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PREVENTING PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

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ALL LOCATIONS WITH SIX PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS OR MORE IN A YEAR WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY DIVISION.

THIS WAS STATED IN THE 1982 ANNUAL REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS COMPLETED RECENTLY.

THE CRITERION FOR SIX CASUALTIES A YEAR - SET DOWN IN EARLY 1981 - WAS INITIALLY CHOSEN TO MATCH THE STAFF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SITE INVESTIGATIONS.

THE REVIEW, THE 12TH IN A CONTINUING SERIES, COVERED THE PERIOD UP TO JULY 1982. IT SAID THAT PROBLEM AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD ALSO BE LOOKED INTO.

THE REVIEW REPORTED THAT THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION WAS ABLE TO MONITOR THE NUMBER AND LOCATIONS OF PEDESTRIAN BLACK SPOTS BY UTILISING INFORMATION FROM A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA BANK.

IT RECOMMENDED REMEDIAL MEASURES RANGING FROM PROVIDING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSINGS AND RESITING DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO PROVIDING SKID RESISTANT MATERIAL ON THE APPROACHES TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ROAD LIGHTING.

BUT THE REVIEW ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE THAT SITES WITH LARGE VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN CONFLICTS AND A HIGH INCIDENCE OF ACCIDENTS WERE BEST TACKLED BY THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES.

+SOME OF THE WORST ACCIDENT SITES ARE AT JUNCTIONS WITH AN ADJACENT TRAM PLATFORM OR PEDESTRIAN REFUGE NEXT TO THE TRAM TRACKS.

+INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT AT MANY OF THESE SITES, THE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON SIGNAL-CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED TO ASSIST PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSING THE ROAD SAFELY.

+FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INDICATED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON THE TRAM TRACKS, AND WERE A RESULT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG THE OFFSIDE OF TRAM ISLANDS OR PEDESTRIAN REFUGES FROM A DIRECTION PEDESTRIANS WERE NOT EXPECTING.+

THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, THE REVIEW STRESSED, WAS TO BAN MOTOR VEHICLES FROM THE TRAM TRACKS AND NOT THE PROVISION OF MORE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES.

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NO SHORT-CUT TO OBTAINING HK DRIVING LICENCE

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LEARNER DRIVERS WHO OBTAIN THEIR LICENCES THROUGH A RECENTLY ADVERTISED SEVEN-DAY TOUR TO HUNAN WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE ISSUED WITH HONG KONG LICENCES AFTER FIVE YEARS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/LICENSING, MR COLIN PRISTON SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR PRISTON ADDED THAT THE FIVE-YEAR CRITERION WAS INTRODUCED TO COVER THOSE DRIVERS WHO HAD PASSED THE TEST OVERSEAS - DROVE THERE REGULARLY BUT DID NOT MEET THE SIX-MONTH OVERSEAS RESIDENTIAL PERIOD NOW REQUIRED UNDER THE DRIVING LICENCE REGULATIONS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DRIVERS WOULD STILL HAVE TO SATISFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT THAT THEY HAD PASSED A PROPER TEST OF COMPETENCE BEFORE A HONG KONG LICENCE WOULD BE ISSUED.

HE REFERRED TO THE COURT PROCEEDINGS HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN THE FULL BENCH OF THE HIGH COURT SUPPORTED THE COMMISSIONER'S INTERPRETATION OF THE DRIVING LICENCE REGULATIONS IN REFUSING TO ISSUE HONG KONG LICENCE TO MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE WHO HAD OBTAINED DRIVING LICENCES BY ATTENDING A DRIVING SCHOOL IN HUNAN PROVINCE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION.

+THESE CURRENT PACKAGE TOURS APPEAR TO BE SIMILAR IN NATURE AND DO NOT PROVIDE LEARNER DRIVERS WITH SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO DRIVE IN HONG KONG.

+IN ADDITION, IF THEY THEN HAD NO FURTHER PRACTICE FOR FIVE YEARS, WHAT LITTLE SKILL THEY HAD LEARNT WOULD BE LONG FORGOTTEN AND THEY WOULD BECOME A DANGER ON THE ROADS,+ MR PRISTON ADDED.

HE ADVISED LEARNER DRIVERS NOT TO WASTE THEIR MONEY ON THESE TOURS WHICH WOULD ONLY RESULT IN ULTIMATE DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN THEY APPLY FOR A HONG KONG LICENCE.

THE DRIVING LICENCE REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED IN JANUARY, 1982 SPECIFICALLY TO PREVENT PEOPLE WHO GO OVERSEAS ON SHORT VISITS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LICENCE, AND HAVING THEIR PERMIT EXCHANGED ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO EXTEND DURING
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MORE FREQUENT RUNS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND ON DECEMBER 31 UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNINGS.

THESE WILL INCLUDE:

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SEVEN MAJOR ROUTES - NOS. 2, 4, 7, 10, 23, 38 AND 72 WILL RUN ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

THE LAST DEPARTURES OF NO. 2 FROM SHAU KEI WAN AND MACAU FERRY WILL BE AT 1.30 AM AND 2.15 AM RESPECTIVELY- NO. 4 FROM WAH FU AND CENTRAL WILL BE AT 12.30 AM AND 1 AM- NO. 7 FROM SHEK PAI WAN AND CENTRAL AT 2.30 AM AND 3 AM- NO. 10 FROM NORTH POINT FERRY AND KENNEDY TOWN AT 1 AM AND 2 AM- NO. 23 FROM NORTH POINT FERRY AND POKFIELD ROAD AT 12.30 AM AND 1.15 AM- NO. 38 FROM NORTH POINT AND CHI FU FA YUEN AT 12 MIDNIGHT AND 1 AM- AND NO. 72 FROM ABERDEEN AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT 12.50 AM AND 1.30 AM.

A SPECIAL BUS, NO. 8M, WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (EAST) AND CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) WITH THE FIRST DEPARTURES AT 12.05 AM AND 12.15 AM RESPECTIVELY AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM ADMIRALTY WILL BE AT 3 AM AND THAT FROM CHAI WAN AT 2.10 AM. THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL BE \$1.20.

KMB

THE LAST DEPARTURES OF NO. 5 (STAR FERRY - CHOI HUNG) AND NO. 6 (STAR FERRY - LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE) WILL BE AT 3 AM AND NO. 5C (STAR FERRY - TSZ WAN SHAN SOUTH), NO. 8 (STAR FERRY - OI MAN), NO. 13M (SAU MAU PING CENTRAL - KWUN TONG MTR STATION), NO. 15M (LAM TIN NORTH - KWUN TONG MTR STATION), NO. 36M (LEI MUK SHUE - KWAI FONG MTR STATION), NO. 37M (KWAI SHING CENTRAL - KWAI HING MTR STATION), NO. 70M (SUI WO COURT - KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) AND NO. 81M (SUN TIN WAI - KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) WILL HAVE THEIR SERVICES EXTENDED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS SERVICES

THE ALL NIGHT CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES NO. 121 (CHOI HUNG - CENTRAL) AND 122 (SO UK - NORTH POINT) WILL OPERATE AT MORE FREQUENT INTERVALS.

MTR

THE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE EXTENDED TO 4 AM AND THAT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE TO 2.30 AM.

TRAM AND PEAK TRAM

TRAM AND PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE PROLONGED TO 3 AM.

STAR FERRY

AN ALL NIGHT SERVICE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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THE CENTRAL-JORDAN ROAD PASSENGER/VEHICLE FERRY SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 2 AM.

MAXICAB SERVICES

THE LAST DEPARTURES FOR NO. 1 (HMS TAMAR - PEAK) WILL BE AT 4 AM, AND NO. 31 (TIN WAN - CAUSEWAY BAY) AT 3 AM. HOWEVER, A FLAT FARE OF \$4 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE SERVICES AFTER 12 MIDNIGHT.

NO. 32 SERVICES (NORTH POINT - CENTRAL) WILL BE EXTENDED TO 2 AM AND THE FLAT FARE WILL BE INCREASED TO \$3 AFTER 12 MIDNIGHT.

THE LAST DEPARTURE OF NO. 22 FROM POKFULAM GARDENS AT 12.30 AM AND FROM STAR FERRY AT 1 AM.

BUT NO. 8 (STAR FERRY - BAGUIO VILLAS) WILL EXTEND ITS SERVICE TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE ONLY.

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SEMINAR FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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THREE IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS ON LANGUAGE GAMES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WILL BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST SEMINAR, TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 8, WILL CATER FOR TEACHERS WORKING ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN SHA TIN, SAI KUNG, TAI PO AND NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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THE SECOND SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 15 FOR TEACHERS WORKING IN URBAN KOWLOON, AND THE THIRD ON JANUARY 22 FOR THOSE WORKING IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

ALL THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE MRS BETTY LOWE, WHO IS THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S VISITING ADVISER ON KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND FORMER SENIOR LECTURER OF EDUCATION AT WEST LONDON HIGHER INSTITUTE OF LEARNING. HER TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH, WITH A SUMMARY IN CANTONESE.

HEADS OF KINDERGARTENS WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR TEACHERS TO THE SEMINARS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, KINDERGARTEN SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG BY DECEMBER 29.

DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY, ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-8392482 OR 5-8392489.

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NEW PARK FOR SHA TIN * * *

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHA TIN TOWN PARK, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE 9.25 HECTARES PARK, STRETCHING ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE SHING MUN RIVER JUST DOWNSTREAM FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, WILL BE SITUATED AT THE HEART OF THE TOWN, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE PARK WILL BE A PAVED PLAZA THAT WILL PROVIDE A SETTING FOR THE CULTURAL COMPLEX AND AN OPEN-AIR BANDSTAND THEATRE, WITH TREES TO PROVIDE SHADE.

+A CONTINUOUS PROMENADE AND A CYCLE TRACK WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE HALF-MILE RIVER FRONT, SHADED WITH BANYAN TREES. STEPS AND RAMPS WILL GIVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS UP TO THE HIGHER LEVEL OF THE PARK AND TO THE CAFES AND TEA TERRACES OVERLOOKING THE RIVER, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE PARK INCLUDE A LARGE ARTIFICIAL HILL AND WATERFALL, A TROPICAL GARDEN, PLAY AREAS, POOLS, PONDS AND FOUNTAINS, BOULEVARDS, WALLED FLOWER GARDENS, PAVILIONS AND EXTENSIVE AREAS OF TREES AND SHRUBS.

PLANTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY IRRIGATED WITH RE-CYCLED WATER FROM THE RECENTLY-OPENED SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, HE ADDED.

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NINE NT SITES FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING NINE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE BY TENDER TO REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

FOUR OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND OCCUPY AREAS RANGING FROM 2 215 SQUARE METRES TO 5 219 SQUARE METRES.

TWO OF THESE SITES - 2 215 SQUARE METRES AND 3 834 SQUARE METRES IN AREA - ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE THIRD SITE OF 5 005 SQUARE METRES IS FOR OFFICE USE WHILE THE 5 219 SQUARE-METRE LOT IS FOR HOTEL USE ONLY.

TWO SITES IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA - BOTH OF ABOUT 1 777 SQUARE METRES - THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING THREE SITES ARE IN KWAI CHUNG NEW TOWN, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, AND TAI PO TOWN.

THE KWAI CHUNG SITE, FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL) PURPOSE, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 670 SQUARE METRES.

THE SITE IN TUEN MUN, COVERING ABOUT 312 SQUARE METRES, IS ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSE.

THE TAI PO SITE, WHICH IS THE LARGEST AMONG THE NINE SITES BEING OFFERED, MEASURES ABOUT 9 016 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE ONLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THESE TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON JANUARY 14.

APPLICATION FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES :

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING 5/F., GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD 10/F., KOWLOON.
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR RUNNING RESTAURANT AND
SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT NT BEACHES
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT 11 PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT AT THE SHA TIN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

THE BEACHES ARE HOI MEI BEACH, GEMINI BEACH, ANGLER'S BEACH, AND APPROACH BEACH ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD; CLEAR WATER BAY (1ST) BEACH, CLEAR WATER BAY (2ND) BEACH, KIU TSUI BEACH, CAMPER'S BEACH AND PAK SHA CHAU BEACH IN SAI KUNG; CHEUNG SHA BEACH (LOWER) ON LANTAU ISLAND AND TUNG WAN BEACH AT CHEUNG CHAU.

THE CONTRACTS FOR CHEUNG SHA BEACH (LOWER), CLEAR WATER BAY (1ST) BEACH AND KIU TSUI BEACH ALSO INCLUDE THE ERECTION OF TENTS FOR HIRE AND PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THREE OTHER CONTRACTS FOR CAMPER'S BEACH, PAK SHA CHAU BEACH AND HOI MEI BEACH INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES WHILE THE CONTRACT FOR CLEAR WATER BAY (2ND) BEACH CONSISTS OF THE ERECTION OF TENTS FOR HIRE TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL 11 CONTRACTS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM MARCH 1 NEXT YEAR UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1985, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS FOR THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL RESTAURANT CONTRACT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WOULD BE ABLE TO START HIS BUSINESS ON MARCH 1 NEXT YEAR. THE CONTRACT WILL LAST THREE YEARS AND WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1986.

TENDER FORMS FOR ALL CONTRACTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NTSD ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF FOURSEAS BUILDING, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE JANUARY 14 (FRIDAY).

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NTSD ON TELEPHONE 3-7211837 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
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DETAILS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS COVERING MAJOR PROJECTS UP TO 1985, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERIM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME DEvised BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALONG CANTON ROAD WHERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAS BEEN GENERATED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED.

AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE PLANNED KWUN CHUNG MARKET AND KIMBERLEY ROAD MARKET COMPLEXES.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE PROBLEM CREATED BY STREET-SLEEPERS AT THE FERRY POINT COMPLEX.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD.

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