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STATEMENT BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS

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"IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

"THE COMMITTEE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AT A MEETING HELD THIS MORNING VESTED ITS POWERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXCHANGE, WITH MR ROBERT FELL EXERCISING THE POWERS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF EXCHANGE.

"THE SECURITIES COMMISSION MET AT 11.15 THIS MORNING AND SUPPORTS THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE COMMITTEE.

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MET THIS MORNING AND IS SATISFIED WITH THE ACTION TAKEN.

"THE MARKET WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL ON MONDAY MORNING."

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TAC MEETS PLB AND BUS OPERATORS

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MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (SATURDAY) MET SEPARATELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OPERATORS AND FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE ISSUES OF SEATING CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND THE ROLE AND OPERATION OF MIDIBUS SERVICES.

THE TAC MET 48 REPRESENTATIVES FROM GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS AND 13 REPRESENTATIVES FROM RED MINIBUS ASSOCIATIONS, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE BACKGROUND FOR PLB OPERATORS' REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN SEATING CAPACITY FOR PLB'S, THE COMMITTEE LISTENED TO THEIR VIEWS ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE OPERATIONS OF GREEN MINIBUS AND RED MINIBUS SERVICES AND HOW ADDITIONAL SEATING CAPACITY WOULD RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS, THE BENEFITS OF ADDITIONAL SEATING CAPACITY WOULD LIKELY BRING TO PASSENGERS AND THE OPERATORS THEMSELVES, THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION AND THE IMPLICATIONS ON FARE LEVELS.

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AT THE MEETING, THE PLB REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THEIR OBJECTION TO THE INTRODUCTION OF MIDIBUS SERVICES BY FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

IN THEIR DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES DESCRIBED THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE USE OF MIDIBUSES AND THE SITUATIONS WHERE THE COMPANIES WOULD CONSIDER USING MIDIBUSES RATHER THAN DOUBLE DECKERS.

THEY ALSO GAVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE OPTIMUM SEATING CAPACITY FOR MIDIBUSES AND ON WHY SUCH SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES AND NOT BY OTHER OPERATORS.

THEY ALSO EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION ON THE SEATING CAPACITY FOR PLB'S AND THE LIKELY EFFECTS OF ITS INCREASE ON FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

THE TAC WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL THE VIEWS OBTAINED AT TODAY'S MEETING BEFORE COMING TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, ON THE OTHER HAND, REGISTERED AN INCREASE.

REFLECTING THE FALL IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 AND M3 DECLINED IN NOVEMBER COMPARED WITH OCTOBER.

HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 WAS LITTLE CHANGED FROM THE PRECEDING MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY DEPOSITS-TAKING INSTITUTIONS INCREASED FASTER IN NOVEMBER THAN IN OCTOBER.

MUCH OF THIS GROWTH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE SHOWED A SMALL INCREASE IN NOVEMBER WHILE OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG RECORDED A SLIGHT DECLINE.

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DEPOSITS

IN NOVEMBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS FELL BY 3.6 PER CENT. SAVINGS DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 7.1 PER CENT WHILE TIME DEPOSITS DROPPED BY 5.7 PER CENT.

TAKEN TOGETHER, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 3.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND 1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

OVER THE YEAR (THAT IS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER) TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 22.6 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AS A 11.3 PER CENT RISE IN NON-U.S. DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS MORE THAN OFFSET A 3.4 PER CENT DECLINE IN U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 30 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS CONTRACTED BY 20.2 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER.

ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL BY 2.8 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 4.6 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT.

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER, DEPOSITS WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 5.7 PER CENT WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 8.2 PER CENT.

THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER WERE 28.8 PER CENT AND 9.6 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

REFLECTING THE FALL IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 DROPPED BY 2.1 PER CENT, HONG KONG DOLLAR M2 RECORDED ZERO GROWTH AND HONG KONG DOLLAR M3 FELL BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER.

THESE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OF 5.4 PER CENT, 0.8 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1987, HK\$M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 33.6 PER CENT, 25.9 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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AS THE INCREASE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS OFFSET THE DECLINE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER, ALTHOUGH THE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SLOWER THAN IN OCTOBER.

TOTAL M1 GREW BY 0.3 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 6.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN NOVEMBER, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES OF 3 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 38.4 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 28.7 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 26.4 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 4.6 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND 2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DECLINED BY 1 PER CENT, THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 9.1 PER CENT.

THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR THE TWO TYPES OF LOANS WERE 1.3 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.2 PER CENT.

GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG DECLINED BY 0.2 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 30.4 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW BY 11.8 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER WHILE LOANS WHERE THE PLACE OF USE IS UNKNOWN ROSE BY 5.3 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 154 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THAT OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY ONE TO 236.

MONETARY STATISTICS - NOVEMBER 1987

	Nov 1987	Earlier months (% change to November 1987)		
		Oct 1987	Aug 1987	Nov 1986
(HK\$mn)				
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	64,890	66,279 (-2.1 %)	57,619 (12.6 %)	46,581 (33.6 %)
Foreign currency	9,029	7,416 (21.8 %)	7,415 (21.8 %)	4,821 (87.3 %)
Total	73,919	73,694 (0.3 %)	65,033 (13.7 %)	53,403 (38.4 %)
M2 - HK\$	287,258	287,356 (0.0 %)	276,144 (4.0 %)	228,167 (25.9 %)
Foreign currency	357,292	349,216 (2.3 %)	334,270 (6.9 %)	272,526 (31.1 %)
Total	644,550	636,571 (1.3 %)	610,415 (5.6 %)	500,693 (28.7 %)
M3 - HK\$	321,827	323,380 (-0.5 %)	310,387 (3.7 %)	261,551 (23.0 %)
Foreign currency	390,992	382,139 (2.3 %)	363,351 (7.6 %)	302,194 (29.4 %)
Total	712,819	705,519 (1.0 %)	673,737 (5.8 %)	563,745 (26.4 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	26,672	26,342 (1.3 %)	25,381 (5.1 %)	21,549 (23.8 %)
of which held by public	23,183	23,021 (0.7 %)	22,158 (4.6 %)	18,813 (23.2 %)
Deposits				
Demand deposits	50,736	50,674 (0.1 %)	42,875 (18.3 %)	34,590 (46.7 %)
Savings deposits	157,472	146,069 (7.8 %)	142,313 (10.7 %)	120,926 (30.2 %)
Time deposits with banks	403,426	407,337 (-1.0 %)	393,612 (2.5 %)	319,369 (26.3 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	63,854	64,646 (-1.2 %)	59,029 (8.2 %)	58,284 (9.6 %)
HK\$ deposits	290,853	292,880 (-0.7 %)	280,927 (3.5 %)	237,184 (22.6 %)
US\$ deposits	221,357	229,173 (-3.4 %)	222,099 (-0.3 %)	198,617 (11.4 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	163,279	146,673 (11.3 %)	134,804 (21.1 %)	97,368 (67.7 %)
All deposits	675,488	668,726 (1.0 %)	637,830 (5.9 %)	533,169 (26.7 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	27,876	34,912 (-20.2 %)	35,546 (-21.6 %)	28,598 (-2.5 %)
Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	43,645	43,230 (1.0 %)	42,584 (2.5 %)	34,864 (25.2 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	6,585	6,721 (-2.0 %)	5,564 (18.4 %)	3,978 (65.5 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	346,768	347,481 (-0.2 %)	328,855 (5.4 %)	265,894 (30.4 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	288,636	258,153 (11.8 %)	248,258 (16.3 %)	160,084 (80.3 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	56,888	54,020 (5.3 %)	43,588 (30.5 %)	29,665 (91.8 %)
Loans in HK\$	309,386	312,607 (-1.0 %)	299,173 (3.4 %)	246,805 (25.4 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	433,136	396,998 (9.1 %)	369,677 (17.2 %)	247,680 (74.9 %)
Total loans and advances	742,522	709,605 (4.6 %)	668,849 (11.0 %)	494,485 (50.2 %)

MORE PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL MAKING URGED

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HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD BE MORE EXPRESSIVE ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TAKE UP A MORE ACTIVE ROLE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE SOCIETY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, MADE THIS APPEAL DURING A CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION ENTITLED 'NEW CITIZENS OF THE GREAT TIMES' HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA.

SHE SAID THAT WITH THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY, THE PEOPLE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A BETTER VIEW OF THE MODE OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STRUCTURE, THEIR EXTENT OF INVOLVEMENT IN ITS MAKING, AND THE AVAILABLE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THEY COULD INVOLVE.

PEOPLE SHOULD FIND TIME TO READ THE WHITE PAPER IN GREAT DEPTH TO BE FOLLOWED BY ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, SUCH AS RUN FOR ELECTIONS AND VOTE IN SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS, MRS FAN SAID.

"ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF CIVIC EDUCATION, APART FROM ENHANCING PEOPLE'S POLITICAL ORIENTATIONS, IS TO DEVELOP PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY.

"NOW THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, PEOPLE SHOULD REMAIN SOBER AND JUDGMENTAL WHILE NOT BE EASILY PRONE TO VOLATILE AND PARTIAL ASPIRATIONS ADVOCATED BY OTHERS," MRS FAN URGED.

TODAY'S EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE 'JOINT CONFERENCE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION', WAS ONE OF THE 23 CIVIC-EDUCATION ORIENTED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

FOUR IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION WERE HIGHLIGHTED; THEY ARE TRACING ONE'S ROOT, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE, MANAGING THE COMMUNITY'S AFFAIRS, AND BECOMING MORE CIVIC-MINDED.

MATERIALS DISPLAYED INCLUDED A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF LAMINATED DISPLAY PANELS, INFORMATION BROCHURES, COLOUR SLIDES, A VIDEO SHOW, AND ABOUT 200 PICTURE CARDS.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME TO BORROW THE EXHIBITS AFTER THE EXHIBITION TO FACILITATE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION; MR PETER TAM.

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TUNNEL TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT FROM NEXT MONDAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT ONE OF THE TWO LANES OF THE SHA TIN-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CONVERTED FOR KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC DURING THE EARLY MORNINGS OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THIS TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE TUNNEL FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 4) TO JANUARY 15, EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 6 AM AND END ABOUT 7.30 AM TO 7.45 AM, DEPENDING ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE TUNNEL'S KOWLOON ENTRANCE.

"MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH CARE," A SPOKSEMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THEY SHOULD NOTE THAT VEHICLES USING THIS ADDITIONAL 'TIDAL' LANE TOWARDS KOWLOON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TURN LEFT ON TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AFTER LEAVING THE TUNNEL'S KOWLOON EXIT, BUT CAN ONLY PROCEED STRAIGHT TO WATERLOO ROAD," HE ADDED.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE TEST, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TRY OUT THE OPERATION OF A NEW MERGING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TOLL PLAZA AND THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE CONTROLLED BY TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS. THE TECHNIQUE WILL BE EVALUATED TO CHECK WHETHER IT CAN INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE TUNNEL.

"IF PROVED EFFECTIVE, THE NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL TECHNIQUE MAY BE REINTRODUCED LATER WITH PERMANENT EQUIPMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ERECTED AT ABOUT 80 METRES BEYOND THE TOLL BOOTHS, WILL START TO FUNCTION AS SOON AS THE TIDAL - FLOW ARRANGEMENT ENDS AT AROUND 7.30 AM AND WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL ABOUT 9.30 AM.

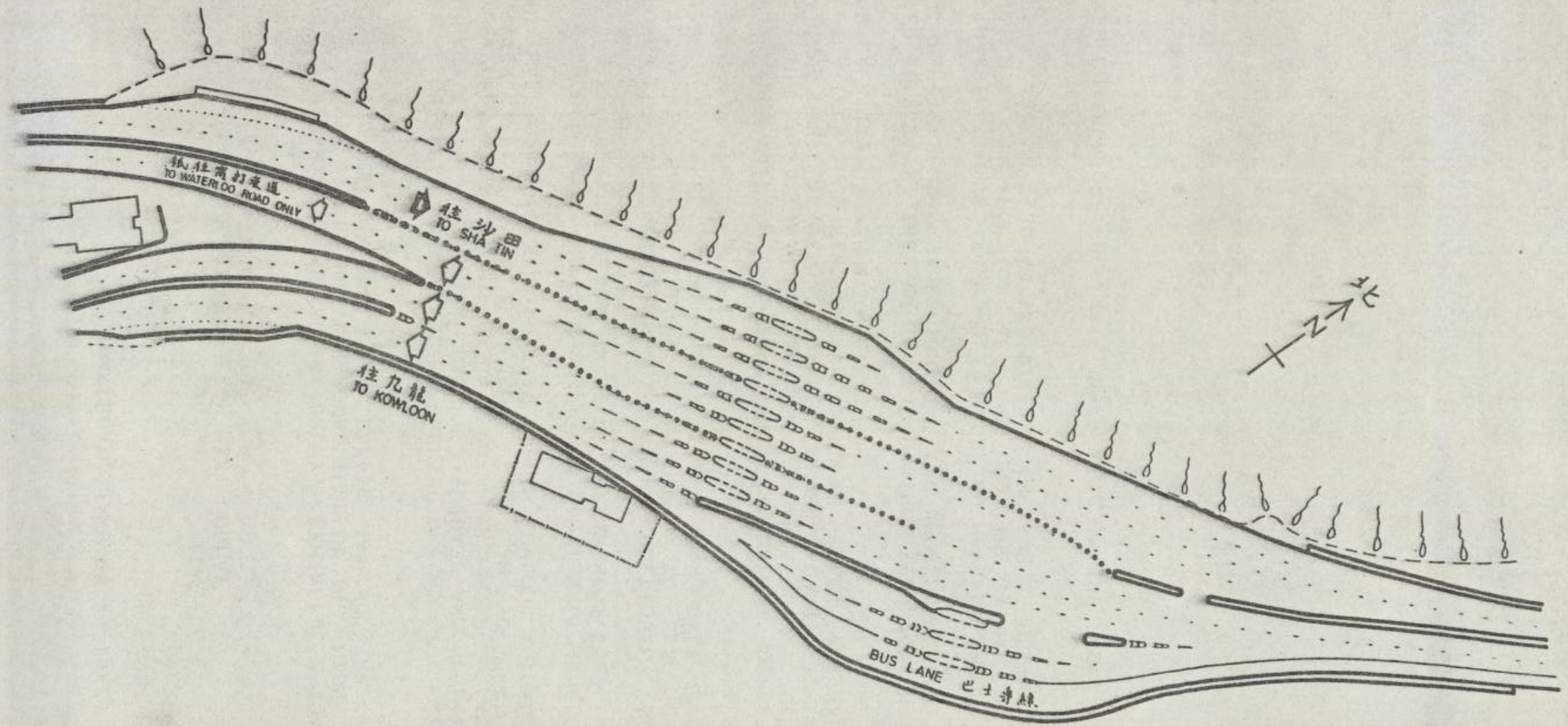
THE TUNNEL CONTROL OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY IN THE TOLL PLAZA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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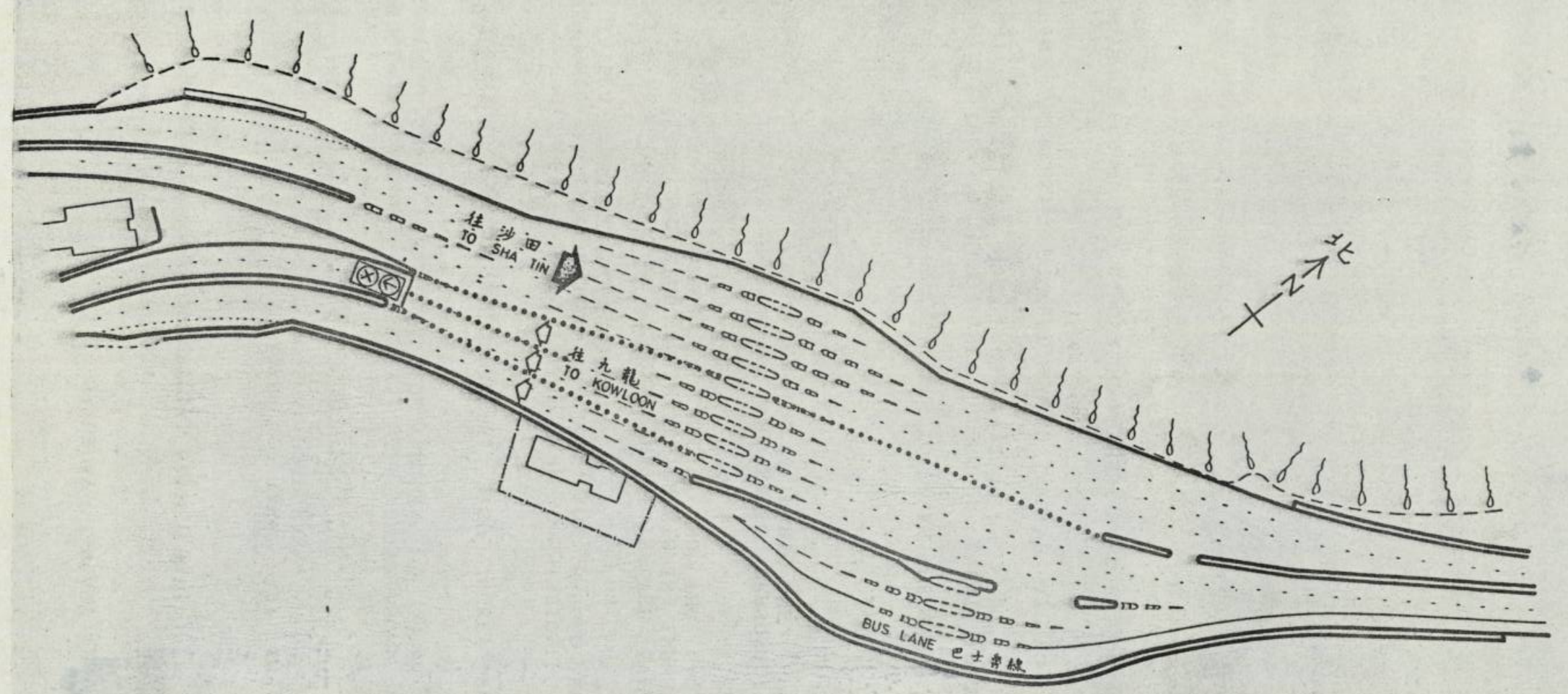
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獅子山隧道潮水式行車試驗

LION ROCK TUNNEL TIDAL FLOW EXPERIMENT



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LION ROCK TUNNEL SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING EXPERIMENT



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR TO OPEN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DAY '88 TO BE HELD AT KO SHAN ROAD PARK, HUNG HOM, BETWEEN 1 PM AND 5 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (ISHC) OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, THE EVENT WILL DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF GAMES AND EXHIBITION MATERIALS.

IT WILL ALSO FEATURE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, DISC JOCKEY SHOWS AND QUIZZES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HENRIETTA IP; THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF ISHC, MR HAROLD KWOK, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A CONCERT WILL ALSO BE HELD AT KO SHAN THEATRE IN THE EVENING TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE RADIO SERIES "SAFETY HINTS IN INDUSTRY" WHICH IS JOINTLY PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE POP SINGERS AND RADIO PERSONALITIES AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE AT 8.30 PM ON COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE AFTERNOON EVENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) SHOULD ARRIVE AT KO SHAN ROAD PARK AT 12.30 PM.

THOSE COVERING THE EVENING CONCERT SHOULD ARRIVE AT KO SHAN THEATRE AT 7.30 PM.

INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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PROPOSED LAYING OF FRESH WATER SUBMARINE PIPELINE
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A CROSS-HARBOUR SUBMARINE FRESH WATER PIPELINE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT EIGHT HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED BETWEEN CHA KWO LING AND QUARRY BAY.

THE PIPELINE WILL BE USED TO TRANSFER TREATED WATER FROM PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS IN KOWLOON TO SHAU KEI WAN SERVICE RESERVOIR ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1989.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY FEBRUARY 29.

MEANWHILE, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING PIER WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 111.6 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN FRONT OF TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAP MUN, SAI KUNG NORTH.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY DECEMBER 30.

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FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS FOR WORKERS
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FACTORY WORKERS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO TWO LUNCH TIME CONCERTS IN THE COMING WEEKS, THANKS TO SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES WILL PERFORM AT THE CONCERTS, OFFERING THE AUDIENCE AN HOUR OF SONGS AND DANCES.

THE CONCERTS ARE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE FIRST CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 4) FROM 12.30 PM TO 1.30 PM AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA IN WONG CHUK HANG.

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THE SECOND ONE WILL START AT NOON ON JANUARY 20 (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SAME VENUE. ADMISSION TO THE CONCERTS IS FREE.

"THE CONCERTS ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR WORKERS DURING THEIR LUNCH BREAK AND PROMOTING THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

SIMILAR CONCERTS HELD LAST YEAR HAD PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT, HE ADDED.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN TSUEN WAN

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC NEXT WEEK FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERPASS, YI PEI CHUN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 4) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR LO WAI AND SHING MUN AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND LO WAI ROAD, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE WILL HAVE TO USE CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ROAD EAST AND CHEUNG SHAN ROAD WEST.

MEANWHILE, THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN TAI HO ROAD AND SAI LAU KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1.15 AM AND 5.45 AM ON BOTH TUESDAY (JANUARY 5) AND WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 6).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE. AFFECTED VEHICLES, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE NO. 59S, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAI LAU KOK ROAD.

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