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16 HOURS OF WATER FROM TOMORROW

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WATER RESTRICTIONS WILL BE EASED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN HONG KONG WILL REVERT TO STAGE ONE RESTRICTIONS WITH A DAILY SUPPLY OF 16 HOURS - FROM 6 AM TO 10 PM - THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE RELAXATION HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE MEASURES WHICH WERE TAKEN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS -- THE IMPOSITION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS, THE OPERATION OF THE DESALTER AND THE INCREASED SUPPLY FROM CHINA -- AND WHICH HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BY THE RECENT RAIN, HE EXPLAINED.

THE DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT RESERVOIR STORAGE LEVEL, THE FAVOURABLE RAINFALL FORECAST AND THE CONTINUING WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGH OPERATIONAL COST, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF THE DESALTER AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE.

MR TOMLINSON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BY ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH THE DESALTER WOULD BE PUT INTO A STANDBY STATE.

+THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPLETE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS, WOULD DEPEND ON ADEQUATE STORAGE LEVELS BEING ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

HE WOULD REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE WATER SITUATION AT THE END OF JUNE.

+IF HEAVY RAIN DEVELOPS AND THE STORAGE POSITION SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVES, AN EARLIER DECISION WILL BE SOUGHT TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS.

+ON THE CONTRARY, THERE MAY BE A NEED TO REACTIVATE THE DESALTER IN ORDER TO PREVENT A REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY,+ HE SAID.

MR TOMLINSON THANKED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN ACHIEVING THE TARGET SAVING OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ECONOMY IN THE USE OF WATER.

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KCR KOWLOON TONG STATION OPENING

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THE KOWLOON TONG STATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, WHICH IS AN INTERCHANGE STATION LINKING WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AT THE NEW STATION TODAY WHEN THEY WERE CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE INTERCHANGE COMPLEX.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ADVANTAGES OF AN INTERCHANGE STATION WERE FORESEEN AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE PLANNING OF THE KCR MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION.

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+SINCE KOWLOON TONG STATION HAS BEEN LOCATED AT THE POINT WHERE THE KCR PASSES DIRECTLY OVER MTR, CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN PHASED SO THAT THE STATION OPENING COINCIDES WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN,+ HE SAID.

TO FACILITATE INTERCHANGE WITH THE MTR, THE NEW STATION CONCOURSE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED UNDERGROUND SO THAT PASSENGERS CAN CONVENIENTLY MOVE BETWEEN THE KCR AND MTR AT THE SAME LEVEL.

PASSENGERS FROM MTR, HAVING BOUGHT THEIR TICKETS, CAN MOVE BETWEEN THE CONCOURSE AND THE KCR PLATFORMS, USING THE THREE ESCALATORS AND ONE STAIRCASE PROVIDED FOR EACH PLATFORM.

PASSENGERS WISHING TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE STATION DIRECTLY CAN USE THE TWO ESCALATORS AND STAIRCASE PROVIDED AT THE PLAZA ENTRY AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF KENT ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD, WHICH WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

DISABLED PASSENGERS ARE PROVIDED WITH LIFTS BETWEEN THE CONCOURSE AND THE PLATFORMS AS WELL AS AT THE PLAZA ENTRY AREA.

THE STATION COMPRISES TWO NEW PLATFORMS, EACH MEASURING 300 METRES LONG WITH CANOPIES FOR WEATHER PROTECTION ALONG HALF THEIR LENGTH. THE UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE IS ABOUT 2 700 SQUARE METRES IN AREA AND SOME EIGHT METRES BELOW GROUND LEVEL. ACOUSTIC INSULATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO REDUCE THE SOUND OF TRAINS IN THE CONCOURSE BECAUSE THE KCR TRACKS LIE DIRECTLY OVERHEAD.

THE CONCOURSE IS FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND CONTAINS THE TICKET OFFICE, AUTOMATIC TICKET-VENDING MACHINES AS WELL AS AUTOMATIC TICKET BARRIERS. MANUALLY OPERATED GATES ARE PROVIDED TO ALLOW THE PASSAGE OF DISABLED PASSENGERS AND FOR THOSE CARRYING HEAVY LUGGAGE.

ALSO SITUATED IN THE CONCOURSE ARE OFFICERS FOR THE KCR OPERATING STAFF, A POLICE REPORTING CENTRE AND A NEWSPAPER KIOSK. PUBLIC LAVATORIES ARE PROVIDED IN THE CONCOURSE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES AND A POST BOX ARE ALSO INSTALLED.

THE KCR SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME 80 000 PASSENGERS WILL USE THE STATION EACH DAY BY THE END OF 1982, RISING TO OVER 160 000 PER DAY IN 1991. +PROVISION IS MADE IN THE STATION DESIGN TO INCORPORATE MORE TICKET BARRIERS AND VENDING MACHINES AS PASSENGER DEMAND RISES,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INITIAL TRAIN SERVICE WILL BE ONE ELECTRIC TRAIN EVERY TEN MINUTES THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO SHA TIN AND TO KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM. +TRAVEL TIMES WILL BE SIX MINUTES TO KOWLOON STATION AND FIVE MINUTES TO THE NEW SHA TIN STATION,+ HE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERCHANGE STARTED IN MAY 1980 AND THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY TRANSMARK, THE KCR CONSULTANTS.

THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF KCR OF WHICH KOWLOON TONG STATION IS A PART, HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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KCR TO INTRODUCE AUTOMATIC REVENUE COLLECTION SYSTEM
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS AUTOMATIC REVENUE COLLECTION TICKETING SYSTEM WOULD BE PUT TO USE FROM THURSDAY (MAY 6).

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID MONTHLY SEASON TICKETS FOR MAY 1982 MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED ON THAT DAY THROUGH THE AUTOMATIC REVENUE COLLECTION SYSTEM AT ALL TICKET OFFICES.

ALL TYPES OF TICKETS COULD ALSO BE BOUGHT AT THE TICKET OFFICE OF EACH STATION FOR USE ON THE DAY OF ISSUE, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE URGED PASSENGERS TO USE THE VENDING MACHINES FOR ORDINARY SINGLE OR RETURN ADULT TICKETS TO SAVE TIME.

PASSENGERS WERE ALSO WARNED NOT TO DAMAGE THE TICKETS BECAUSE BY SO DOING, THEY WOULD NOT ONLY BE CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO THEMSELVES, BUT WOULD ALSO BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1 000.

RAILWAY STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN THE USE OF THE VENDING MACHINES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED PASSENGERS THAT NEW FARES WOULD COME INTO FORCE ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

THE NEW FARE TABLE, ANNOUNCED IN MARCH, WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

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750 000 REGISTER AS URBAN VOTERS
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ABOUT 750 000 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED AS VOTERS FOR THE URBAN AREA DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS REPRESENTS 37.5 PER CENT OF THE TWO MILLION PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER, HE SAID.

+ I AM NATURALLY VERY PLEASED WITH THE HIGH RATE OF REGISTRATION. THIS SHOWS THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN THE URBAN AREAS OR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ARE SHOWING INCREASING INTEREST IN THE GOOD MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR DISTRICT, AND ARE PREPARED TO PLAY THEIR PART IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ MR AKERS-JONES ADDED.

THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, ATTRIBUTED THE HIGH REGISTERED FIGURE TO THE INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANT WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN BY VOLUNTEERS AND GROUPS, SUCH AS ELECTION AMBASSADORS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS AND MANY OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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HE SAID THE EXTENSIVE AND SUSTAINED PUBLICITY GIVEN TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BY THE MEDIA HAD ALSO HELPED TREMENDOUSLY. +WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THEIR HELP.+

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THE HARD WORK OF STAFF OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF TEMPORARY COMMUNITY OFFICERS, HAD ALSO GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE JUST CONCLUDED REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHICH BEGAN ON MARCH 19.

MR LAM ADDED THAT THOSE ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED COULD STILL DO SO, DURING THE 10-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 18, BY APPLYING IN PERSON AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF NEW MERCURY HOUSE, WAN CHAI.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONTINUES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTINUING WITH THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY THIS MONTH.

STARTED IN AUGUST 1981, THE SURVEY IS CARRIED OUT ON A CONTINUOUS MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS BY THE PERMANENT FIELD STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ABOUT 5 000 HOUSEHOLDS HAS BEEN SELECTED THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MAY 1982 SURVEY.

SOME OF THESE HOUSEHOLDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 1982 SURVEY AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ORDER TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE LAST SURVEY.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION. ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS, WILL THEN VISIT THE HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE MONTH.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE: AGE, SEX AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF INDIVIDUALS= ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, EARNINGS, AND HOURS OF WORK OF THOSE WORKING= TENURE, RENT AND INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS.

OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE USE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, SMOKING AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES= PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, DEMAND FOR CHILDCARE CENTRE AND NURSERY PLACES, AND TIME SPENT BY STUDENTS ON DOING HOMEWORK AND REVISING LESSONS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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NINE QUESTIONS AT LEGCO
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NINE QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

QUESTIONS CONCERNING PROGRESS BEING MADE TO CENTRALISE TRANSPORT RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ABOUT FURTHER STUDIES ON THE LEI YUE MUN BRIDGE WILL BE ASKED BY THE HON T.S. LO.

OTHER QUESTIONS DEAL WITH LANDED PROPERTY SUCCESSION APPLICATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS OF HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL VALUE, DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE OUT-LYING AREAS, POLICY CONCERNING ON-STREET AND OFF-STREET PARKING, EDUCATION SERVICES AT CHILD-CARE CENTRES AND KINDERGARTENS, AND BRIEFING OF THE MEDIA ON MAJOR GOVERNMENT ISSUES.

FOUR BILLS WILL BE READ A FIRST AND A SECOND TIME, WITH DEBATE TO BE ADJOURNED. THEY ARE: HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS (AMENDMENT) BILL, FERRY SERVICES BILL, PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL AND EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL WILL BE READ A THIRD TIME.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL, THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, WILL ALSO BE READ A THIRD TIME.

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SHA TIN BUS NETWORK TO BE REORGANISED
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THE BUS NETWORK IN SHA TIN WILL BE REORGANISED FROM FRIDAY (MAY 7) TO COPE WITH THE OPENING OF THE ELECTRIFIED INNER SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE NEW BUS NETWORK WOULD PROVIDE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SHA TIN AREA WITH MUCH BETTER BUS SERVICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE REORGANISATION WAS A RESULT OF LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

UNDER THE NEW BUS NETWORK, ROUTES NO. 84 (SHA TIN MARKET TO SUI WO COURT) AND NO. 88 (SHA TIN MARKET TO SIU LEK YUEN) WILL BE COMBINED INTO NO. 84K OPERATING BETWEEN SUI WO COURT AND SIU LEK YUEN VIA SHA TIN MARKET. THE FARE FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY WILL BE 70 CENTS.

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ROUTES NO. 88A (SHA TIN MARKET TO HIN TIN) AND NO. 88B (TAI WAI TO HO TUNG LAU) WILL BE INTEGRATED TO FORM ONE SERVICE, NO. 88K OPERATING BETWEEN HIN TIN TO HO TUNG LAU VIA SHA TIN MARKET. THE FARE WILL BE 70 CENTS FOR A SINGLE TRIP.

+THESE TWO NEW INTERNAL ROUTES WILL LINK UP ALL THE BIG HOUSING ESTATES IN SHA TIN WITH THE KCR STATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THOSE COMMUTERS WISHING TO TAKE BUS DIRECT TO THE URBAN AREA, A NEW BUS SERVICE NO. 80 WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TRAVELLING BETWEEN MEI LAM AND KWUN TONG FERRY VIA SHA KOK ESTATE WITH A FARE OF \$1.50 FOR A SINGLE TRIP.

TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICES IN THE SHA TIN AREA, SEVERAL BUS ROUTES WILL BE REARRANGED.

ROUTE NO. 86 WILL BE EXTENDED FROM WO CHE TO TERMINATE AT SIU LEK YUEN AND FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN TO MEI FOO AT THE OTHER END.

ROUTE NO. 87 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM LEK YUEN ESTATE TO TERMINATE AT SHA KOK TO PROVIDE A TERMINATING SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE SHA KOK ESTATE.

ROUTE NO. 71 WILL BE EXTENDED FROM SHA TIN MARKET TO TERMINATE AT WO CHE.

IN ADDITION, THE FREQUENCY OF ROUTES NO. 81M, 85 AND 87 WILL BE INCREASED.

A NEW FEEDER BUS SERVICE NO. 69K IS TO BE INTRODUCED ON JUNE 6 LINKING SHEUNG SHUI AND FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA VIA SHA TIN KCR STATION.

MEANWHILE, KOWLOON MAXICAB NO. 12 BETWEEN PAK TIN AND TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA THE NEW MONG KOK KCR STATION TO COINCIDE WITH THE NEW ELECTRIC TRAINS.

KCR PASSENGERS TO AND FROM THE STATION CAN BOARD OR ALIGHT FROM MAXICABS AT A STOP NEAR THE CHIU CHOW SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SAI YEE STREET.

THE MAXICABS ON JOURNEYS TO PAK TIN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ARGYLE STREET, LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK RAILWAY STATION, BUTE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND TO REJOIN THE EXISTING ROUTE INSTEAD OF KADOORIE AVENUE.

THE ROUTING ON JOURNEYS TO TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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SOMETHING NEW ON FA YUEN STREET

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THE PAVEMENTS ARE DRY, THE ROAD SURFACE IS CLEAR, AND THE GUTTERS ARE LITTER-FREE -- FA YUEN STREET IS NOW A CLEAN STREET.

LOOKING AT THIS MONG KOK BYWAY, WHICH IS A BUSY HAWKERS' MARKET, ONE FINDS IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT FIVE MONTHS AGO IT WAS CONSIDERED A LITTER BLACK SPOT.

AT THAT TIME, THE STREET WAS A PRIME TARGET IN THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK URBAN CLEANSING STRATEGY OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN. ACCORDINGLY, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEAN-UP SQUADS MOVED IN TO DO THEIR JOB.

WHEN THEY MOVED OUT, THEY LEFT FA YUEN STREET CLEANER THAN IT HAD EVER BEEN BEFORE, BUT THE FACT THAT THE STREET IS CLEAN TO THIS DAY IS A CREDIT TO THE EFFORTS OF TWO MEN.

MR LO WING SELLS VEGETABLES AND MR NG KWOK CHEUNG SELLS HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES. IN JANUARY, THEY INITIATED A SELF-FINANCED REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE 200 HAWKERS ON THE STREET.

AT THE MIDDLE AND THE END OF EACH WORKING DAY CONTRACTED RUBBISH COLLECTORS COME TO THE MARKET AND EMPTY THE RED PLASTIC LITTER BINS WITH WHICH EVERY STALL HAS BEEN EQUIPPED.

THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH SERVICE IN KOWLOON -- THERE ARE TWO ON HONG KONG ISLAND -- AND IT WAS INSPIRED BY THE CLEAN-UP THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE CAMPAIGN'S FIRST PHASE.

THE STRUCTURE WAS ALREADY THERE IN THE FORM OF TWO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1974 AND EMBRACE ALL THE HAWKERS ON FA YUEN STREET.

AS CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO COMMITTEES, MR LO AND MR NG SUCCESSFULLY SOLD THE IDEA TO THE MEMBERS BY EMPHASISING, +CLEAN STALLS WILL ATTRACT MORE CUSTOMERS AND INCREASE BUSINESS.+

+AND THE SERVICE COSTS ONLY \$12 A MONTH FOR EACH MEMBER,+ MR LO ADDED.

THE MOVE WAS ALSO WELCOMED BY THE USD, WHICH COLLECTS ABOUT FOUR TONNES OF RUBBISH IN MONG KOK NIGHTLY.

A USD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STANDARD PRACTICE OF HAWKERS EVERYWHERE WAS TO DUMP RUBBISH AT THE END OF THE STREET, TO BE PICKED UP EVERY NIGHT BY DEPARTMENT REFUSE COLLECTORS.

+BUT THE HAWKERS OF FA YUEN STREET HAVE RELIEVED US OF THIS BURDEN THERE,+ HE SAID, +AND I HOPE OTHER HAWKER MARKETS FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.+

IN THIS REGARD, HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT PLANS WERE ON HAND TO SET UP A SIMILAR SERVICE AMONG THE HAWKERS ON YAU MA TEI'S RECLAMATION STREET.

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TRUE LIGHT CELEBRATES 110 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, TODAY (TUESDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO DR HO CHUNG-CHUNG AND DR MA YEE-YING, PIONEERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE TRUE LIGHT SCHOOLS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF TRUE LIGHT.

+SHORTLY AFTER I ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN 1953 I HAD THE GREAT PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE OF MEETING THESE SPLENDID INDIVIDUALS WHO SO TYPIFIED THE SPIRIT OF TRUE LIGHT,+ MR HAYE SAID, +AND THROUGH THEM I CAME TO KNOW THE SCHOOLS IN WHICH PERSONAL EXCELLENCE WAS AS MUCH THE IDEAL AS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE DISTINCTIVE BLUE SCHOOL UNIFORM, MR HAYE SAID, WAS INSTANTLY RECOGNISABLE IN HONG KONG AS AN OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGN OF PERMANENT VALUES WHICH HAD ROOTS IN THE PAST.

+TRUE LIGHT SCHOOLS CAME TO THE FAR EAST 110 YEARS AGO IN CANTON,+ MR HAYE SAID, +AND THEY CAME TO HONG KONG IN THE MID-30S, SINCE WHEN THEY HAVE GROWN TO FOUR VALUABLE INSTITUTIONS WHICH CATER TO OVER 6 000 STUDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL SHOWS THAT THE INSPIRATION OF CHRISTIANITY HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION PROVIDED, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE IDEAL OF LOVE AND SELF-SACRIFICE IN SERVING SOCIETY.

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PRIMARY PUPILS CAN ENTER INTERNATIONAL ART SHOW
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SCHOOL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 12 CAN TAKE PART IN THE 24TH WORLD SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE KOREAN CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN SEOUL IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE YOOK YOUNG FOUNDATION, KOREA, THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP AND TO ENCOURAGE ART EDUCATION THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF CHILDREN'S ART.

DRAWING, PAINTING, PRINTMAKING, COLLEGE OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORK CAN BE SUBMITTED. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE WORK IS LIMITED TO 59 CM BY 42 CM.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WILL BE AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 5 TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY

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ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) A GROUP OF NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND STUDENTS WILL PLANT A NUMBER OF TREES TO MARK THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY.

THEY WILL PLANT EVERGREEN ALEURITES MOLUCCANA AT THE PAVEMENT ALONG TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND TO PROVIDE GREENERY TO THE BARREN LANDSCAPE OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT COINCIDING WITH THE MEI FA - BEAUTIFICATION - PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN TREES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

ALSO TAKING PART WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR NG CHEUK-TAI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR YUE KAI-CHIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONIES MARKING TUEN MUN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY, AT THE PAVEMENT ALONG TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) AT 2 PM.

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AIR TALKS IN LONDON

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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION (AIR SERVICES), IS REPRESENTING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT THE UNITED KINGDOM-THAI AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL BEGIN IN LONDON TODAY AND CONTINUE FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KOWLOON TONG
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KOWLOON TONG FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW KOWLOON TONG RAILWAY STATION.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE STAND FOR NEW TERRITORIES MAXICAB NO. 61 AT KENT ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AND RESITED AT SUFFOLK ROAD.

THE TAXI STAND AT SUFFOLK ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AND RESITED AT SOMERSET ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE CAR PARKING SPACES ALONG THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF SUFFOLK ROAD AND THE NORTHERN SIDE OF SOMERSET ROAD SECTION BETWEEN KENT ROAD AND DEVON ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GASCOIGNE FLYOVER
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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 7) FOR ROAD WORKS.

NORMAL TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE IN SHA TIN

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6), ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (EXCEPT MAXICABS) TRAVELLING EASTBOUND ON TAI PO ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE SLIP ROAD THAT LINKS WITH SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

THERE WILL BE SIGNS AND CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS TO SHOW THE EXTENT OF THE ZONE.

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BUS LANE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

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THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND BUS LANE ON KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TSING FUNG STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 7 AM ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO ALLOW ROAD WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

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