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OUTCOME OF HEI WAH BUILDING INCIDENTS ENQUIRY
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ON THE EVENING OF JULY 2, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU EXECUTED A SEARCH WARRANT IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED FRAUD INVESTIGATION. A DISTURBANCE OCCURRED WHEN ABOUT 90 EMPLOYEES OF A NEIGHBOURING COMPANY, WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION, LEFT THE HEI WAH BUILDING, LOCKHART ROAD, WANCHAI, OUTSIDE WHICH ABOUT 50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA WERE GATHERED. A SECOND INCIDENT ON A SMALLER SCALE, AGAIN INVOLVING EMPLOYEES OF THIS COMPANY AND REPORTERS, OCCURRED ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING.

THE INCIDENT ON JULY 2 RESULTED IN SEVEN PRIVATE CITIZENS, INCLUDING A MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, BEING CHARGED WITH FIGHTING IN A PUBLIC PLACE. TWO PERSONS WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT UPON A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEDIA IN RESPECT OF THE INCIDENT ON JULY 3. IN THE FIRST CASE, SIX PERSONS WERE FOUND BY THE COURT TO HAVE NO CASE TO ANSWER AND THE SEVENTH WAS ACQUITTED. THE SECOND CASE RESULTED IN BOTH THE DEFENDANTS BEING CONVICTED. ONE WAS FINED \$600, THE OTHER \$400, AND BOTH WERE ORDERED TO PAY \$250 COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIM.

AS A RESULT OF ALLEGATIONS WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS AND ON TELEVISION, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE DIRECTED THE FORCE COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE POLICE HANDLING OF THE INCIDENTS, AND ADDITIONALLY INTO SUGGESTIONS THAT SERVING POLICE OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE COMPANY BEING INVESTIGATED.

THE ENQUIRY HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE DEFICIENCIES IN PLANNING THE OPERATION, AND IN THE EXECUTION OF THE WARRANT. RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR A REVIEW OF PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE MOUNTING OF SUCH OPERATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS A NEED FOR CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN SPECIALIST UNITS AND LOCAL FORMATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO ALLEGATIONS OF A LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE POLICE WOULD ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO PREVENT BREACHES OF THE PEACE AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE GROUP OF THE MEDIA ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND WHO DID NOT WISH TO BE INTERVIEWED RESULTED IN DISORDER.

THE INCIDENT ON JULY 3 INVOLVED THE MISTAKEN ARREST AND HANDCUFFING OF A REPORTER. THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAS, HOWEVER, CONCLUDED THAT THE POLICE OFFICER CONCERNED ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLY, UPON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM AT THE TIME.

THE ENQUIRY INTO THE INCIDENTS AND THE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS ON BOTH EVENINGS INDICATE THAT THERE WERE SHORTCOMINGS IN THE POLICE HANDLING OF THEM AND IN THE LEVEL OF SUPERVISION EXERCISED. ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

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FINALLY, WITH REGARD TO THE WIDESPREAD SUGGESTIONS OF INVOLVEMENT BY SERVING POLICE OFFICERS IN THE COMPANY UNDER INVESTIGATION, THE POLICE ENQUIRY DID NOT FIND ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITY. NOR WAS ANY EVIDENCE FORTHCOMING FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY POLICE IN THE PRESS AND TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ASPECT.

THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT POLICE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE INCIDENTS ON JULY 2 AND 3 WERE IN ANY WAY IMPROPERLY INFLUENCED.

THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP. AS A RESULT, RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO, AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

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WATER STORAGE FAVOURABLE, SIR PHILIP IS TOLD
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THE CURRENT RESERVOIR STORAGE POSITION AND THE RECENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SHOULD EASE SOME OF THE WORRIES OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE THAT GREETED THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS AFTERNOON WHEN HE VISITED THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT LEIGHTON CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

SIR PHILIP, WHO WAS THERE TO SEE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PLANS CONCERNING HONG KONG'S WATER SUPPLIES, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR WONG KWOK-LAI.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE STORAGE POSITION WAS MOST FAVOURABLE FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, STANDING AT 82.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 477.190 MILLION CUBIC METRES, COMPARED WITH 47.6 PER CENT OR 275.098 MILLION CUBIC METRES THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

SIR PHILIP WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT UNDER THE LATEST AGREEMENTS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES MORE WATER WOULD BE SUPPLIED BETWEEN THIS YEAR AND 1986.

SIR PHILIP WAS THEN BRIEFED ON THE LATEST POSITION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S 12-YEAR SCHEME FOR THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLY FROM CHINA AND THE VARIOUS NEW WORKS TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER.

CONSUMPTION HAD TREBLED DURING THE PAST 16 YEARS, REACHING AN AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF 1 580 000 CUBIC METRES, SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD.

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THE INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN HOUSING CONDITIONS, THE INCREASING USE OF WATER CONSUMING APPLIANCES IN THE HOME AND A GROWTH IN POPULATION.

SIR PHILIP THEN TOURED THE HEADQUARTERS' CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AND SAW THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OFFERED.

THIS COMPUTER-EQUIPPED CENTRE CAN ASSIST WITH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS ON HIGH CONSUMPTION, CHANGE OF CONSUMERSHIP, CHANGE IN MAILING ADDRESS AND REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE WATER ACCOUNTS.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HANDLED AN AVERAGE OF 22 000 ENQUIRIES MONTHLY AT THE HEADQUARTERS' CENTRE AND TWO SIMILAR CENTRES IN ARGYLE STREET AND IN TAI PO.

HE ENDED THE VISIT WITH A TOUR OF THE NEW WORKS, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION AND MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL BRANCHES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ARRIVES

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HONOURABLE ANGUS OGILVY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY ON A PRIVATE VISIT.

THEY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE.

THE PRINCESS AND MR OGILVY ARE STAYING AT FANLING LODGE.

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78 949 PARTICIPATE IN NEW PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM
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A TOTAL OF 78 949 CHILDREN HAVE SO FAR APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 1983 ACADEMIC YEAR UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

OF THEM, THE PARENTS OF 77 495 CHILDREN HAD EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT OF CHOICE BY APPLYING DIRECT TO A PARTICULAR SCHOOL, WHILE THE PARENTS OF 1 454 CHILDREN HAD OPTED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ONLY 24 GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAD RECEIVED MORE THAN 400 APPLICATIONS, WITH ONLY ONE RECEIVING MORE THAN 1 000 APPLICATIONS.

HE NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS NORMALLY RECEIVED MORE THAN 2 000 OR EVEN 3 000 APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR FOR THEIR PRIMARY ONE PLACES PREVIOUSLY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS WILL NOW COMMENCE TO SELECT CHILDREN TO FILL THEIR PRIMARY ONE DISCRETIONARY PLACES BASED ON A POINTS SYSTEM. IN DOING SO, THEY MAY OR MAY NOT CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH THE APPLICANTS.

HE HOWEVER STRESSED THAT EVEN IF INTERVIEWS WERE HELD, THEY WILL RELATE TO A CHILD'S EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE ONLY AND NO TESTS OF ANY SORT MAY BE GIVEN.

+OFFICERS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT SUCH INTERVIEWS,+ HE ADDED.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL POST A NAME LIST OF THE CHILDREN SELECTED IN EARLY DECEMBER, 1982. +IF PARENTS ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS, IT WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID CHILDREN WHO HAD OPTED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AND WHO HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE WILL BE CENTRALLY ALLOCATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PARENTS SHOULD GO TO A SPECIFIED DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE IN MARCH 1983 TO COLLECT A 'CHOICE OF SCHOOLS' FORM AND LIST ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR DISTRICT IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

IF A PARENT HAS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE AT A SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH HE LIVES, HE IS STILL ELIGIBLE TO INCLUDE THAT SCHOOL IN HIS PREFERENCE LIST. THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION IN EACH DISTRICT WILL BE PERFORMED BY COMPUTER BASED SOLELY ON PARENTAL CHOICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE JUNE NEXT YEAR AND PARENTS SHOULD COLLECT A SLIP FROM A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE ON SPECIFIED DATES AND REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH THE ASSIGNED SCHOOL AT THE TIME AND DATE INDICATED.

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SIR PHILIP COMMENDS LIFE GUARD CLUB

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, PAID TRIBUTE TODAY (THURSDAY) TO THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

SIR PHILIP WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLUB'S +TASMANIAN NIGHT+, WHICH INCLUDED THE PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS.

THE CLUB HAS TRAINED THOUSANDS OF LIFE GUARDS WHO, TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT LIFE GUARDS, HAVE PROVIDED AN INVALUABLE SERVICE AT PUBLIC BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS, HE POINTED OUT.

+THEY HAVE SAVED MANY LIVES AND THE COMMUNITY IS INDEBTED TO THEM,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

HE ALSO THANKED ALDERMAN PLAISTER, THE LORD MAYOR OF HOBART AND PRESIDENT OF THE TASMANIAN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, FOR BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN PROMOTING AUSTRALIAN LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES IN HONG KONG.

MAYOR PLAISTER IS CONCURRENTLY LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

+THE CLUB ALSO ORGANISES MANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED CHILDREN.

+NOR MUST I FORGET TO MENTION THE LADIES SECTION OF THE CLUB, WHICH RUNS FREE TRAINING COURSES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES IN HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN

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BUS JOURNEY TIME ALONG MA TAU WAI ROAD AND TO KWA WAN ROAD IS EXPECTED TO BE SHORTENED CONSIDERABLY WHEN NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES ARE INTRODUCED NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 18).

GENERAL TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED WITH THE DESIGNATION OF URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST PHASE OF A THREE-STAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN.

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THE FIRST TWO PHASES IMPLEMENTED LAST MONTH TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC IN MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND WUHU STREET HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE ENTIRE SCHEME ARE THE PROVISION OF BUS ONLY LANES, INTRODUCTION OF CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS, IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION CAPACITIES AND BANNING OF TURNING MOVEMENTS.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BEGIN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 18):

BUS ONLY LANES (FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY)

- * THE NORTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF MA TAU WAI ROAD FROM SHEK TONG STREET TO TO KWA WAN ROAD;
- * THE NORTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF TO KWA WAN ROAD FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD TO SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD;
- * THE SOUTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF TO KWA WAN ROAD FROM SAN MA TAU STREET TO KWEI CHOW STREET; AND
- * THE SOUTHBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF TO KWA WAN ROAD FROM A POINT 120 METRES SOUTH OF KWEI CHOW STREET TO A POINT 100 METRES SOUTH OF LOK SHAN ROAD.

URBAN CLEARWAYS (FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY)

- * MA TAU WAI ROAD BETWEEN HOK YUEN STREET AND TO KWA WAN ROAD;
- * TO KWA WAN ROAD BETWEEN MA TAU WAI ROAD AND CHI KIANG STREET;
- * GILLIES AVENUE NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD;
- * LOK SHAN ROAD BETWEEN TO KWA WAN ROAD AND CHEUNG NING STREET; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAN MA TAU STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TO KWA WAN ROAD.

MOREOVER, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO PAK KUNG STREET, WHILE THOSE TRAVELLING ALONG TO KWA WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO LOK SHAN ROAD.

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DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES RETIRES

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, IS RETIRING AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BADE FAREWELL TO MR AND MRS SWEETMAN AT A DINNER RECEPTION LAST NIGHT.

MR SWEETMAN WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 16).

BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1960 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, MR SWEETMAN SERVED IN INDIA, BURMA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH THE 9TH GURKHA RIFLES, INDIAN ARMY FROM 1942 TO 1946 AND WITH THE MALAYAN CIVIL SERVICE FROM 1950 TO 1958.

IN HONG KONG, HE FIRST SERVED IN THE THEN COLONIAL SECRETARIAT AS AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND WAS LATER POSTED TO THE THEN RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEING PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RESETTLEMENT IN MARCH 1966.

HE BECAME DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG IN 1967 AND WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IN 1970, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERHAULING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THE NARCOTIC DRUG PROBLEM.

HE ALSO SERVED AS CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KOWLOON, AND LATER IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES IN 1980.

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FIRST VILLAGE REMOVAL IN TUEN MUN

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THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, ASSURED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE TRADITIONS AND RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF ALL NEW TOWNS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF SAN HUI, THE FIRST VILLAGE REMOVAL SCHEME IN TUEN MUN UNDER WHICH THE OLD VILLAGE WAS RELOCATED 500 METRES AWAY FROM ITS ORIGINAL SITE WHICH WILL FORM AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE.

THE RELOCATION OF SAN HUI INVOLVED ABOUT 300 INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS WHO HAVE NOW MOVED INTO 82 THREE-STOREY HOUSES, BUILT WITH FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT, WITH PROPERLY PLANNED AND DESIGNED MODERN FACILITIES AND SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT.

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MR MACPHERSON TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE RELOCATION OF OLD ESTABLISHED VILLAGES LIKE SAN HUI WAS VERY OFTEN AN ESSENTIAL AND INTEGRAL PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL NEW TOWNS.

+IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE THAT VILLAGE REMOVAL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITH THOSE AFFECTED AND THAT ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES BE PRESERVED AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE,+ HE SAID.

+TOWARDS THIS END, YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICERS, WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR IMPORTANT CO-ORDINATING ROLE, WILL CONTINUE TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ENSURE THAT THE TRADITIONS AND RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS BE DULY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DURING THE RAPID PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION.

+THE REMOVAL OF SAN HUI COULD HAVE NEVER BEEN COMPLETED SO SMOOTHLY WITHOUT THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ITS RESIDENTS TOGETHER WITH THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP OF THE PREVIOUS AND PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE AND NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR CHAN YAT-SAN AND MR LAU WONG-FAT AND THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR WONG YUK-LUN.+

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WORK TO START ON RAILWAY DIVERSION

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WORK WILL START NEXT WEEK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI WAI RAILWAY DIVERSION AS PART OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME.

A \$13.7 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO TRULY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, GOVERNMENT RAILWAY ENGINEER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT, A 400-METRE LONG EMBANKMENT PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING RAILWAY AND A TWO-SPAN RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER TSUEN NAM ROAD WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO DIVERT THE EXISTING RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

+THIS DIVERSION WILL ALLOW THE SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TAI WAI RAILWAY STATION TO PROCEED ON THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT,+ HE SAID.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE NINE MONTHS.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG
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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MA TAU PA ROAD BETWEEN YEUNG UK ROAD AND WANG LUNG STREET IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (OCTOBER 18 AND 19) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON YEUNG UK ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE WANG LUNG STREET TO REACH MA TAU PA ROAD.

IN KWAI CHUNG, KWAI YUE STREET BETWEEN KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI TAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY FOR ROAD WORKS.

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WATER CUT IN NT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AND VILLAGES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE ALONG:

- * TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON HANG AND SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD;
- * THE SAN TIN SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU;
- * FAN KAM ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND TSIU KENG TSUEN;
- * JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND SAN FUNG AVENUE, INCLUDING SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN;
- * MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND MAN KAM TO POLICE POST, INCLUDING LO WU RAILWAY STATION AND MUK WU PUMPING STATION;
- * SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING LUEN WO MARKET AND ON LOK TSUEN; AND
- * PING CHE ROAD BETWEEN SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND TA KWU LING POLICE STATION IN FANLING.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL ALSO BE INTERRUPTED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 18) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE INTERRUPTION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ON TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN TUNG CHEONG STREET AND TAI PO KAU LOOK-OUT, INCLUDING ISLAND HOUSE, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, HA WONG YI AU TSUEN, WAN TAU TONG TSUEN, TAI PO KAU TSUEN, TAI PO KAU LOOK-OUT, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, TAI PO KAU RURAL ESTATE, THE TAI PO KAU RAILWAY STATION AND ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME.

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