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MANDATORY SAVE FUEL MEASURES EFFECTIVE FROM SUNDAY

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ELECTRICITY FOR ADVERTISING, DISPLAY OR FLOODLIGHTING WILL COME INTO FORCE ON SUNDAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (FRIDAY).

CLOCKS SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD ONE HOUR FROM 3.30 A.M. ON SUNDAY WHEN GREENWICH MEANTIME PLUS NINE IS RE-INTRODUCED.

AND FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE USE OF ELECTRICTY FOR ADVERTISING, DISPLAY OR FLOODLIGHTING WILL BE BANNED EXCEPT BETWEEN 8 P.M. AND 11.30 P.M. AND IN ARCADES.

THE MEASURES ARE INTRODUCED UNDER THE OIL (CONSERVATION AND CONTROL) ORDINANCE, 1979, APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT INCLUDE ADVERTISING ANY ARTICLE, PRODUCT OR SERVICE, ITS USE FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES AND FOR FLOODLIGHTING BUILDINGS OR ANY AREA USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECREATION, ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORT.

ILLUMINATED SIGNS INDICATING THE LOCATIONS OF HOSPITALS, REGISTERED DOCTORS, DENTISTS OR PHARMACISTS AND THE USE OF ELECTRIC POWER FOR SCREENING ADVERTISEMENT ON TELEVISION ON IN THE CINEMA WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE BAN.

ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE LAW RESTRICTING THE USE OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO $30,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TAKE VOLUNTARY STEPS TO CONSERVE FUEL.

IN PARTICULAR IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AIR-CONDITIONING THERMOSTATS ARE SET AT NO LOWER THAN 26 DEGREES CELSIUS.

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GOVT ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 1979
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 1979 SHOW A SURPLUS OF $821.6 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF $440.1 MILLION IN FEBRUARY 1978.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT $906.1 MILLION WAS $243.9 MILLION MORE THAN IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT $1,727.7 MILLION WERE $625.4 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF $2,098 MILLION FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THE 1978-79 FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF $1,396.8 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977-78.

BUT A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FINAL RESULTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1979 ARE LIKELY TO BE MUCH LESS THAN THIS FIGURE.

EXPENDITURE NORMALLY EXCEEDS REVENUE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, AND ADDITIONALLY SOME $500 MILLION WAS PAID OUT DURING MARCH FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

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LORD SHAWCROSS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN NT
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THE RT HON. LORD SHAWCROSS, A LEADING BRITISH LEGAL PERSONALITY, WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE SCALE AND SPEED OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING HIS VISIT THERE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, LORD SHAWCROSS STARTED HIS NEW TERRITORIES TOUR AT TUEN MUN - ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR NEW TOWNS BEING DEVELOPED.

THEY ARRIVED AT TUEN MUN SHORTLY BEFORE 11.30 A.M. AND WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR. STAN BARDEN. THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO A HIGH-RISE BUILDING FOR A BIRD'S EYEVIEW AND BRIEFING ON THE NEW TOWN.

LORD SHAWCROSS WAS TOLD THAT THE VAST DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN AIMS AT PROVIDING AN IMPROVED URBAN ENVIRONMENT INCORPORATING ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO SERVE A TARGET OF SOME 500,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-1980'S. A TOTAL OF NINE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE BUILT THERE.

AFTER SPENDING ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AT TUEN MUN, LORD SHAWCROSS AND THE GOVERNOR PROCEEDED TO OTHER DEVELOPING AREAS IN YUEN LONG AND HAD LUNCH WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND.

THEY THEN CONTINUED TO LAU FAU SHAN WHERE THEY DID SOME SIGHTSEEINGS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE FANLING LODGE. LORD SHAWCROSS AND THE GOVERNOR LATER HAD DINNER WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES AND MRS. AKERS-JONES.

LORD SHAWCROSS ARRIVED HERE LAST FRIDAY (MAY 4) AND WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA ON SUNDAY (MAY 13).

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PUDDING BASIN TYPE MOTORCYCLE CRASH HELMETS BANNED FROM JUNE 1

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MOTORCYCLISTS WILL BE BANNED FROM WEARING PUDDING BASIN TYPE CRASH HELMETS FROM JUNE 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR JET TYPE HEADGEAR WHICH PROTECTS THE TEMPLES, EARS AND LOWER BACK PART OF THE HEAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT PILLION PASSENGERS WILL ALSO HAVE TO WEAR THIS TYPE OF HELMET.

HE SAID THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT)(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1979 GAZETTED TODAY DELETED THE PUDDING BASIN TYPE HELMETS -- BRITISH STANDARDS 2001 AND 1869 -- FROM THE REGULATIONS AND SUBSTITUTED WITH THE JET TYPE IN COMPLIANCE WITH BRITISH STANDARD 5361.

+THE JET TYPE MODEL REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED SAFETY HELMET STANDARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ON SAFETY MEASURES, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORCYCLISTS TO FASTEN THEIR HELMETS SECURELY.

+USING THE CHIN CUP ALONE IS NOT ADVISABLE BECAUSE IT COULD SLIP OFF EASILY IN AN ACCIDENT WHEREAS IF THE STRAP IS SECURED BENEATH THE JAW THERE IS LESS CHANCE OF LOSING THE HELMET,+ HE SAID.

+CRASH HELMETS MAY NOT ALWAYS PREVENT DEATH OR LONG-TERM DISABILITY BUT A PROPORTION OF THE FORCE OF IMPACT IN ANY ACCIDENT IS ABSORBED AND THUS REDUCE THE IMPACT TO THE HEAD,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MOTORCYCLISTS SHOULD BUY THE BEST HELMET THEY CAN AFFORD BUT IN BUYING, THEY SHOULD MAKE SURE IT BORE A LABEL INDICATING COMPLIANCE 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 SHCA- BELGIAN STANDARD NBN 626- GERMAN STANDARD DIN 4848- FRENCH STANDARD NFS 72-301 AND DUTCH STANDARD TNO.

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NATHAN ROAD TO BE REINSTATED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION

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WORK WILL START WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO REINSTATE NATHAN ROAD TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION AND BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR IT SHOULD BE BETTER THAN EVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WILL BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM THE PLANS PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE ROAD WILL BE REMODELLED, THERE WILL BE A NEW CENTRAL DIVIDER AND MORE AND BETTER TRAFFIC AIDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PWD TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

+THE WORKS WOULD BE IN THE SECTION OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN SALISBURY ROAD AND MONG KOK ROAD, AND WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PERMANENT REINSTATEMENT WORKS OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APART FROM THE WORKS NECESSARY TO PUT NATHAN ROAD BACK TO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY SERVING UNRESTRICTED NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC, THE CONTRACT WOULD REMODEL THE ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW TO COPE WITH FUTURE DEMAND FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SECTION OF NATHAN ROAD SOUTH OF GASCOIGNE ROAD WOULD BE REMODELLED INTO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, WHILE THE SECTION BETWEEN GASCOIGNE AND MONG KOK ROADS WOULD BE REINSTATED TO DUAL THREE-LANE.

+INCLUDED IN THE WORK IS ALSO CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CENTRAL DIVIDER, PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AIDS AND MODIFICATION OF CORNER RADII TO IMPROVE THE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE SCHEME WILL BRING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ALONG NATHAN ROAD AS A RESULT OF THE PROVISION OF BETTER DESIGNED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WITH SIGNAL CONTROL, AND THE WIDENING OF FOOTWAYS AS A RESULT OF ROAD REMODELLING.

+DROP-KERB CROSSINGS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR ALL THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. THIS WILL BE DONE TO HELP THE DISABLED TO CROSS THE ROAD,+ HE SAID.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL THIS WORK, THE STREET LIGHTING AND COMPUTER-CONTROLLED TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNAL SYSTEM IN THE AREA WILL BE IMPROVED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT WORK WOULD BEGIN IN JULY AND THAT THE WHOLE SCHEME WOULD TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IN PROGRAMMING THE CONTRACT, HOWEVER, IT WAS PROPOSED TO PHASE THE WORKS SO THAT NATHAN ROAD COULD CARRY UNRESTRICTED TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BY THE TIME THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY OPENS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT BRANCH OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE LET AND WILL BE SUPERVISED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WORKS BRANCH.

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ANOTHER PHASE OF SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT STARTS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY IMPLEMENT ANOTHER PHASE OF THE SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING MORE LAND FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR. ROBERT JORDAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PROJECT WAS PART OF THE $7,074 MILLION PLAN TO DEVELOP SHA TIN INTO A MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY WITH AN EVENTUAL POPULATION OF 550,000.

+THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSING ESTATE FOR 23,000 PEOPLE, ROAD SERVICES AND ANCILLIARY SYSTEM,+ MR. JORDAN SAID.

+SITE FORMATION WORK IS DUE TO START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE ADDED.

THE ESTATE, THE FIFTH TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1983.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 42,075 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND SITUATED TO THE EAST OF CHE KUNG TEMPLE FOR THIS PROJECT.

THREE MONTHS' NOTICE OF THE LAND RESUMPTION IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 748 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY 603 FAMILIES COMPRISING ABOUT 3,110 PEOPLE.

MR. HIGGINSON SAID 252 OF THE STRUCTURES ARE ON PRIVATE LAND AND 496 ON CROWN LAND.

IN ADDITION, 1,065 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USED AS SHOPS, WORKSHOPS, KITCHENS, CHICKEN AND PIGEON SHEDS, AND PIGSTIES WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

+DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR SPACES IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY,+ MR. HIGGINSON SAID.

+GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY BE GRANTED AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF $5,000 PER FAMILY BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING,+ HE ADDED.

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FINANCIAL AID TO FARMERS
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THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION HAS ALLOCATED $300,000 IN DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO ASSIST VEGETABLE FARMERS INTERESTED IN BUILDING NETHOUSES.

ACCORDING TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MR. T.C. CHAU, APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM MONDAY.

MR. CHAU SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE GRANTS WERE NOT AN ON-GOING SUBSIDY AND WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF +MATERIAL IN KIND+ --- THE ACTUAL PLASTIC NETTING USED IN THE NETHOUSE.

SINCE THE VMO AND THE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED EXPERIMENTAL NETHOUSES THREE YEARS AGO, THERE ARE NOW SIX PLASTIC NETHOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ALLOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UP TO 70 MORE NETHOUSES TO BE BUILT BY FARMERS.

MR. CHAU SAID THE NETHOUSES WERE IDEAL FOR HONG KONG'S EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CROPS AND SEEDLINGS DURING TYPHOONS, HEAVY RAINS AND FROST.

THE GRANTS WILL BE ISSUED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE MET THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY LAID DOWN BY THE MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD.

MR. CHAU SAID THE MAXIMUM GRANT TO AN ELIGIBLE FARMING FAMILY SHOULD NOT EXCEED $10,000 OR 45 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE NETHOUSE, WHICHEVER IS THE LEAST.

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SEMINAR ON SYLLABUSES FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS

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A SEMINAR ON HIGHER AND ADVANCED LEVEL SYLLABUSES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS OF SENIOR SECONDARY CLASSES AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

+THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO ACQUAINT IN-SERVICE BIOLOGY TEACHERS WITH THE MODERN APPROACH TO BIOLOGY TEACHING AND THE PROPOSED NEW ADVANCED LEVEL BIOLOGY SYLLABUS FOR 1982,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+PARTICIPATING TEACHERS ARE FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR COMMENTS ON BOTH THE HIGHER LEVEL AND ADVANCED LEVEL BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES, AND THESE COMMENTS WILL BE PASSED TO THE VARIOUS SUBJECT COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW,+ HE ADDED.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, AND MR. DEREK HOGAN, SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, WILL GIVE AN INTRODUCTORY TALK.

DR. K.H. YUNG OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WILL TALK ON +THE NEGLECTED ASPECTS IN THE TEACHING OF BIOLOGY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS+ AND DR. I.J. HODGKISS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S BOTANY DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON +THE PROPOSED HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL BIOLOGY SYLLABUS, 1982.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR ON SYLLABUSES FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FIREMEN MUST BE PHYSICALLY AND TECHNICALLY FIT
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TODAY'S FIREMEN MUST BE PHYSICALLY AND TECHNICALLY FIT TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGY, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, MR. B.G. FENDER, TOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ON PARADE WERE 75 FIREMEN AND 14 SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG.

+THE PUBLIC WILL JUDGE YOU ON SUCH TRADITIONAL STANDARDS AS APPEARANCE, PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR AND HONESTY,+ MR. FENDER SAID.

+THEY ALSO EXPECT FIREMEN TO KEEP UP WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND MAINTAIN AND UPHOLD THEIR PHYSICAL FITNESS, COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE, DISCIPLINE, DEDICATION TO DUTY AND COMPASSION WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE HALLMARK OF THE PROFESSIONAL FIREMEN IN HONG KONG.+

THE WHOLE BASIS OF THE TRAINING, HE ADDED, WAS AIMED AT MAKING RECRUITS CONFIDENT AND AWARE OF THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND BE SELF-RELIANT AND, AT THE SAME TIME, UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE NECESSITY FOR TEAM WORK, DISCIPLINE AND GOOD MORALE.

+FROM YOUR BREATHING APPARATUS TRAINING YOU WILL HAVE REALISED THAT WHEN YOU AND YOUR PARTNER ENTER A BURNING BUILDING YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN AND THERE IS NO ONE TO ASK WHAT TO DO OR HOW TO DO IT AND IF THERE WAS, THERE IS NO TIME -- PEOPLE DEPEND UPON YOUR PERSONAL COMPETENCE AND INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINE TO SAVE THEM,+ MR. FENDER SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS NO EASY TASK TO BECOME A FIREMAN, MR. FENDER SAID: +YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO JOIN A HARD AND DEMANDING PROFESSION WITH STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS.

+OUR STANDARDS ARE HIGH AND, IN RESPECT OF PHYSICAL STANDARDS, UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICE IN HONG KONG.+

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NEW TIMES FOR SPEEDPOST SERVICE

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE LATEST TIMES OF POSTING OF SPEEDPOST WILL BE EXTENDED BY ONE HOUR FROM MONDAY FOLLOWING THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF GREENWICH MEAN TIME PLUS NINE.

+THIS MEANS THAT SENDERS WILL GAIN ONE MORE HOUR TO INCLUDE THEIR LAST MINUTE MAIL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

THE LATEST TIME OF POSTING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 11 A.M. TO NOON WHILE THAT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE TO 6 P.M.

SPEEDPOST MAIL TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SINGAPORE, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, KUWAIT AND SWITZERLAND WILL BE REVISED SIMILARLY.

MEANWHILE, DELIVERY OF PARCELS, REGISTERED ITEMS AND ORDINARY MAIL TO THE IRISH REPUBLIC WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED AND THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED NOT TO DELIVER MAIL TO THIS COUNTRY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

+WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC THAT THE INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS WHICH BEGAN LAST FEBRUARY ARE CONTINUING AND THEY ARE UNABLE TO GIVE A DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF POSTAL SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

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TRAIN SCHEDULES REVISED TO KEEP PACE WITH GMT + 9

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE TIMETABLES OF REGULAR TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE AMENDED TO BE IN LINE WITH THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF GREENWICH MEANTIME PLUS NINE ON SUNDAY.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES ARE:

ON WEEKDAYS, TRAINS LEAVING KOWLOON STATION WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED TO 5.30 A.M., 6.21 A.M., 7.20 A.M., 7.41 A.M., 8.15 A.M., 9 A.M., 10 A.M., 10.57 A.M., 12.10 P.M. 1.10 P.M., 2.08 P.M., 3.04 P.M., 4.04 P.M., 5 P.M., 5.34 P.M., 6.02 P.M., 6.30 P.M., 7 P.M., 7.56 P.M., 9.08 P.M., 10.30 P.M. (EXCEPT SATURDAYS), AND 11 P.M. (SATURDAYS ONLY).

TRAINS WILL LEAVE LO WU STATION AT 5.46 A.M., 6.10 A.M., 6.39 A.M., 7.03 A.M., 7.45 A.M., 9.06 A.M., 9.50 A.M., 10.47 A.M., 11.31 A.M., (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN FROM CANTON TO KOWLOON), 11.53 A.M., 12.54 P.M., 1.58 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.49 P.M., 4.29 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7.15 P.M., 7.45 P.M., 8.12 P.M., AND 9.15 P.M.

ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 5.38 A.M., 6.21 A.M., 7.20 A.M., 7.41 A.M., 8.15 A.M., 9.02 A.M., 10 A.M., 10.57 A.M., 11.31 A.M., 12.12 P.M., 1.11 P.M., 2.08 P.M., 3.04 P.M., 4.04 P.M., 4.33 P.M., 5 P.M., 5.34 P.M., 6.30 P.M., 7 P.M., 7.56 P.M., 9.08 P.M., AND 11 P.M.

THE DEPARTURE TIMES FROM LO WU STATION WILL BE REVISED TO 6.10 A.M., 6.39 A.M., 7.03 A.M., 7.45 A.M., 9.06 A.M., 9.50 A.M., 10.47 A.M., 11.31 A.M. (EXPRESS THROUGH TRAIN FROM CANTON TO KOWLOON), 11.53 A.M., 12.54 P.M., 1.58 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.49 P.M., 4.29 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7.15 P.M., 8.12 P.M., AND 9.15 P.M.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR EXPLAINED THAT TIMETABLES WERE REVISED TO COINCIDE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF THE THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND CANTON.

IT WILL DEPART FROM CANTON FOR KOWLOON AT 8.30 A.M. (CANTON TIME) AND WILL ARRIVE AT KOWLOON STATION AT 12.26 P.M. (H.K. TIME)

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THE TRAIN WILL DEPART KOWLOON AT 2 P.M. AND WILL ARRIVE AT CANTON RAILWAY STATION AT 3.54 P.M. (CANTON TIME).

THE REVISED TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON PUI TO ROAD, TUEN MUN WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

* THE PUI TO ROAD-CASTLE PEAK ROAD JUNCTION,

* THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD-PUI TO ROAD JUNCTION AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THIS JUNCTION, AND

* THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD-PUI TO ROAD JUNCTION AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES SOUTH OF THIS JUNCTION.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THESE RESTRICTED ZONES.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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ADVANCED CONDUCTING COURSE FOR WIND BAND CONDUCTORS

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL RUN A CONDUCTING COURSE FOR WIND BAND CONDUCTORS FROM MAY 27 TO JUNE 20.

THE COURSE WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE GIVEN BY MR. MITSUO NONAMI, A RENOWNED WIND BAND CONDUCTOR FROM JAPAN.

MR. NONAMI'S VISIT TO HONG KONG IS SPONSORED BY THE YAMAHA MUSIC FOUNDATION, THE TOM LEE MUSIC FOUNDATION AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG CONDUCTORS AND ADMISSION IS FREE. CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE END OF THE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE MUSIC ADMINSTRATOR'S OFFICE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-283257.

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