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REVIEW OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, HAS ORDERED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN AREAS TO SEE WHETHER EXISTING AND PROPOSED WORKS ARE ADEQUATE.

THE MOVE CAME AFTER THE SEVERE FLOODING IN THESE TWO AREAS ON MONDAY WHEN TRAFFIC WAS BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL FOLLOWING THE DOWNPOURS.

THE REVIEW IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR T.S. NG; THE CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR C.K. AUYEUNG AND THE SENIOR HIGHWAY ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RAYMOND YEUNG, MR O'RORKE TOURED THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AREAS THIS MORNING TO SEE THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE RAIN.

HE DESCRIBED THE RAINFALL DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS AS EXTREMELY HEAVY, PARTICULARLY SO IN TSUEN WAN AREA.

MR O'RORKE SAID SOME 400 STAFF AND WORKERS FROM HIS DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS HAD BEEN WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK TO CLEAR THE ROADS AFFECTED OR FLOODED AS A RESULT OF THE RAINSTORMS.

+OF THE 520 REPORTS OF FLOODING RECEIVED UP TO NOON TODAY, MORE THAN 430 CASES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH. WORK IS CONTINUING ON CLEARING DEBRIS FROM MUDSLIPS IN ABOUT A HUNDRED SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND
FOR JUNE 1982

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR JUNE 1982, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS. AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS. WITHIN MANUFACTURING, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES IN JUNE 1982 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO THE RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS AS TEMPORARY WORKERS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF A LOWER WORKLOAD DURING THE MONTH. IN SEVERAL FACTORIES SURVEYED, THE NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED PER WEEK WAS REDUCED. PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALSO DROPPED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BECAUSE SEVERANCE PAY WAS AWARDED IN THE PRECEDING MONTH TO EMPLOYEES UPON THE CLOSURE OF A FACTORY IN THE PANEL.

THE OVERALL VOLUME OF ORDERS (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) HELD BY THE PANEL OF MANUFACTURERS DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN JUNE 1982 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH. ORDERS DECLINED PARTICULARLY IN THE PLASTICS, TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JUNE 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7221914).

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June 1982 Statistical Table for Employment, Payroll and Orders-on-handA. Employment and earnings

<u>Industry/Service</u>	<u>Persons engaged by</u> <u>the companies surveyed</u>			<u>Per capita earnings</u>			<u>Per capita</u> <u>earnings for</u>
	(% change over the preceding month)						<u>June 1982</u> <u>(HK\$)</u>
	<u>April</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1982</u>	
<u>Manufacturing</u>	-1	-1	1	1	2	-1	<u>2 120</u>
Food and drinks	1	5	2	5	4	1	2 991
Wearing apparel, except footwear	*	-1	*	1	2	1	1 867
Textiles, except wearing apparel	-1	-1	*	1	7	-7	2 026
Plastic products	2	1	3	3	-5	-1	1 826
Fabricated metal products	1	-8	1	-3	8	-6	1 826
Electrical and electronic products	-3	1	4	3	-1	-1	2 000
Others	-2	-1	*	*	*	-1	2 904
<u>Construction</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>3 406</u>
<u>Services</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>3 705</u>
Banks	1	1	2	2	1	*	3 415
Hotels	-1	-2	*	11	-7	1	2 409
Public utilities	*	1	1	5	-1	-1	3 534
Others	*	*	1	6	-6	*	5 670

B. Orders-on-hand in manufacturing

<u>Industry</u>	(% change over the preceding month)			<u>Orders-on-hand</u> <u>(in terms of</u> <u>months) for</u> <u>June 1982</u>
	April May June			
	<u>1982</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1982</u>	
Wearing apparel, except footwear	2	*	*	4.5
Textiles, except wearing apparel	*	*	-4	2.3
Plastic products	-7	*	-8	3.6
Fabricated metal products	-3	*	-3	2.8
Electrical and electronic products	*	2	*	5.0
Others	*	*	*	3.3
All above industries	*	2	-2	4.0

* Changes of less than 0.5%

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CHOI HUNG ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME

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THE NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS INTRODUCED IN SAN PO KONG IN JUNE HAS PROVED SO SUCCESSFUL THAT SIMILAR MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED ALONG CHOI HUNG ROAD ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THIS WILL FORM PHASE 2 OF THE CHOI HUNG ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME AIMED AT FURTHER REDUCING CONGESTION IN THE AREA - ONE OF KOWLOON'S BUSIEST.

PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1 OF THE SCHEME, LONG QUEUES OF VEHICLES STRETCHING FROM KING TAI STREET IN SAN PO KONG TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WERE A COMMON FEATURE DURING PEAK PERIODS.

+NO LONGER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT SPEEDIER JOURNEYS FOR ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES IN THE SAN PO KONG COMMERCIAL AREA HAS ALSO BEEN ACHIEVED.

+WITH THE SCHEME IN FULL SWING THIS FRIDAY, BUS JOURNEY TIME IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG CHOI HUNG ROAD, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE REDUCED BY FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES,+ HE ADDED.

THIS, HE SAID, WILL RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL SAVING OF JOURNEY TIME FOR SOME 20 000 PASSENGERS EACH HOUR. MOTORISTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ENJOY SIMILAR BENEFITS.

FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH CROSSING FACILITIES WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE CRITICAL JUNCTIONS OF TAI YAU STREET AND TSEUK LUK STREET AND TSEUK LUK STREET AND SHUNG LING STREET.

ALTERNATIVE STOPPING FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME WAS PREPARED BY A CONSULTANT FIRM AND HAD BEEN EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY.

I. URBAN CLEARWAY:

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

/* CHOI HUNG ROAD

- * CHOI HUNG ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH NING YUEN STREET (7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM DAILY);
- * SECTIONS OF NING YUEN STREET, YIN HING STREET AND LOK SIN ROAD (7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM DAILY);
- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HAMMER HILL ROAD BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD (7 AM - 7 PM DAILY);
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD AND A POINT 80 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HAMMER HILL ROAD (7 AM - 7 PM DAILY);
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND LOK SIN ROAD (24 HOURS DAILY); AND
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HAMMER HILL ROAD AND A POINT 30 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION (24 HOURS DAILY).

II. PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAYS (24 HOURS DAILY) ON:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD BETWEEN TAI SHING STREET AND HAMMER HILL ROAD
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD BETWEEN TSEUK LUK STREET AND TAI YAU STREET;
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD OUTSIDE BLACKDOWN BARRACKS; AND
- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HAMMER HILL ROAD BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

III. PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE ON THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND YIN HING STREET.

IV. 24-HOUR BUS ONLY LANE:

THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE ON CHOI HUNG ROAD OUTSIDE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND NG WAH COLLEGE WILL BE RESERVED FOR BUSES ONLY.

V. STOPPING FACILITIES:

- * A GENERAL PICK UP/SET DOWN BAY ON WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD ADJACENT TO BLACKDOWN BARRACKS; AND
- * A BUS BAY ALONG WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHOI HUNG ROAD APPROACHING YIN HING STREET.

NEW BUS TERMINUS AT SHA TIN KCR STATION

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A NEW BUS TERMINUS WILL BE OPENED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE KCR'S SHA TIN STATION ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20).

KMB FEEDER ROUTES 69K, 84K, 88K AND MAXICAB ROUTE 60 NOW TERMINATING AT SHA TIN MARKET WILL BE SHIFTED TO THE NEW TERMINUS.

+THIS WILL MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR KCR COMMUTERS TO USE THE FEEDER SERVICES,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BUT KMB ROUTE 48 AND 170 WILL CONTINUE TO TERMINATE AT THE SHA TIN MARKET BUS STATION,+ HE ADDED.

A TAXI STAND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE KCR STATION.

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS

ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS ALONG:

- * RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO ROAD TO THE SHA TIN KCR STATION BUS TERMINUS.
- * THE APPROACH ROADS TO THE SHA TIN KCR BUS TERMINUS AND THE TAXI STAND AT THE GROUND FLOOR.

24-HOUR PLB CLEARWAYS

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS ALONG:

- * SHA TIN CENTRE STREET;
- * TAM KON PO STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TO A POINT 30 METRES FURTHER SOUTH; AND
- * WANG POK STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TO A POINT 30 METRES FURTHER SOUTH.

MEANWHILE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING SHA TIN CENTRE STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAM KON PO STREET.

THE APPROACH RAMP FROM THE SOUTH EXTENSION OF RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD TO THE SHA TIN KCR STATION WILL BE RESERVED FOR BUSES.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS AND TAXI STAND IN TSUEN WAN

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A NEW BUS TERMINUS ON SAI LAU KOK ROAD OPPOSITE THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 20).

KMB ROUTES 51M, 66M AND 60M WILL STOP IN THE NEW TERMINUS, WHILE ROUTES 39M, 39, 52, 60, 66, 68 AND 50M WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING STOP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD.

ROUTE 39M WILL ALSO STOP AT THE NEW TERMINUS EN ROUTE TO ALLWAY GARDEN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NEW MAXICAB AND TAXI STAND ON SAI LAU KOK ROAD NEXT TO FU WAH CENTRE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE OUTSIDE THE TSUEN WAN STATION.

FROM 10 AM THAT MORNING, THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD FROM A POINT 90 METRES EAST OF MEI WAN STREET TO A POINT 250 METRES FURTHER EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR BUS ONLY LANE.

THE BUS ONLY LANE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO THE SECTION BETWEEN MEI WAN STREET AND A POINT 180 METRES EAST.

THE APPROACH ROAD TO THE NEW TAXI AND MAXICAB STAND, AND THE NORTH SIDE OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD FROM A POINT 180 METRES EAST OF MEI WAN STREET, TO A POINT 195 METRES FURTHER EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE SECTIONS.

MOREOVER, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN THE APPROACH ROAD TO LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN AND SHING MUN ROAD.

THE LOCATION OF THE EXISTING TAXI STAND ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A +NO WAITING+ ZONE AND A 24-HOUR PLB CLEARWAY.

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RAINSTORM DEATH TOLL INCREASES TO FIVE

A 68-YEAR-OLD MAN, WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO A NULLAH IN TSUEN WAN ON MONDAY, WAS STILL MISSING TODAY WHILE RESCUE WORKERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING RECOVERED THE BODY OF A TWO-MONTH-OLD BOY.

THE BOY WAS REPORTED MISSING FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF A HUT AT LAI CHI KOK ON MONDAY.

THIS RAISED THE DEATH TOLL CAUSED BY THE RAINSTORM OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS TO FIVE.

THE OTHER FOUR VICTIMS WERE TWO GIRLS AND A WOMAN BURIED BY MUDSLIPS AT LAI CHI KOK ON MONDAY, AND A MAN REMOVED FROM A COLLAPSED STONE-AND-BRICK STRUCTURE ON TSING YI ISLAND YESTERDAY.

BY 4.30 PM TODAY, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 1 177 PEOPLE RENDERED HOMELESS SINCE THE START OF THE RAINSTORM ON MONDAY.

THEY WERE ALL OCCUPANTS OF SQUATTER HUTS OR VILLAGE-TYPE STONE STRUCTURES WHICH HAD COLLAPSED, BEEN FLOODED OR WERE IN DANGER OF BEING AFFECTED BY MUDSLIPS.

OF THESE PEOPLE, 698 ARE STAYING IN TEMPORARY SHELTERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, 43 IN HOUSING DEPARTMENT TRANSIT CENTRES, AND THE REST WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OPERATED 84 SHELTERS, 59 OF THEM IN URBAN AREAS AND 25 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, PROVIDING TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR ABOUT 480 PEOPLE.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 584 REPORTS ON FLOODING, OF WHICH 521 CASES WERE CLEARED.

IT IS ALSO HANDLING 106 REPORTED LANDSLIPS AND 14 CASES OF ROAD BLOCKAGE.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SO FAR RECEIVED 131 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND APPROVED 108 OF THEM, WITH A TOTAL OF \$50 000 RELIEF FUNDS TO BE PAID OUT TOMORROW.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PROCESSING 100 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM FISH-POND FARMERS.

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FORUM ON CRIME FIGHTING IN TSUEN WAN
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A PUBLIC FORUM WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20) EVENING TO DISCUSS THE CRIME SITUATION AND PREVENTION WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

PROBLEMS RELATED TO SEX ESTABLISHMENTS IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, ILLEGAL PARKING AND POLICE ENFORCEMENT WORK IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION.

THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION, MR GEORGE CHAN, WILL TALK ON THESE SUBJECTS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION. ABOUT 300 MEMBERS FROM THE DISTRICT'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAVE BEEN INVITED.

THE FORUM IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, AND WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL STARTING AT 7.45 PM.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, WILL CHAIR THE FORUM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FIFTH MEETING
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET FOR THE FIFTH TIME ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20), AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI).

DURING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING, VISITING MEMBERS FROM THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY WILL BRIEF THE BOARD ON THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, WHILE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WILL CONSULT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION.

THE BOARD WILL EXAMINE THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO RE-ZONE PART OF THE +OPEN SPACE+ SITE BOUNDED BY FUK TSUN STREET, IVY STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A UC COMPLEX.

IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE FORMAT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR AN +OPEN SPACE+ SITE LOCATED AT THE BOUNDARY OF NATHAN ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS' APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SPECIAL INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT ON THE COMING DB ELECTION. THE SUPPLEMENT AIMS TO INTRODUCE DB CANDIDATES TO ELECTORS BY PROVIDING A PERSONALITY PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CDO(YMT) AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD BEFORE 2.50 PM ON FRIDAY. THE MEETING WILL START AT 3 PM.

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TIN HAU TEMPLE TO HOLD SPECIAL CEREMONY

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A SPECIAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE RECENTLY COMPLETED RENOVATION OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE IN CAUSEWAY BAY, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR TEMPLES IN HONG KONG.

IN APRIL THIS YEAR, A SMALL FIRE OCCURRED AT THE TEMPLE, DAMAGING TWO STATUES.

THE TAI FAMILY WHO LOOK AFTER THE TEMPLE HAD TWO NEW STATUES MADE AND CARRIED OUT GENERAL RENOVATION OF THE TEMPLE.

THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL START AT 1 PM, WILL INCLUDE A +HOI KWONG+ RITE TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THE NEW STATUES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LION DANCE FOLLOWING AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY.

THE TEMPLE WITH A HISTORY OF MORE THAN 250 YEARS WAS DECLARED A MONUMENT IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

AMONG OTHER ITEMS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST, THE TEMPLE HAS A BRONZE BELL CAST IN 1747 AND A STONE TABLET BEARING THE NAMES OF LOCAL MERCHANTS AND RESIDENTS WHO MADE DONATIONS IN 1868 FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE TEMPLE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (EASTERN), MR C. GATELY, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR B.D. WILSON, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CAUSEWAY BAY-NORTH POINT), MR C.C. WAN, AND DR S.M. BARD AND MR Y.S. YIM OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW FRUITS MARKET OPENS TOMORROW

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A NEW WHOLESALE MARKET FOR FRUITS WILL BE OPENED IN WESTERN DISTRICT BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE 25-MILLION-DOLLAR MARKET REPLACES THE OLD WHOLESALE FRUITS MARKET LOCATED NEXT TO THE WESTERN MARKET IN SHEUNG WAN, THE SITE OF WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR MTR'S ISLAND LINE PROJECT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW MARKET WHICH IS NEAR THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, WESTERN, AT 10.45 AM TOMORROW.

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INSTRUCTORS' COURSE FOR DANCERS

THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET, A DANCE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 4.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, IS OPEN TO PEOPLE AGED 18 OR ABOVE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TEACHING DANCES TO CHILDREN OR BEGINNERS.

COURSE SUPERVISORS WILL BE COMMISSIONED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET.

ENROLMENT TO THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 25 AND APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT RSS HEADQUARTERS AT WING ON CENTRE AND ALL RSS DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE FEE IS \$15. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-458511.

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WATER CUT IN THE PEAK

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE: NO. 1-51 BARKER ROAD, FINDLAY PATH R.B.L. 101 'THE FARM', 6 LLOYD PATH AND NO. 3-37 SEVERN ROAD.

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