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GOVERNOR REITERATES DETERMINATION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (SUNDAY) REITERATED THE DETERMINATION THAT THE UTMOST WOULD BE DONE TO BRING THE TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT KAI TAK AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE TALKS, SIR EDWARD SAID HE AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WERE VERY WARMLY RECEIVED.

+THE ATMOSPHERE WAS POSITIVE AND OUR DISCUSSIONS SHOWED COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

+I THINK IT WILL BE EVIDENT TO YOU AS YOU LOOK AROUND THAT WE'VE ALL COME BACK IN VERY GOOD SPIRITS.

+WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND HER OTHER MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES FOR THIS FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THINGS WITH THEM,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT SIR PERCY CRADOCK, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, WAS VERY FULLY INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

+HE WILL BE RETURNING TO PEKING EARLY NEXT WEEK AND I SHALL BE JOINING HIM THERE FOR THE NEXT ROUND THE FOLLOWING WEEK,+ HE SAID.

RETURNING WITH THE GOVERNOR THIS AFTERNOON WERE EIGHT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL -- SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR ROGER LOBO, MR LI FOOK-WO, MR LO TAK-SHING, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR CHEN SHOU-LUM AND MISS MARIA TAM.

THE PARTY WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

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JUNE EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS
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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JUNE 1983, WERE PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1982 AND MARCH 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE+ JUNE 83 ON JUNE 83 ON	
	JUNE 82	MAR. 83	JUNE 83	JUNE 82	MAR. 83
<u>THE ECONOMY</u>	<u>903 000</u>	<u>848 700</u>	<u>903 400</u>	*	+6.4
MANUFACTURING	903 000	848 700	903 400	*	+6.4
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	84 300	76 400	74 400	-11.8	-2.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	498 700	517 200	520 400	+4.3	+0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	164 100	164 500	163 300	-0.5	-0.7

* CHANGE OF LESS THAN 0.05%

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

/A COMPARISON

A COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1983 WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1982 SHOWS THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 520 400, WAS 4.3% HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1982. AS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT WAS STABLE COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 11.8%. AT 163 300, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.5%.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983, INCREASES OF 6.4% AND 0.6% WERE RECORDED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, DECREASES OF 2.6% AND 0.7% WERE REGISTERED FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1982 AND MARCH 1983, ARE AS FOLLOWS :

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE+	
	JUNE 82	MAR. 83	JUNE 83	JUNE 83 ON JUNE 82	JUNE 83 ON MAR. 83
MANUFACTURING	26 950	38 550	32 940	+22.2	-14.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 240	4 750	4 010	-23.5	-15.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 870	1 930	1 940	+3.9	+0.8

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES

/COMPARED WITH

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR JUNE 1983 INCREASED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BUT DECREASED IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR. WHILE THE INCREASES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WERE 22.2% AND 3.9% RESPECTIVELY, THE DECREASE IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WAS 23.5%.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1983, HOWEVER, DECREASES OF 14.6% AND 15.6% WERE REGISTERED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. A SLIGHT INCREASE OF 0.8% WAS RECORDED FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE+
	2ND QTR. 1982	2ND QTR. 1983	2ND QTR. 1983 ON
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	2ND QTR. 1982
MANUFACTURING	5 091	5 613	+10.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	3 056	3 542	+15.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 694	1 905	+12.4

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 10.3%, 15.9% AND 12.4% RESPECTIVELY. THE LARGE INCREASE IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 15.9%, WAS IN PART DUE TO INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR.

BY ADJUSTING FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW :-

/NOMINAL INDEX

NOMINAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	JUNE 82	JUNE 83	JUNE 83 ON JUNE 82
MANUFACTURING	134.8	150.4	+11.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	140.5	152.5	+ 8.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	139.1	155.1	+11.5

REAL INDEX OF
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED
(JUNE 1980 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	JUNE 82	JUNE 83	JUNE 83 ON JUNE 82
MANUFACTURING	104.8	107.4	+2.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	109.3	108.9	-0.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	108.2	110.8	+2.4

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982, INCREASES OF 11.6%, 8.5% AND 11.5% WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED INCREASES OF 2.5% AND 2.4% RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 0.4% WAS REGISTERED IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOUR TABLES THAT ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE NETWORK.

/FURTHER DETAILS

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MR AU HOO-KIT - 5-434185, MR NG KUNG-TAK - 5-455661, AND MR CHIU FOOK-CHING - 5-439398.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE+</u>	
	<u>JUN. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>
				<u>ON</u>	<u>ON</u>
			<u>JUN. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 83</u>	
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	260 900	254 900	261 700	+0.3	+2.7
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	117 600	110 700	117 300	-0.2	+6.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	124 300	116 500	137 100	+10.3	+17.7
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	94 300	83 500	94 900	+ 0.7	+13.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	81 100	70 700	73 800	- 9.0	+ 4.4

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

<u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE+</u>	
	<u>JUN. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>	<u>JUN. 83</u>
				<u>ON</u>	<u>ON</u>
			<u>JUN. 82</u>	<u>MAR. 83</u>	
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	14 500	15 900	16 500	+13.9	+3.6
OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS +	19 700	17 800	17 800	- 9.9	-0.4
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ++	3 000	5 800	6 000	+99.2	+4.8
PRIVATE SECTOR+++	47 100	36 800	34 100	-27.6	-7.4

/+ALL SITES

+ ALL SITES UNDER THE CHARGE OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OR WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT; ALSO INCLUDING KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS COMMITTED, CONTRACTED OR STARTED BEFORE 1.2. 1983.

++ CONSTRUCTION SITES CONTRACTED OUT BY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE. IN THE CASE OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES, ONLY THOSE CONTRACTED OUT AFTER 1.2.1983 ARE INCLUDED. THOSE CONTRACTED OUT BEFORE 1.2.1983 ARE INCLUDED UNDER OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

+++ INCLUDING THOSE SUPER-STRUCTURES ON SITES ABOVE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATIONS WHICH WERE REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, E.G. THOSE REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT,
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE+	
	JUN. 82	MAR. 83	JUN. 83	JUN. 83 ON JUN. 82	JUN. 83 ON MAR. 83
WHOLESALE TRADE	55 800	58 000	58 000	+4.0	*
RETAIL TRADE	159 200	165 300	163 000	+2.4	-1.4
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	130 400	133 200	136 000	+4.3	+2.1
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	131 700	138 100	141 000	+7.0	+2.1
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	21 600	22 600	22 300	+3.2	-1.4

/IV. FINANCE,

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND
BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE+	
	JUN. 82	MAR. 83	JUN. 83	JUN. 83 ON JUN. 82	JUN. 83 ON MAR. 83
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	51 000	52 500	51 100	+0.1	-2.6
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	25 500	26 800	27 500	+7.8	+2.5
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	26 500	24 900	23 900	-10.0	-4.3
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	6 700	6 300	6 600	-1.4	+6.0
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	11 700	10 400	10 200	-12.6	-2.3

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

* CHANGE OF LESS THAN 0.05%

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HOTEL AMONG NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

FORTY-EIGHT NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 42 IN JULY.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 28 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX FOR KOWLOON AND 14 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE A KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY AT THE JUNCTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY, A HOTEL AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, A PETROL FILLING STATION AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, SAI KUNG, AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND A SCHOOL IN TAI PO.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$1 877.2 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$559.6 MILLION IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF THESE BUILDINGS TOTALLED 423 329.9 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 266 009.1 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 157 320.8 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

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IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 39 NEW PROJECTS. THEY INCLUDE A CARGO-SHIPING TERMINAL IN KENNEDY TOWN AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF KWONG FUK ROAD AND PO YICK STREET, TAI PO.

ALTOGETHER, 64 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN AUGUST. THEY COMPRISE THREE SCHOOLS AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, YUK WAH STREET AND AUSTIN ROAD, A CHURCH IN FANLING, A PETROL FILLING STATION AT HIU KWONG STREET IN SAU MAU PING, AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT SHING MUN ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE THIS MONTH ALSO GAVE PERMISSION FOR 27 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT FESTIVAL HOLIDAY
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14), IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS EMPLOYED LOCALLY OR FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, INCLUDING WAGES AND ALLOWANCES BUT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454; KWUN TONG 3-898520; TSUEN WAN 0-4980100; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114; TUEN MUN 0-818443; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523.

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL STARTS

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A PACKED AUDIENCE OF 1 500 WERE ENTERTAINED TO TWO HOURS OF MUSICAL AND DANCING PERFORMANCES THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FIRST WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

HIGHLIGHTING THE EVENING'S REPERTOIRE WERE POPULAR PIECES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND A DRAMA BY THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL - WONG TAI SIN IS MY HOME - WAS IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM WHICH ADVOCATES A SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONCERN FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

+WITH A DENSE POPULATION AND AN EXTENSIVE AREA, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IS IN GREAT NEED OF RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

+I AM MOST HAPPY TO SEE THE DISTRICT BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, WORKING HAND IN HAND TO PROVIDE A MULTIFARIOUS FESTIVAL FOR THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI.

FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS, CONCERTS AND CONTESTS.

FREE TICKETS AND DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY DURING WHICH NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS:

- * KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 16 AND JARDINE'S CRESCENT.
- * JARDINE'S CRESCENT BETWEEN KAI CHIU ROAD AND JARDINE'S BAZAAR.
- * YUN PING ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 54 AND KAI CHIU ROAD.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PERCIVAL STREET FROM 15 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD TO LEIGHTON ROAD.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PERCIVAL STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LEIGHTON ROAD TO A POINT 25 METRES NORTH OF THIS JUNCTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BECOME URBAN CLEARWAYS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEIGHTON ROAD FROM 100 METRES WEST TO 70 METRES EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET.
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 30 AND HOUSE NO. 54.
- * HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND SUN WUI ROAD.

LAN FONG ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, FOO MING STREET ONE-WAY EASTBOUND AND RUSSELL STREET BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND LEE GARDEN ROAD ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

A NUMBER OF TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS ALONG HOI PING ROAD AND SUNNING ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO THE HALF-HOUR TYPE.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ON OUTING
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAVE JOINTLY DRAWN UP A SIMPLE SET OF REPORTING PROCEDURES AIMED AT HELPING SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THEIR STUDENTS' SAFETY DURING OUTINGS.

ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES, SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD WRITE TO THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AREA WHICH THE SCHOOL PARTY INTENDS TO VISIT, OR TO THE STAFF OFFICER OPERATIONS, MARINE POLICE, IF THE OUTING INVOLVES HIRED MARINE CRAFT OTHER THAN REGULAR FERRY SERVICES.

THE NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE, GIVING SUCH DETAILS AS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCALITY.

THE SCHOOLS SHOULD ADVISE THEIR PUPILS TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS ON OUTING. THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 11 SHOULD CARRY SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION PAPERS.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE TEAM LEADER, OR PUPILS RETURNING INDEPENDENTLY, WILL REPORT TO THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE LOCAL POLICE STATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT.

+WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE POLICE WILL INITIATE SEARCH ACTIONS FOR OVERDUE OUTINGS. IT WILL ALSO KEEP THE LOCAL POLICE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+WHILE A KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH TRIPS BY THE POLICE IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF PUPILS ON OUTINGS MUST BE WITH THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES, IN THAT THEY MUST PROVIDE COMPETENT LEADERS AND PROPERLY BRIEF THE PUPILS,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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PROPOSAL TO WIDEN CANTON ROAD
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN A SECTION OF CANTON ROAD TO A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

THE SECTION IS FROM THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO THE JORDAN ROAD BUS TERMINUS.

THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS AT CANTON ROAD - KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND CANTON ROAD - AUSTIN ROAD JUNCTIONS WILL BE MODIFIED TO INCORPORATE CONTROLLED CROSSING FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS.

LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY DECEMBER 6.

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MARKET STALLS FOR PUBLIC BIDDING
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FORTY STALLS AT SHA TIN MARKET, TAI WAI TEMPORARY MARKET AND FO TAN WEST COOKED FOOD MARKET IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE BIDDING WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL AT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

SEVEN OF THE STALLS ARE AT SHA TIN MARKET — TWO FOR SELLING FISH, FOUR FOR SELLING WET GOODS AND ONE FOR SELLING DRY GOODS. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTS RANGE FROM \$2 300 TO \$5 000.

TWENTY-SEVEN STALLS ARE AT TAI WAI TEMPORARY MARKET, DESIGNATED FOR THE SALE OF VARIOUS FOODSTUFFS AND GOODS. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTS ARE FROM \$1 250 TO \$3 000.

THE REMAINING SIX STALLS ARE AT FO TAN WEST COOKED FOOD MARKET. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT FOR FIVE STALLS IS \$4 000 EACH AND THAT FOR THE REMAINING ONE IS \$4 300.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, AND ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE RENT QUARTERLY.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-623467.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BATHHOUSE REFURBISHMENT
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF TOILETS AND BATHHOUSES IN KOWLOON.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT KWUN CHUNG STREET, MA TAU KOK ROAD AND FAT TSEUNG STREET.

EXISTING TROUGH-TYPE TOILETS WILL BE REPLACED BY THE SQUATTING-TYPE WITH INDIVIDUAL FLUSHING UNITS WHERE APPLICABLE.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INVOLVE TILING OF INTERNAL WALLS AND FLOORS, THE REPLACEMENT OF RUSTY PIPES, THE INSTALLATION OF FIBRE-GLASS DOORS, SOAP DISPENSERS AND DRYERS, AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT.

WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT MARCH.

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GUINNESS RECORD PLAN FOR SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST
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FOR THE FRIST TIME IN HONG KONG, A SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT A BEACH CARNIVAL AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY (SEOND BEACH) IN SAI KUNG NEXT MONTH.

PARTICULARS OF THE EVENT WILL BE SENT TO THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS FOR WORLDWIDE COMPARISON AS TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING PART, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE CHAMPION CLUB AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 13 (SUNDAY) STARTING 2 PM.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE THEIR CREATIVITY AND ALSO TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO BUILD SAND SCULPTURES AND MODELS IN AN AREA OF THREE METRES BY FIVE METRES ALLOCATED WITH SAND OF THE BEACH AS THE ONLY BUILDING MATERIAL.

TWO PLASTIC SPADES AND TWO BUCKETS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO EACH TEAM, WHICH WILL BE ALLOWED TO BRING ALONG ITS OWN TOOLS, OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL TOOLS, AND MATERIALS FOR SUPPORTING THE SCULPTURES FOR DECORATION PURPOSE INCLUDING SHELLS AND EMPTY CANS.

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A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING FAMOUS SCULPTORS AND ARTISTS WOULD BE INVITED TO ASSESS THE ENTRANTS AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE GRANDEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL SCULPTURES IN THE EVENT.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR AGE GROUPS - UNDER 12 SECTION, 12 TO 15 SECTION, 15 TO 17 SECTION AND OVER 17 SECTION. EACH GROUP SHOULD NOT COMPRISE MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES FOR THE SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION ARE NOW BEING INVITED AND ONLY SCHOOLS, REGISTERED CLUBS OR ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. TWO TEAMS OF EACH SCHOOL, CLUB OR ORGANISATION CAN BE ACCEPTED, ADDED THE SPOKESMAN.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT ALL URBAN SERVICES OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, OR TO THE CHAMPION CLUB AT ROOM 1405, BANK CENTRE, 636 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE BEACH CARNIVAL, WELL-KNOWN DISC JOCKEYS WILL PRESENT ON-SPOT MUSIC PROGRAMME FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENJOYING FUN THERE.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE BEACH IN A JOINT FUNCTION WITH THE UNITED ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION.

THOSE TAKING PART IN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ARE FREE TO TAKE ANY TOPIC OF THE EVENT THROUGHOUT THE CARNIVAL.

GIFTS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS BY THE ORGANISING BODIES.

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POSTER CONTEST IN EASTERN AND TSUEN WAN

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ENTRIES FOR A REHABILITATION POSTER DESIGN CONTEST ARE BEING INVITED FROM RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND TSUEN WAN.

THE CONTEST IS ONE OF A SERIES BEING ORGANISED IN ALL THE 18 DISTRICTS BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO ACCEPT THE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AS EQUAL AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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IN EACH DISTRICT, THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS COVERING PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS; SECONDARY STUDENTS; POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY STUDENTS AND ADULTS; AND JOINT ABLE-BODIED AND DISABLED PARTICIPANTS.

EACH DISTRICT WILL HAVE ITS OWN PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS TO SELECT THREE WINNERS FROM EACH DIVISION, AND ALL 12 WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE SUBMITTED, BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION FOR A TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST.

THE CLOSING DATE IS OCTOBER 17 FOR RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND OCTOBER 24 FOR THOSE IN TSUEN WAN.

WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT CONTEST WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS AND BOOK COUPONS WHILE THOSE OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE AWARDS WORTH \$300 TO \$1 500.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM EACH PARTICIPANT.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NGAU TAU KOK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS FROM 1 AM TO 5.15 AM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 11 AND 12) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHERN ELEVATED ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK FIRST STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ON TAK ROAD AND ON SHIN ROAD.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ELEGANCE ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD OR VIA THE UNNAMED ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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NO HOLIDAY MAIL SERVICE

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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14), WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE FOLLOWING :

- * LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, SHUN LEE TSUEN, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, CHOI WAN ESTATE, HIU KWONG STREET, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD, AND UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.
- * PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND MANG KUNG UK, SILVER STRAND, HANG HAU TOWN, SHAW'S STUDIO AND BAY SIDE.
- * VILLAGES ALONG PO LAM ROAD, RENNIES MILL AREA AND MA YAU TONG.
- * VILLAGES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND TAN CHEUNG AREA.
- * SAI KUNG TOWN AREA.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM THE SAME DAY (OCTOBER 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, FUK TSUEN STREET AND TONG MEI ROAD, INCLUDING SYCAMORE STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, BEDFORD ROAD, LARCH STREET, MAPLE STREET, WALNUT STREET, LIME STREET, ASH STREET, FIR STREET, OAK STREET, MAN ON STREET AND LOK KWAN STREET.

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