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JOINT LIAISON GROUP COMMUNIQUE

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FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP:-

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS EIGHTH MEETING IN PEKING ON NOVEMBER 10 TO 13. POSITIVE RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED.

THE TWO SIDES REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION THE GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS PUBLIC ORDER. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE SMOOTH TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT IN 1997 AND TO THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY THAT TIMELY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN RELATION TO DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER. THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR CLOSE CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION ON THE RELEVANT PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ON THE BASIS OF WORK DONE BY THE STANDING SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION TO HONG KONG AFTER 1997 OF RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND ON HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION. THE TWO SIDES ALSO REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF THE HONG KONG SAR AFTER 1997 IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION.

THE GROUP DISCUSSED PROGRESS IN CONCLUDING HONG KONG'S AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND REACHED A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON RELATED MATTERS.

THE GROUP REACHED IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION. THEY AGREED THAT DETAILS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT EXPERT LEVEL.

THE GROUP EXCHANGED VIEWS ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TERMS OF SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY.

THE BRITISH SIDE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE POLITICAL REVIEW IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE HARD WORK DONE BY EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES BEFORE AND DURING THE MEETING.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 8 TO 11 NEXT YEAR.

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FS OFF FOR DEFENCE TALKS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, LEFT FOR LONDON TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TO LEAD THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TEAM IN THE THIRD ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ON A NEW DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT.

THE TALKS WILL START ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AND ARE PLANNED TO LAST THREE DAYS.

"IF OUR DISCUSSIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL, THE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD COME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR," MR JACOBS TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE.

HE SAID THE EARLIER ROUNDS OF TALKS HAD CLEARED SOME OF THE GROUND, AND THERE WAS NOW A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION.

"AT THE END OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS, I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE BASIS OF A NEW AGREEMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL," HE ADDED.

"NATURALLY, THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED, BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE."

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE MR ROBERT UPTON, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY; MR MIKE HANSON, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY; MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY; AND MR JOHN SHANNON, A FINANCE OFFICER OF THE FINANCE BRANCH.

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MORE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING

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THE YEAR 1986 WAS A GOOD ONE FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG.

IN THE FOREWORD TO HIS DEPARTMENT'S NEWLY PUBLISHED REPORT - "1987 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES", THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT AT \$19,554 MILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE OF INVESTMENT AT THE END OF 1986 - DEFINED AS CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT AT ORIGINAL COST BEFORE DEPRECIATION - SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT OVER 1985. AT \$1,603 MILLION, THE NET ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS IN 1986 REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 55 PER CENT.

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THE REPORT CONTAINS THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1987 IN RESPECT OF INVESTMENTS IN 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE COVERAGE OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS WAS PROBABLY NOT COMPLETE, THOUGH EVERY ESTABLISHMENT IN HONG KONG KNOWN OR THOUGHT TO CONTAIN AN OVERSEAS INTEREST WAS CONTACTED IN THE SURVEY.

WHILE 541 FACTORIES WITH AN OVERSEAS INTEREST COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONNAIRE, 32 ESTABLISHMENTS DID NOT CO-OPERATE IN THE SURVEY AND SOME OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS MIGHT CONTAIN AN OVERSEAS INTEREST. THE DISCREPANCY, HOWEVER, WAS UNLIKELY TO BE SIGNIFICANT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED IN ITS POSITION AS THE TOP OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH A CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT OF \$8,053 MILLION (41.2 PER CENT OF TOTAL INVESTMENT) IN 163 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING 38,276 WORKERS.

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR WITH \$4,009 MILLION (20.5 PER CENT) INVESTED IN 134 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING 22,635 WORKERS.

CHINA CAME THIRD WITH ITS STAKE OF \$2,981 MILLION (15.2 PER CENT) IN 36 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING 7,272 WORKERS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN FOURTH PLACE, ACCOUNTED FOR \$1,082 MILLION (5.5 PER CENT) WORTH OF INVESTMENT AND WAS PROVIDING JOBS FOR 13,401 WORKERS IN 55 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS.

MEASURED BY INCREASES IN THE SIZE OF FIXED ASSETS, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE ELECTRONICS, NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES RECORDED THE HIGHEST RATES OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT OF THE 541 ESTABLISHMENTS SURVEYED, 288 WERE WHOLLY OWNED BY OVERSEAS INTERESTS. THE REMAINING 253 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INTERESTS.

"WITH THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS TO INTRODUCE TO HONG KONG, THROUGH THEIR INVESTMENTS, NEW AND IMPROVED PRODUCTS, DESIGNS, PROCESSES AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, THE 253 ESTABLISHMENTS WITH LOCAL INTERESTS IN A FORM OF CO-OPERATION WILL PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER," MR YEUNG SAID.

THE SURVEY FOUND THAT EIGHTY-FIVE ESTABLISHMENTS (16 PER CENT) REPORTED PLANS TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND 132 (24 PER CENT) WERE DEVELOPING NEW PRODUCTS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING SURFACE-MOUNTED COMPONENTS, MINI-SWITCHES, DIALLING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS FOR TELEPHONES, QUASI-DIGITAL INTEGRATED CIRCUITS FOR COLOUR TELEVISIONS, THREE-DIMENSIONAL CAMERAS, WATCH MOVEMENTS, COIL NAILS, AND TEXTILE FINISHING MATERIALS.

MOST ESTABLISHMENTS WITH AN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT INTEREST ALSO SHOWED A STRONG INTEREST IN PRODUCT AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, ENGAGING IN ONE OR MORE FORMS OF SUPPORTING ACTIVITY SUCH AS PRODUCT DESIGN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY CONTROL, TESTING AND CALIBRATION AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING.

"THESE INVESTMENTS SERVE NOT ONLY TO ENRICH HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES BUT ALSO TO STIMULATE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO UPGRADE THEIR OWN OPERATIONS," MR YEUNG SAID.

COMPUTERS OR COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION IN 330 ESTABLISHMENTS (61 PER CENT), OFTEN WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED BY THE OVERSEAS INVESTOR.

MOST ESTABLISHMENTS COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON HONG KONG'S FREE PORT STATUS AND LOW TAX RATE, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, BANKING AND FINANCIAL FACILITIES, AND ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS, AS FACTORS MAKING FOR A FAVOURABLE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT. INTERESTINGLY, HONG KONG'S SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES WERE ALSO PRAISED, THOUGH NOT TO THE SAME EXTENT.

AREAS WHICH ATTRACTED UNFAVOURABLE COMMENT WERE LAND AND BUILDINGS AND MANPOWER. A MAJORITY OF ESTABLISHMENTS CONSIDERED INDUSTRIAL LAND TO BE HIGHLY-PRICED, AND A SMALLER NUMBER FELT THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE. THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ATTRACTED SIMILAR CRITICISMS.

ALTHOUGH A LARGE BODY OF OPINION WAS NEUTRAL ON MANPOWER AS A FACTOR AFFECTING HONG KONG'S INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT, MORE ESTABLISHMENTS FELT IT WAS AN UNFAVOURABLE FACTOR THAN A FAVOURABLE ONE. THE CHIEF CRITICISMS CONCERNED THE SUPPLY OF OPERATIVES, CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICAL STAFF, THE HIGH COSTS GENERALLY OF LABOUR, AND THE HIGH TURNOVER OF ALL TYPES OF STAFF.

NEVERTHELESS, 504 ESTABLISHMENTS (93 PER CENT) FELT THAT THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN HONG KONG WAS FAVOURABLE. TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN ESTABLISHMENTS (40 PER CENT) PLANNED TO EXPAND THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF THEIR EXISTING PRODUCTS AND 92 ESTABLISHMENTS (17 PER CENT) INTENDED TO SET UP ADDITIONAL BRANCH FACTORIES OR MOVE INTO LARGER PREMISES IN HONG KONG.

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WEST GERMAN BANK GRANTED LICENCE

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A WEST GERMAN BANK, BAYERISCHE HYPOTHEKEN- UND WECHSEL-BANK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, HAS BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BAYERISCHE HYPOTHEKEN- UND WECHSEL-BANK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1835. IT HAS HAD A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG IN THE FORM OF A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1981.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN OBTAINING HONG KONG BANKING LICENCES REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE GRANTING OF THIS LICENCE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 155, OF WHICH 120 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG. SIX LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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HELPING TO MAKE A SAFE HOME

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AN EXHIBITION ON HOME SAFETY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT YAU OI ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON THE PODIUM OF THE SHOPPING ARCADE, AND BOOKLETS CONTAINING USEFUL ADVICE ON HOW TO AVOID COMMON DOMESTIC ACCIDENTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

THIS IS THE SEVENTH OF A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS HELD EVERY SUNDAY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT A SAFE HOME IS A HAPPY HOME.

THE EXHIBITIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HOME SAFETY.

AS MOST HOME ACCIDENTS RESULT FROM CARELESSNESS AND IGNORANCE, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO MOUNT TERRITORY-WIDE ACTIVITIES TO URGE THE PUBLIC TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO HOME SAFETY.

TV API'S (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) ON PARENTAL SUPERVISION, CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND SAFE USE OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY ARE CURRENTLY USED WITH THE COMMON MESSAGE THAT PRECAUTION IS THE KEY TO A SAFE HOME.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO PRODUCE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY GROUPS. THESE INCLUDE A VISUAL-AID KIT ON HOME SAFETY AND A SPECIAL VIDEO PROGRAMME TAILORED FOR THE ELDERLY.

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VARIETY SHOW TO START ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE FIRST ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WHICH COMPRISES MORE THAN 30 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK TEI PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU AT 2 PM.

AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE OPENING.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG; CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS LEE WAI-FONG; AND THE HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING POP SINGERS KEN CHOI, ALEX DELFINO, DOMINIC CHOW, PRUDENCE LIEW, LUI SHAN AND LAM MAN-CHUNG, WILL BE LIVE BROADCAST BY RTHK RADIO 1.

ISLAND RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW, AND SHARE IN THE FESTIVE FUN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK TEI PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU ON SUNDAY, STARTING AT 2 PM.

A PRESS LAUNCH, THE TIN HAU, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR CHEUNG CHAU AT 10 AM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE

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WELL ESTABLISHED RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDE A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND HELP FOSTER COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER FOR NORTH DISTRICT, MR TIM MILNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE LOI TUNG RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION IN SHA TAU KOK, MR MILNES SAID THAT THIS FOUNDATION WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT AS THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS ASSUMING GREATER IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE, MR MILNES SAID THAT SUCH ASSOCIATIONS WOULD FACE EVEN GREATER CHALLENGES AND WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ON A WIDER SCALE.

ONE SUCH ACTIVITY WAS THE NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, FISH AND INSECT SHOW TO BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 27, MR MILNES SAID.

THE SHOW, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG, WOULD BE OPENED BY LADY WILSON, HE SAID.

MR MILNES ALSO COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS, SUCH AS FIGHT CRIME, AND FOR ITS WORK FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE PAST NINE YEARS. HE ALSO PRAISED ITS EFFORTS IN SETTING UP A FIRE WATCH TEAM.

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COLOURFUL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN FANCY CAR PARADE

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TWENTY-SEVEN ORGANISATIONS, 14 FROM DISTRICT BOARDS AND 13 FROM PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE LARGEST-EVER FANCY CAR PARADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE PARADE WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT DISTRICT LEVEL. FANCY CARS WILL RUN FROM TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND TO EDINBURGH PLACE, VIA TEXACO ROAD, KWAI CHUNG ROAD, CHING CHEUNG ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

AT THE STARTING POINT, THERE WILL BE A DRAGON DANCE PRECEDED BY AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY AT WHICH AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG. DR LEUNG AND MR CHEUNG WILL THEN TAKE THE SALUTE AS VEHICLES SET OFF.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT A BALLOON-FLYING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE. MRS FORD WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE BEST DECORATED VEHICLES CONTEST.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE AN ONE-HOUR TV VARIETY SHOW CENTERING ON THE PARADE AND KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGES. THE PARADE VEHICLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT EDINBURGH PLACE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE VENUE AT 8.30 AM.

FOR THE CEREMONY AT EDINBURGH PLACE, THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE VENUE AT 11.30 AM, USING THE ENTRANCE OPPOSITE TO THE MAIN GATE OF TAMAR COMPOUND. THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE AT 11.45 AM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND TO EDINBURGH PLACE. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST AT BOTH VENUES.

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DB PITCHES IN TO HELP KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL SEND A DECORATED BUS ON A PROMOTIONAL TOUR ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) IN SUPPORT OF THE "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN" CAMPAIGN.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID \$30,000 HAS BEEN SPENT ON DECORATING THE BUS WHICH WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES PUBLICISING THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

BEFORE THE BUS DEPARTS FROM JACKSON ROAD, A CLEANSING DRIVE WILL BEGIN AT CHATER GARDENS AT 2 PM, INVOLVING MORE THAN 200 JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS.

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THE BUS WILL THEN HEAD FOR THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK IN KENNEDY TOWN VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND BELCHER'S STREET.

AT MIDLAND CENTRE IN SHEUNG WAN AND AT CHONG YIP CENTRE IN WESTERN, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS RIDING ON THE BUS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO PASSERS-BY STICKERS BEARING THE "COMPLAINTS AGAINST DIRTY SPOTS" HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

AT THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK, ANOTHER 100 JPC MEMBERS WILL BEGIN A CLEAN-UP AT 3.30 PM. A ROCK MUSIC SHOW WILL FOLLOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT 2 PM AND 3.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT CHATER GARDENS AND SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK, RESPECTIVELY.

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EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS ON SUNDAY  
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A TWO-WEEK EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AFTERNOON IN VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT WILL FEATURE MORE THAN 30 MAJOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS, COSTING A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE THEME "PARTICIPATE IN YOUR DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT", THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS PRODUCED A VIDEO ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE DISTRICT FOR SCREENING ON A HUGE VIDEO WALL AT DIFFERENT VENUES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY IN VICTORIA PARK. HE WILL ALSO ATTEND A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY FOR THE VIDEO SHOW.

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THE FIRST EVENT OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE A GRAND CARNIVAL AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE GOLDEN DRAGON AND UNICORN DANCES, GAMESTALLS, AN ALL-STAR SHOW, EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT VICTORIA PARK.

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#### YAU MA TEI MINI OLYMPICS FOR YOUTH

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A MINI OLYMPICS, ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO DRIVE HOME FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN WATERLOO ROAD.

SIX TEAMS, COMPRISING ABOUT 100 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 14, WILL COMPETE IN FIVE ROUNDS OF FIGHT-CRIME GAMES.

"THE EVENT IS TO AROUSE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF CRIME PREVENTION AND THE GAMES WILL HELP FOSTER THEIR CO-OPERATION AND SENSE OF DISCIPLINE," A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE A SINGING CONTEST WITH ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES, ERECTION OF ANTI-PICKPOCKETING SIGNBOARDS AND AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AFTER THE MINI OLYMPICS WILL BE YAU MA TEI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MINI-OLYMPICS, TO START AT 2 PM AT THE LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 52 WATERLOO ROAD, AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 4.30 PM.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN ABERDEEN

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THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN CENTRE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) FROM 12 NOON TO 3 PM.

BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF FEBRUARY, EIGHT EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY IN VARIOUS DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"THE PURPOSE OF THESE EXHIBITIONS IS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE CONSTANT NEED FOR FIRE PREVENTION, ESPECIALLY DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID.

"THERE WILL BE EDUCATIONAL PANELS ON DISPLAY, ADVISING THE PUBLIC HOW TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS OF FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND IN THE URBAN AREAS."

ONE OF THE TOPICS TO BE EMPHASISED AT THE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE "FIRE LAWS PROTECT", EXPLAINING TO THE PUBLIC THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING FIRE REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS.

VISITORS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND GIVEAWAY ITEMS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK.

THE NEXT EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 29 AT CITY PLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

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SHA TIN FIGHT CRIME GAMES DAY

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO PERFORMANCES BY A POLICE PIPE BAND AS WELL AS EXCITING GAMES INVOLVING 12 TEAMS FORMED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT A GAMES DAY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15). POLICE DOGS WILL ALSO SHOW THEIR PROWESS.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME GAMES DAY, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL BEGIN AT 1.45 PM AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD.

THE 12 TEAMS TAKING PART IN THE GAMES MATCH WILL REPRESENT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, RURAL COMMITTEE, SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS, YIN NGAI SOCIETY, POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, AS WELL AS AREA COMMITTEES OF YUEN WO, TSANG TAI UK, SHA KOK, TIN SUM, SHING MUN EAST AND CHE KUNG TEMPLE.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON; SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JOHN GREENE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME GAMES DAY TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON YUEN WO ROAD ON SUNDAY, STARTING AT 1.45 PM.

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT RACE ON SUNDAY

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SOME 200 KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT RACE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN. ROUTES FOR BOTH SECTIONS ARE IDENTICAL. PARTICIPANTS WILL START FROM SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND, AND RUN VIA HIP WO STREET, SAU MAU PING ROAD AND HIU KWONG STREET BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2,000 METRES.

MALE PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RUN TWO LAPS WHILE THE WOMEN WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE ONLY ONE LAP TO FINISH THE RACE.

THE EVENT IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL CURRENTLY HELD BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RACE WHICH WILL START AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT THE SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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IMPROVED SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE PHILIPPINES

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE EXTENDED TO EIGHT MORE TOWNS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE MARIKINA, LAS PINAS, MUNTINLUPA, MALABON, NAVOTAS, TAGUIG, PATEROS AND VALENZUELA.

THE SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO FOUR CITIES - CALOOCAN, MANILA, PASAY AND QUEZON - AND 13 TOWNS - LAS PINAS, MAKATI, MALABON, MANDALUYONG, MARIKINA, MUNTINLUPA, NAVOTAS, PARANAQUE, PASIG, PATEROS, SAN JUAN, TAGUIG, VALENZUELA - IN THE COUNTRY.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM TO THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE INCREASED TO 15 KILOGRAMS AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE EXTENDED TO 1.05 METRES IN LENGTH AND 2 METRES FOR THE LENGTH AND GIRTH COMBINED.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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AMENDMENTS TO WAN CHAI SEAFRONT ROAD FOOTBRIDGE

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT THE MODIFICATION OF THE DESIGN OF THE WAN CHAI SEAFRONT ROAD FOOTBRIDGE TO PROVIDE COMPATIBILITY WITH THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED.

THE MODIFICATION INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STRAIGHT STEPPED RAMP LEADING FROM THE SEAFRONT ROAD FOOTBRIDGE TO THE ROOF GARDEN TO THE WEST OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN PLACE OF THE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED SPIRAL STEPPED RAMP.

IT ALSO INVOLVES A CHANGE TO THE CONSTRUCTION DETAIL OF THE ROOF AND DECK OF THE FOOTBRIDGE TO PROVIDE A RECTANGULAR CROSS SECTION.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD; AND AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

ANY OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JANUARY 12, NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERERS INVITED TO PRE-QUALIFY

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CONTRACTORS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION ON TWO LISTS OF PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CHAI WAN COMPOSTING PLANT INTO A REFUSE TRANSFER STATION AND THE PROVISION OF ACOUSTIC ENCLOSURES FOR THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CONVERSION PROJECT, TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDES THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF A REFUSE COMPACTION SYSTEM COMPRISING TWO COMPACTORS, CONTAINERS, CONVEYOR SYSTEMS AND THE ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND CIVIL WORKS.

PART OF THE EXISTING PLANT EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING AT THE COMPOSTING PLANT WILL BE REMOVED AND MODIFIED TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT.

DETAILS FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

COPIES OF A BRIEF SPECIFICATION OF THE WORK AND DRAWINGS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CONTRACTS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF 98, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 11.

THE PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF ACOUSTIC ENCLOSURES FOR THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK COMPRISES THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF TWO DEMOUNTABLE ACOUSTIC ENCLOSURE SETS, ALL ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR ACOUSTIC ISOLATION OF THE OPERATING POWER GENERATOR SETS AND AIR COMPRESSOR SETS IN THE POWER HOUSE OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS CAN BE MADE TO WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA, ROOM 1516, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 27.

TENDERS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS WILL BE INVITED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN ABERDEEN

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ABERDEEN FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LOK YEUNG STREET FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES LONG WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM LOK YEUNG STREET INTO TUNG SING ROAD. THESE VEHICLES WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD INTO LOK YEUNG STREET.

A 23-METRE SECTION OF CHENGTU ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK YEUNG STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES ROUND THE CLOCK:

- \* A 25-METRE SECTION OF LOK YEUNG STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG SING ROAD;
- \* A FIVE-METRE STRETCH ALONG TUNG SING ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK YEUNG STREET; AND
- \* CHENGTU ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND WU NAM STREET.

NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING CMB BUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED:

- \* ROUTE NOS. 70, 70M, 72, 98 AND 107 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD;
- \* ROUTE NO. 7 WILL TRAVEL VIA ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD. THE EXISTING BUS STOP ON LOK YEUNG STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD; AND
- \* ROUTE NO. 77 WILL TRAVEL ALONG CHENGTU ROAD, WU NAM STREET, TUNG SING ROAD AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, AND THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS AT ABERDEEN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE RELOCATED TO CHENGTU ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE PLB STAND ON TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE RESITED THREE METRES SOUTHWARD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HUNG HOM AND  
MA TAU KOK

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BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 20), THE SECTION OF FAT KWONG STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN WO CHUNG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE WORKS ON THE MA TAU WAI ROAD FLYOVER.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIODS OF ROAD CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC AND KMB ROUTES 41 AND 45 IN FAT KWONG STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR MA TAU WAI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO WO CHUNG STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, WUHU STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 7B AND 8 ON JOURNEYS TO HUNG HOM FERRY AND TSIM SHA TSUI RESPECTIVELY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WO CHUNG STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, WUHU STREET, DOCK STREET AND BULKELEY STREET TO REJOIN MING ON STREET.

MEANWHILE, THE ALLEY AT THE BACK OF HOUSE NO. 1 IN YUK YAT STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE TRENCH WORK.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PENNINGTON STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND YEE WO STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLE OR COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES OVER 4.6 METRES LONG WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SHARP STREET WEST IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN BOWRINGTON ROAD AND CANAL ROAD WEST FOR THREE WEEKS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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BETWEEN 0.01 AM AND 6 AM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 16 AND 17), THE FAST LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18), THE SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL BE CLOSED.

THE TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ARE IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE.

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WATER CUT IN WONG TAI SIN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE TURNED OFF ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM SO THAT WATER MAINS WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT WONG TAI SIN, CHUK YUEN AND FUNG WONG VILLAGE.

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