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UNOFFICIALS TO COMMENT ON GREEN PAPER
ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AT LEGCO TOMORROW

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SIX UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WILL COMMENT ON THE GREEN PAPER ON +SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY+ AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY ARE DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON. MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH, THE HON. PETER C. WONG, THE REV. THE HON. JOYCE M. BENNETT AND THE HON. WONG LAM.

THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON. E.P. HO, WILL REPLY TO THE COMMENT OF THE UNOFFICIALS.

DURING QUESTION TIME, THE UNOFFICIALS WILL RAISE 18 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE HON. LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE CURRENT SPECULATION ON INITIAL DEPOSITS PAID ON DOMESTIC HOUSING INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF RECEIPTS BETWEEN PURCHASERS AT LARGE PREMIUMS, WITHOUT ANY PAYMENT OF STAMP DUTY, THUS DRIVING UP THE ULTIMATE PRICES OF DOMESTIC HOUSING.

IN A SEPARATE QUESTION, MISS DUNN WILL ALSO ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE STAMP DUTY PAYABLE ON THE TRANSFER OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF OCCUPATION PERMITS AS WELL AS REALES OF DOMESTIC HOUSING WITHIN TWO OR THREE YEARS OF PURCHASE IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE SPECULATION.

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL EXPAND EVEN FURTHER ITS EXISTING PLANS FOR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, WITH OR WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING SECTOR, SO AS TO REDUCE OVER-SPECULATION IN SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FLATS BY INDIVIDUAL PURCHASERS.

MR. CHEONG-LEEN WILL ALSO RAISE ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTEN THE PAYMENT PERIOD FOR PUBLIC LAND PURCHASES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SPECULATION ON LAND PRICES.

THE HON. ROGER LOBO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE WHAT THE PRESENT POSITION IS ON THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT INVESTORS WHO JOIN PYRAMID SELLING SCHEMES.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS CONCERN THE CONTROL OVER OPERATION OF MONEY LENDERS, THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS IN HONG KONG AND DETAINEES SENT TO THE SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE, INERTIA SELLING, NIGHT FLIGHTS AT KAI TAK AIRPORT, TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND SHIPPING RATES.

THREE BILLS, NAMELY THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978, THE DETENTION CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1978 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN MAKES GOOD START

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY THE HONG KONG-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN HAD MADE A GOOD START AND PLANS WERE IN HAND TO INTENSIFY THE PROGRAMMES FOR ITS NEXT PHASE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

MR. LEE SAID THE INITIAL SUCCESS COULD BE SEEN THROUGH THE IMPRESSIVE RATINGS OF THE 10 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION T.V. SPECIALS +UNDER THE SAME ROOF+, EACH OF THEM WATCHED BY OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE DURING A SINGLE SCREENING.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS, HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE SERIES IN FACT SCORED A RATING OF OVER 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE REPRESENTING 76 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VIEWERSHIP.

THESE ENCOURAGING RATINGS, HE SAID, WERE COMPLEMENTED BY MANY FAVOURABLE CRITIC REVIEWS AND LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WHICH PRODUCED THE SERIES BASED ON CASE HISTORIES SUPPLIED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

MR. LEE SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED FOUR MONTHS AGO AS A JOINT VENTURE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO FOSTER STRONGER FAMILY TIES AS A BASIC PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND FAMILY TRAGEDIES.

THE INITIAL PHASE AIMED AT PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ABSOLUTELY IN LINE WITH THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE FAMILY THINKING.

+OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO SEE EACH FAMILY IS MORE CAPABLE OF ENJOYING A TIGHTER FAMILY TIE AND MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE FAMILY MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, MORE THAN 450 PROMOTIONAL EVENTS WERE ORGANISED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT INCOME AND AGE GROUPS, HE SAID.

+THESE ACTIVITIES RANGED FROM FUN-FILLED EVENTS SUCH AS VARIETY SHOWS, CARNIVALS, GAMES RALLIES, CAMPS, PICNICS, COOKERY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS TO EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS LIKE DEBATES, ESSAY CONTESTS, QUIZ, SEMINARS AND LECTURES.+

MR. LEE DISCLOSED THAT THE NEXT PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, PLANNED TO START FROM SEPTEMBER, WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL TARGET GROUPS OF A FAMILY — PARENTS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, THE YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY.

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SEPARATE PUBLICITY DRIVES DEALING WITH PARTICULAR TARGET GROUPS ARE PLANNED ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY MEANS OF ILLUSTRATIVE CARTOON BOOKLETS, TELEVISION BRIEFS, POSTERS AND TALKS, HE SAID.

+NOW THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS MADE ITS IMPACT, OUR NEXT THING TO DO IS TO INTENSIFY THE PROGRAMME CONTENTS SO AS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE AND GENERALLY IMPROVING THE ATTITUDES IN CONNECTION WITH HUMAN RELATIONSHIP, BEHAVIOUR, ROLES IN THE FAMILY AND RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO VISIT COUNTRY PARKS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT THE SAI KUNG, KAM SHAN AND SOUTH LANTAU COUNTRY PARKS ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8).

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS. SIR MURRAY AND MR. NICHOLS WILL PLANT TREES AT THE KEI LING HA MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN SAI KUNG AT 9.45 A.M. ON THURSDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE VISIT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 A.M. FOR KEI LING HA AND WILL RETURN THE PRESS PARTY TO THE PIER AT ABOUT 11.45 A.M. OFFICERS FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES IN TAI PO
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FACILITATE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO ON SATURDAY (JUNE 10).

A SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE NO. 70B, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER AND TAI PO FROM 7 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ON THAT DAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE DRAGON BOAT RACES AT YUEN CHAU TSAI. THE TERMINUS OF THIS BUS ROUTE IN TAI PO WILL BE SITUATED AT PO HEUNG STREET NEAR WAI YI STREET.

THE TWO EXISTING BUS STOPS ON EITHER SIDE OF TAI PO ROAD AND THE TAXI STAND AT YUEN CHAU TSAI WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M.

FROM 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 9) TO ABOUT 2 P.M. ON SATURDAY, VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PARKING AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS :-

- * BOTH SIDES OF TAI PO ROAD AND KWONG FUK ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD TO TAI PO KAU RAILWAY STATION TO THE JUNCTION OF KWONG FUK ROAD AND TING KOK ROAD,
- * OLD TAI PO ROAD, BETWEEN THE APPROACH ROAD TO TAI PO POLICE STATION AND THE WONG SHIU CHI SCHOOL,
- * THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM KWONG FUK ROAD TO TAI PO POLICE STATION,
- * TUNG CHEONG STREET, PLOVER COVE ROAD, TUNG FAT SQUARE AND KWONG FUK SQUARE.

CARS WITH SPECIAL RED PARKING LABELS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK ON THE RECLAMATION AT YUEN CHAU TSAI, AND AT THE COMPOUND OF WONG SHIU CHI SCHOOL. SHOULD THE WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENT PARKING AT THE YUEN CHAU TSAI RECLAMATION, THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT KWONG FUK SQUARE.

CARS WITH BLUE PARKING LABELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT THE PLAYGROUND IN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID PARKING FACILITIES IN TAI PO ON SATURDAY WILL BE LIMITED AND THOSE ATTENDING THE DRAGON BOAT RACES THERE ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

MOTORISTS GOING TO DESTINATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OTHER THAN TAI PO ON SATURDAY ARE ADVISED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE POSSIBLE DELAYS ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO IN THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON ON THAT DAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN TAI PO AND POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NEW PACKING REGULATIONS FOR POSTAL PARCELS

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT CERTAIN NEW PACKING REGULATIONS FOR POSTAL PARCELS POSTED IN WOODEN OR METAL BOXES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM JULY 1.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE CORNERS AND EDGES OF THE WOODEN OR METAL BOX WHICH IS USED FOR CONTAINING ANYTHING SENT BY POST MUST BE PADDED SO THAT THEY WILL NOT DAMAGE OTHER POSTAL PACKETS OR CAUSE INJURY TO POSTAL STAFF IN HANDLING THEM.

THE BOX MUST THEN BE SECURELY WRAPPED IN SOME TEXTILE SUCH AS HESSIAN OR SACKING.

ALTERNATIVELY, A PAPER WRAPPING MAY BE USED PROVIDING THE BOX IS FULLY COVERED WITH A PROTECTIVE LAYER OF CORRUGATED CARDBOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED TO POSTAL MACHINERY BY PARCELS POSTED IN WOODEN OR METAL BOXES AND THE POSSIBLE INJURY TO POSTAL STAFF BOTH IN THE MECHANICAL AND MANUAL HANDLING OF THOSE ITEMS.

+AS FROM THAT DATE, A PARCEL IN THE FORM OF WOODEN OR METAL BOX WHICH IS NOT PACKED IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR POSTING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OVER 10,000 LIVES SAVED

MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE OWE THEIR LIVES TO THE SERVICES OF HONG KONG LIFE SAVERS DURING THE PAST 22 YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, SAID TODAY.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, MR. NICHOLS SAID THAT THE CLUB AND HIS DEPARTMENT SHARED ONE PARTICULAR OBJECTIVE - THE SAVING OF LIFE AT SEA.

HE ADDED: +I AM HAPPY AND PROUD OF THE FACT THAT SINCE 1962 BOTH OUR ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. SINCE THAT DATE SOME 1,300 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED AT SEA AND IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES, THE RESCUERS HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF OUR FISHING COMMUNITY.

+I WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING OUR FISHERFOLK FOR THE VERY REAL AND PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH THEY ARE MAKING TOWARDS SAFETY AT SEA,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR. NICHOLS PRESENTED AWARDS TO 13 FISHERMEN FROM ABERDEEN, CASTLE PEAK, TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO WHO, BETWEEN THEM, SAVED A TOTAL OF 74 LIVES AT SEA- ONE OF WHICH INVOLVED THE RESCUE OF 46 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM A SINKING SHIP 350 MILES FROM HONG KONG ON MARCH 6 THIS YEAR.

AWARDS WERE ALSO MADE TO 10 URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT LIFE GUARDS AND 16 MEMBERS OF THE LIFE GUARD CLUB ITSELF, THE POLICE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS.

MR. NICHOLS SAID THE CLUB PLANS TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF SUMMER YOUTH TRAINING CAMPS AT REPULSE BAY THIS YEAR TO TRAIN PARTICIPANTS IN SWIMMING, CANOEING AND LIFE SAVING.

+BY SUCH EFFORTS,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS, +THE SEA CAN BE MADE A MUCH SAFER PLACE FOR MORE PEOPLE AND, THEREFORE, MORE ENJOYABLE.+

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SCHOOL PRAISED FOR TAKING PART IN
NEW APPROACH TO SOCIAL STUDIES

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN, TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF AND PUPILS OF CHUEN YUEN COLLEGE, TSUEN WAN, WHO ARE HELPING TO PIONEER A NEW APPROACH TO SOCIAL STUDIES.

MR. BROWN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SPECIAL EXHIBITION STAGED BY PUPILS AT THE SCHOOL TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE OF TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES AS AN INTEGRATED SUBJECT.

+THE LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED IN THIS EXPERIMENTAL PHASE WILL HELP TO GUIDE NEW SCHOOLS TAKING UP THE SUBJECT,+ HE SAID.

+LOOKING AT WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY DOUBT THE VALUE OF SOCIAL STUDIES AND ITS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND TO THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

+LIVING IN A HIGHLY-INDUSTRIALISED SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, LIFE HAS BECOME MUCH MORE COMPLICATED AND THE PRESSURES FROM ALL SIDES VERY GREAT.

+COMPETITION ITSELF IS GROWING EVEN MORE INTENSE AND THE NOISE AND BUSTLE AND CROWDING ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDUSTRIAL CITY CAN BE VERY TRYING IF WE ARE NOT WELL-BALANCED INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE ADVANTAGES THAT CAN BE GAINED FROM INCREASED PROSPERITY.

+WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND OUR ENVIRONMENT, CONTRIBUTE TO ITS IMPROVEMENT AND LEARN HOW TO WORK WITH OUR NEIGHBOUR FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL.

+THIS IS REALLY WHAT SOCIAL STUDIES IS ALL ABOUT — UNDERSTANDING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND LEARNING TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.+

MR. BROWN SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT AN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS HAD BEEN FORMED RECENTLY.

+I AM SURE THIS ASSOCIATION WILL HELP ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF SOCIAL STUDIES JUST AS THE SUCCESS OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS OWES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND MATHS TEACHERS,+ HE ADDED.

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EXTENSION TO COLUMBARIUM AT CAPE COLLINSON CREMATORIUM
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THE COLUMBARIUM AT CAPE COLLINSON CREMATORIUM WILL SOON BE EXTENDED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR CREMATION.

TENDERS FOR THE EXTENSION WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE P.W.D., SAID TODAY THAT THE EXTENSION, CONSISTING OF THREE BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS, WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO THE WEST OF THE EXISTING CAR PARK.

HE EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF THE ACCEPTABILITY AND THE NECESSITY OF CREMATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BURIAL, DEMAND FOR CREMATION HAD BEEN INCREASING STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL BE HANDED BACK TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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ROAD TO BE BUILT IN PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BUILD A THREE-KILOMETRE ROAD AT WU KAU TANG IN THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE ROAD, MEASURING SIX METRES IN WIDTH, WOULD RUN EASTWARDS FROM THE EXISTING ROAD AT WU KAU TANG TO SAM AH CHUNG.

HE SAID: +THE PROJECT AIMS TO MEET DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE PARK AREA.

+OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE AN EASY, PLEASANT APPROACH TO THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY PARK THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC AREAS OF COUNTRYSIDE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

THE ROAD WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) THE JUNCTION OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND FUK CHAK STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, FUK CHAK STREET WILL BECOME A NO THROUGH ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG KOK CHEUNG STREET VIA FUK CHAK STREET INTO TAI KOK TSUI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POK MAN STREET INTO TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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