED WITH THE JET TYPES IN COMPLIANCE WITH BRITISH STANDARD 5361.

+MOTORCYCLISTS AND THEIR PILLION PASSENGERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR JET TYPE PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WHICH PROTECTS THE TEMPLES, EARS AND LOWER BACK PART OF THE HEAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS A SAFETY MEASURE, HE ADVISED MOTORCYCLISTS TO FASTEN THEIR HELMETS SECURELY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHER HELMETS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET BUT BUYERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE STANDARDS SET OUT BELOW:

BRITISH STANDARDS	2495 AND 5361
JAPANESE STANDARD	T. 8133 - 1970
AUSTRALIAN STANDARD	E 33 - 1968
AMERICAN STANDARDS	Z90, 1 - 1966/1970/1971 SNELL 1970 AND SHCA
BELGIAN STANDARD	NBN 626
GERMAN STANDARD	DIN 4848
FRENCH STANDARD	NFS 72 - 301
DUTCH STANDARD	TNO

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SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS OUT
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A SPECIAL REVIEW OF THE 1977 CENSUS OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IS PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1979 ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE REVIEW CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY'S FINDINGS AND ANALYSES ITS RESULTS BY ACTIVITIES (I.E. WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), MAJOR GROUPS OF COMMODITIES, EMPLOYMENT SIZES, CENSUS DISTRICTS, TYPES OF OWNERSHIP AND SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS.

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1978 FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1977 IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THIS ECONOMIC SECTOR AND PROVIDES BENCHMARK STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE, CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTOR.

IT ALSO PROVIDES DATA FOR EVALUATION OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT. ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILED STATISTICS OF THIS SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE SECTION AT TEL: 5-444364 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEPTEMBER 1979 ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY DIGEST IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$6 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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BARBECUING BAN CONTINUES
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THE MONTH-OLD BAN ON BARBECUING IN SELECTED AREAS OF COUNTRY PARKS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER, MR. CHONG SING-LAI SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE BAN IN FORCE BECAUSE THE HEAVILY WOODED FOREST AREAS OF THE PARKS WERE STILL EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO FIRE.

IN LATE NOVEMBER THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY IMPOSED THE BARBECUE BAN IN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK (EXCEPT THE PAT HEUNG CATCHWATER), THE TAI PO KAU SPECIAL AREA AND THE SHING MUN FOREST (EAST OF THE JUBILEE RESERVOIR) IN SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

THE MOVE BECAME NECESSARY AFTER A SPATE OF FIRES DAMAGED MORE THAN HALF A MILLION TREES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SINCE OCTOBER 1.

MR. CHONG SAID THE BAN MEANT THAT ANY PERSON FOUND LIGHTING A FIRE IN THE BARBECUE PROHIBITED AREAS COULD BE FINED \$5 000 AND IMPRISONED FOR 12 MONTHS.

TRADITIONALLY, DECEMBER IS THE PEAK MONTH FOR VISITOR USAGE OF THE PARKS.

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AND ACCORDING TO MR. CHONG ABOUT ONE MILLION VISITS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE TO THE PARKS THIS MONTH.

+AGAIN, I MUST APPEAL TO VISITORS TO THE PARKS TO TAKE PRECOOKED FOOD AND SANDWICHES WITH THEM WHEN THEY GO OUT ON PICNICS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+WANTON DESTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND OUR PARK RANGERS, FOREST GUARDS AND POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE TO SEE THAT THE LAW IS MAINTAINED,+ SAID MR. CHONG.

HE ADDED THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS WERE FOR EVERYONE IN HONG KONG AND IT WAS THEREFORE UP TO THE USERS TO ENSURE THAT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT REMAINED INTACT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

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LATE NIGHT HOLIDAY BUS SERVICES
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SPECIAL LATE NIGHT BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON CHRISTMAS EVE (MONDAY) AND NEW YEAR'S EVE.

IN KOWLOON, URBAN ROUTE NOS. 1A, 2, 5, 6, 6A AND 9 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 102 WILL BE OPERATING ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAN NORMAL. ALL-NIGHT ROUTE NOS. 121 AND 122 WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LAST BUSES FOR ROUTE NOS. 2, 4, 5, 8, 23 AND 72 WILL ALSO RUN AN HOUR LATER THAN NORMAL.

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SEA WALL TO BE BUILT FOR QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A 665-METRE SEA WALL FOR THE RECLAMATION AT QUARRY BAY.

THE OVERALL PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 18 HECTARES OF LAND FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND CARGO HANDLING USES AS WELL AS NEW ROADWORKS.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY PWD.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEA WALL IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST
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PART OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND CITY HALL MAIN ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 PM AND 4.30 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 25) FOR URBAN COUNCIL'S ALL STAR SHOW.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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RE-OPENING OF POSSESSION STREET
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THE NEWLY RECONSTRUCTED POSSESSION STREET LINKING QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 24).

MOTORISTS ON QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL MAY USE THIS ROAD TO GO TO HOLLYWOOD ROAD EASTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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