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GOVERNMENT SETS UP HOLIDAY CENTRE FOR THE FAMILY
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HONG KONG'S FIRST FAMILY HOLIDAY CENTRE WILL OPEN SOON TO THE PUBLIC IN THE EAST SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

SET IN 12 HECTARES OF WOODED COUNTRYSIDE NEAR PAK TAM CHUNG, THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE CHALET-STYLE ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 120 OVERNIGHT VISITORS.

TOGETHER WITH DAY CAMPERS, SOME 90 000 PEOPLE A YEAR WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY ITS FACILITIES.

THE VILLAGE, TO BE MANAGED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

BUILT ORIGINALLY AS ENGINEERS' QUARTERS BY THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR CONTRACTORS, IT HAS UNDERGONE A FIRST PHASE OF TRANSFORMATION INTO A HOLIDAY RESORT FOR HONG KONG'S OVERCROWDED MILLIONS.

ABOUT HALF THE BUNGALOWS -- RANGING IN SIZE FROM 3-BED UNITS OF 30 SQUARE METRES TO 100 SQUARE METRE UNITS SLEEPING 12 -- HAVE BEEN RENOVATED, INSTALLED WITH SPECIALLY-DESIGNED FURNITURE, AND EQUIPPED WITH AIR-CONDITIONERS IN THE BEDROOMS AND WATER HEATERS IN THE SHOWERS. MOST OF THE UNITS HAVE SITTING-ROOMS.

+THESE BUNGALOWS ARE IDEAL FOR FAMILIES AND SMALL GROUPS UNLIKE OUR SAIKUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, WHICH IS MORE SUITED TO LARGE GROUPS OF ENERGETIC YOUNGSTERS,+ THE MANAGER OF THE VILLAGE, MR CHARLES CHU SAID TODAY.

+HERE WE WANT TO ATTRACT FAMILIES TO RELAX AND SHARE A FEW DAYS OF ENJOYMENT TOGETHER.

+WE ARE PROVIDING A LOT OF THINGS TO DO -- FOR EXAMPLE, CYCLING, ARCHERY, A ROPE COURSE, TRAMPOLINING -- BUT THE ACCENT WILL BE ON RELAXATION. THERE IS A CANTEEN SO NO ONE HAS TO WORRY ABOUT COOKING, AND THERE IS A SPECIAL BUS TO TRANSPORT CAMPERS BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SAI KUNG TOWN,+ MR CHU SAID.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 250 PEOPLE, A SWIMMING-POOL, AN INDOOR ACTIVITIES AREA AND MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+WE WERE FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO MAKE AN EARLY START ON THE PROJECT THROUGH A \$2 MILLION DONATION FROM SIR SHIU KIN TANG FOR THE FIRST PHASE, BUT THE REST OF THE VILLAGE MAY NOT BE COMPLETED FOR A YEAR OR TWO. WE ARE ALREADY BUSY PLANNING THE NEXT STAGE,+ MR CHU SAID.

+IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE VILLAGE WILL BE A SUCCESS. WHERE ELSE IN HONG KONG CAN YOU STAY IN SUCH PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS FOR ONLY \$12 A NIGHT?+ HE ASKED.

THE VILLAGE WILL BE OPENED BY LADY MACLEHOSE ON JANUARY 8.

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CALL FOR MORE SMALL SPORTS PITCHES IN NT

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ADDITIONAL SPORTS GROUNDS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT A GREAT MANY SMALL PITCHES ARE NEEDED, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

MR AKERS-JONES, WHO WAS OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SOCCER LEAGUE AT YUEN LONG STADIUM, SAID ADDITIONAL SPORTS GROUNDS WERE BEING CONSTRUCTED AT TUEN MUN AND SAI KUNG WITH A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, AND OTHERS WERE PLANNED FOR EARLY COMPLETION AT SHA TIN AND TAI PO.

+BUT, IN ADDITION TO THESE MAJOR FACILITIES, WE NEED A GREAT MANY SMALL PITCHES FOR MINI-SOCCER AND BASKETBALL AND, EVENTUALLY, INDOOR GAMES HALLS WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE CAN TAKE VIGOROUS EXERCISE, HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS,+ HE SAID.

+WE MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT EXISTING PITCHES ARE WELL-MAINTAINED AND FLOODLIT WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND THAT THE MAXIMUM USE IS MADE OF THEM.

+THESE QUESTIONS ARE NOW BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

TEAMS FROM ALL EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS - ISLANDS, NORTH, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG - WERE PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A MATCH BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND NORTH.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE STARTING WHISTLE THIS AFTERNOON SIGNIFIED THE BEGINNING OF 55 INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL MATCHES TO FOLLOW WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

SIMILAR TOURNAMENTS WOULD BE ORGANISED AROUND THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND TENNIS, WITH EACH DISTRICT RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE TYPE OF SPORT.

THESE TOURNAMENTS, INVOLVING LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE COMBINED EFFORT OF +INTERESTED AND ENTHUSIASTIC+ DISTRICT SPORTS ORGANISATIONS, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HELPED BY FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAS PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR THE LEAGUE AND WILL PROVIDE REFEREES FOR MATCHES.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE AWARDED THE AKERS-JONES CUP, WHICH HAS BEEN PERSONALLY DONATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SECRETARY.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR DICKEN YUNG- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCCER LEAGUE COMMITTEE, MR CHIU YUK-CHUEN- AND MRS AKERS-JONES.

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PWD OFFICE SET UP TO COORDINATE KWUN TONG DEVELOPMENT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS THIS WEEK SETTING UP A NEW NORTHEAST KOWLOON DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN KWUN TONG TO CO-ORDINATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE AREA AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY MR BRYAN O'RORKE, URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ADVISER OF THE PWD, AT A CONCERT GIVEN THIS EVENING BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE +KWUN TONG TODAY+ FESTIVAL.

MR O'RORKE SAID THAT THE NEW OFFICE WITH STAFF FROM VARIOUS PROFESSIONS WOULD BE HEADED BY DR NIP KAM-FAN AS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER. IT WOULD JOIN THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS.

MR O'RORKE SAID VISITORS TO THE +KWUN TONG TODAY+ EXHIBITION AT THE KWUN TONG MTR STATION COULD SEE +HOW THE TOWN HAS GROWN OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS TO BECOME THE PRESENT THRIVING COMMUNITY WHERE MORE THAN 650 000 PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK.+

REFERRING TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON BAY AREAS, HE SAID THEY WOULD INVOLVE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT VERY HEAVILY IN TOWN PLANNING, LAND SALES AND APPROVING NEW PRIVATE BUILDING PLANS.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE ROADS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR FACILITIES SUCH AS FIRE STATIONS, CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKS, LAW COURTS, CLINICS AND POLICE STATIONS- AND PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, MARKETS AND THE LIKE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MR O'RORKE POINTED OUT THAT ALTOGETHER MORE THAN 100 NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COSTING SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WERE IN HAND OR PLANNED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN KWUN TONG.

THE RESULT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE, HE SAID, WOULD BE THAT THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND IN RESPONSE TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL NEEDS.

HE HOPED KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WOULD FIND THE NEW OFFICE USEFUL.

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POLLUTED KAM TIN RIVER REJUVENATED

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THE STREAM COURSE OF THE 13 000 METRE KAM TIN RIVER IS RECEIVING A FACELIFT IN A MAJOR CLEARANCE OPERATION BEING CARRIED OUT IN PHASES BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS THE SECOND POLLUTED RIVER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO GET A NEW LEASE OF LIFE IN RECENT MONTHS. THE FIRST IS HUNG SHUI KIU RIVER.

THE EXERCISE IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION OF THE RIVER AT A TIME WHEN POLLUTION IS EXPECTED TO DETERIORATE DURING THE COMING DRY SEASON, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

MAJOR OPERATIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE LAST FEW YEARS BUT THE CONDITIONS HAD BECOME WORSE AS FARMERS AND VILLAGERS CONTINUED TO DUMP REFUSE AND CARCASSES OF ANIMALS AND FARM WASTE INTO THE RIVER.

TO REJUVENATE KAM TIN RIVER, THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE IS MOBILISING ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO REMOVE ACCUMULATED REFUSE, CARCASSES OF DOGS, PIGS AND POULTRY AS WELL AS SOLID FARM WASTE FROM THE STREAM COURSE.

CLEANSING WORKERS ALSO CUT ALL THE PLANTS ON THE RIVER'S EDGE AND CLEAR AWAY VEGETATION COVERING THE RIVER IN A THICK CRUST TO FACILITATE WATER FLOW AT ALL ITS 11 SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG.

THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE URGED VILLAGERS AND FARMERS LIVING ON THE RIVER BANKS TO BE MORE CO-OPERATIVE IN KEEPING THE RIVER CLEAN. THIS WILL REMOVE OBNOXIOUS SMELLS, FLIES, POOR SANITATION AND HEALTH HAZARDS IN THEIR SURROUNDINGS, HE SAID.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF CATERING AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES

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THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY NEXT MONTH ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN ALL HOTELS, AIRLINES AND SELECTED CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND TRAVEL AGENCIES.

THE SURVEY, WHICH HAS BEEN PLANNED BY THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN JANUARY 5 AND 31.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES, EXPLANATORY NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THESE INDUSTRIES, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL THE EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

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OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO ANSWER QUERIES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES, FORECASTS OF ADDITIONAL NUMBERS, PERIOD OF TRAINING GIVEN TO THEM AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR LARRY TCHOU, TODAY CALLED ON THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE SURVEY BY COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND RETURNING THEM TO THE TRAINING COUNCIL.

HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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CREMATION PERMIT ISSUING OFFICES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED THAT FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 18) CREMATION PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED AT NEW LOCATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

IN KOWLOON, APPLICATIONS FOR CREMATION PERMITS WILL BE PROCESSED AT THE INOCULATION CENTRE AT ROOM 529A, STAR HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI. IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE PERMITS ARE ISSUED AT THE PORT HEALTH INOCULATION CENTRE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CENTRE POINT BUILDING, GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING FROM DECEMBER 22, ITS NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICE WILL BE MOVED FROM SAN PO KONG TO THE NEWLY COMPLETED SHA TIN LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE.

AT THE SAME TIME, PART OF THE NEW OUT-PATIENT CLINIC THERE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE HEALTH CENTRE IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL IN FEBRUARY, IT WILL PROVIDE A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT WITH SIX CONSULTING ROOMS, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE WITH TWO CONSULTING ROOMS, A COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE, AS WELL AS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICE.

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NEW POST OFFICE OPENS AT AP LEI CHAU
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A NEW POST OFFICE IN BLOCK B, LEI NING HOUSE, PHASE I, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, WILL BE OPENED AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 16).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THERE WILL BE A SHORT OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AP LEI CHAU KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR HO CHUN-TUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING TOGETHER WITH THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, AND THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, HONG KONG, MR A.R. CLARK.

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KWAI CHUNG LABOUR OFFICE RELOCATED
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THE NUMBER 2 DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT IN SHING WAH BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG, WILL MOVE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO 21 KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, CHEONG FAT BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, IN THE SAME DISTRICT.

IT WILL BE RE-NAMED SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 12-299686 FOR THE SENIOR LABOUR INSPECTOR AND 12-299166 FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING NUMBER 1 DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE UNIT AT 31 SHING WAH BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, WILL BE RE-NAMED HA KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE FROM THE SAME DAY.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN NORTH POINT
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 16) TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ACROSS JAVA ROAD AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

ON JAVA ROAD,

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO KAM HONG STREET OR TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND= AND
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SHU KUK STREET NORTHBOUND.

ON TIN CHIU STREET,

- * SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC NORTH OF JAVA ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO JAVA ROAD WESTBOUND= AND

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* NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC SOUTH OF JAVA ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO JAVA ROAD WESTBOUND.

MARBLE ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND SHU KUK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED NEAR NORTH POINT FIRE STATION TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF FIRE ENGINES AND TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES:

* PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE JUNCTION OF JAVA ROAD AND HEALTHY STREET EAST-

* HEALTHY STREET EAST BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND- AND

* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON JAVA ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HEALTHY STREET EAST SOUTHBOUND.

FROM 4 PM THE SAME DAY, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON THE WESTERN SECTIONS OF NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTH OF JAVA ROAD, EXCEPT THOSE WITH WRITTEN AUTHORISATION, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING LEFT TURNS INTO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JAVA ROAD.

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF JAVA ROAD/ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN TONG SHUI ROAD AND FUK YUEN STREET, AND TIN CHONG STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALL PLB'S EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ZONES DURING THESE PERIODS.

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TEMPORARY RE-ROUTING OF SOMERSET ROAD

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SOMERSET ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 17).

AT THE SAME TIME, PARKING SPACES ON THE ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE ARRANGEMENT, FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK, WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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WATER CUT ON TUESDAY

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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 16).

THE AREA IS ALONG A SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN LIU KAR TSE AND TAI CHUNG HAU, AND INCLUDES TAI CHUNG HAU TSUEN, PAK KONG, TA HO TUN, CHIU HANG, PO LO CHE, SUN ON TSUEN AND TUI MIN HOI.

ALSO ON TUESDAY FROM 10 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT, THERE WILL BE NO SALT WATER SUPPLY TO MOST AREAS OF EAST KOWLOON, INCLUDING LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, CHA KWO LING, SHUN LEE TSUEN, AND CHOI WAN, PING SHEK AND CHOI HUNG ESTATES.

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