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APPOINTMENT OF SFC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD APPOINTED 12 MARKET MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AC) OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE SFC ORDINANCE.

THE 12 MEMBERS ARE MR RONALD ARCULLI, MR CHAN SUN-SUN, MR VICTOR FUNG KWOK-KING, MR RAYMOND KWOK PING-LUEN, MR STUART LECKIE, MR PETER NORRIS, MR GEOFFREY PICARD, MR LINCOLN SOO HUNG-LEUNG, MR CHARLES SOO CHEN-JEN, MR HIDEO SUZUKI, MR ROBERT THOMAS AND MR ZHANG XUE-YAO.

THEY WERE ALL APPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1, 1989.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 15 MEMBERS, NAMELY THE 12 GOVERNOR-APPOINTED MARKET MEMBERS, TWO SFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SFC AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SFC WHO WILL PRESIDE AT AC MEETINGS.

"THE AC WILL ADVISE THE SFC ON POLICY MATTERS RELATED TO THE MARKETS. ITS MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE SECURITIES, FUTURES AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS FROM THE RELEVANT PROFESSIONS," MR NENDICK SAID.

"THE AC WILL PROVIDE A READY ACCESS TO THE SFC OF OUTSIDE EXPERT ADVICE, IN PARTICULAR FROM SECURITIES MARKET PRACTITIONERS. IT WILL THUS PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN THE SFC AND THE MARKETS," HE ADDED.

MR RONALD ARCULLI, A SOLICITOR BY PROFESSION, IS A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND THE DEPUTY CONVENOR OF THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP WHICH STUDIED THE SFC BILL.

MR CHAN SUN-SUN IS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUN HUNG KAI SECURITIES LIMITED AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE NOW DISSOLVED COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION.

MR VICTOR FUNG IS THE CHAIRMAN OF PRUDENTIAL ASIA CAPITAL LTD. AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF LI AND FUNG LTD. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NOW DISSOLVED SECURITIES COMMISSION.

MR RAYMOND KWOK IS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM.

MR STUART LECKIE IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND ACTURARY OF THE WYATT COMPANY (H.K.) LTD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT-LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE AND POOLED PROVIDENT FUNDS.

/MR PETER

MR PETER NORRIS IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BARING BROTHERS AND CO. LTD.

MR GEOFFREY PICARD IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MORGAN STANLEY ASIA LTD.

MR CHARLES SOO IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF EASTERN SECURITIES AND CO. HE SERVED ON THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE.

MR LINCOLN SOO, A STOCKBROKER BY PROFESSION, IS THE PROPRIETOR OF SOO PEL SHAO AND CO. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION.

MR HIDEO SUZUKI IS THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NOMURA INTERNATIONAL (HK) LTD.

MR ROBERT THOMAS IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JARDINE FLEMING INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD. HE IS A PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG UNIT TRUST ASSOCIATION.

MR ZHANG XUE-YAO IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE BANK OF CHINA.

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COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT MEETS OMNIBUS OPERATORS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, TODAY (MONDAY) HAD A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED BY THEM.

ON THE ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EXIT ON BUSES, MR SO REMINDED THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS WAS GIVEN TO THEM SINCE THE REGULATION WAS ENACTED IN 1984, THUS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TIME HAD BEEN ALLOWED FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE BUSES TO MODIFY THEIR BUSES TO CONFORM TO THE REGULATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLICITY ON THE LAW AT THE TIME OF ENACTMENT, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION IN JANUARY AND JULY LAST YEAR ELUCIDATING THE CHANGES AND REMINDING THEM THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WOULD EXPIRE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED.

ALL BUSES PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION FROM 25 AUGUST WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE REGULATIONS IN FULL.

"HOWEVER, IF INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS CAN SHOW THAT THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM IN OBTAINING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VEHICLE BODY BUILDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES PRIOR TO THE EXPIRY DATE, A REQUEST MAY BE MADE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR A DEFERMENT. SUCH DEFERMENT WILL ONLY BE GRANTED IF THE OWNER HAS MADE A FIRM BOOKING WITH A GARAGE TO DO THE WORK," MR SO ADDED.

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"DEFERMENT WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED IF AN OWNER CAN PROVE THAT HIS VEHICLE IS DUE TO BE REPLACED BY A NEW ONE," HE SAID.

DEFERMENT WOULD BE GRANTED FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.

ON THE ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR PERMITTING NON-FRANCHISED BUSES TO USE ALL FRANCHISED BUS LANES, MR SO POINTED OUT THAT MANY BUS LANES WERE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF BUSES.

HOWEVER, IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS DURING PEAK HOURS AND WHERE A BUS LANE WAS TOO SHORT FOR TOO MANY BUSES TO CUT IN, PRIORITY OVER ITS USE WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED.

FOR EXAMPLE, A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE BUS GATE ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER, WHICH WAS THE ASSOCIATION'S MAIN CONCERN, WAS USED BY OVER 120 BUSES AN HOUR DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK. THAT MEANS TWO BUSES CUTTING IN THROUGH THE BUS GATE EVERY MINUTE.

USUALLY, FRANCHISED BUSES WOULD GET HIGHER PRIORITY BECAUSE THEY CARRIED MORE PASSENGERS AND WERE COMMITTED TO OPERATING SCHEDULED ROUTES.

MR SO AGREED TO CONSIDER ALLOWING NON-FRANCHISED BUSES TO USE THE BUS GATE ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER AS WELL AS THE BUS GATE IN HUNG HING ROAD DURING NON-PEAK HOURS, I.E. FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM AND AFTER 7 PM AT NIGHT. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED RESERVATION ON THE USEFULNESS OF THIS PROPOSAL.

MR SO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REVIEW THE USE OF ALL BUS LANES, INCLUDING THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER BUS GATE, UPON THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION REQUESTED TO ABOLISH THE AIRPORT RESTRICTION ZONE PERMIT SYSTEM.

MR SO SAID THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WERE CONCERNED OVER THE PROVISION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING SPACES FOR COACHES IN THE AIRPORT AND WERE REVIEWING THE SITUATION EVER SINCE THE NEW WING OF THE AIRPORT WAS COMPLETED.

HOWEVER, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT BELIEVED THE PERMIT SYSTEM HAD TO BE MAINTAINED, OR ELSE TRAFFIC AT THE AIRPORT WOULD BE CHAOTIC AND OUT OF CONTROL. THE RESULTING CHAOS WOULD AFFECT THE TOURISTS AS WELL AS THE OPERATORS OF THE OMNIBUSES.

SOME 1200 SPECIAL PERMITS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT PERMITTING THE USE OF THE LOADING AND UNLOADING SPACES OUTSIDE THE ARRIVAL HALL OF THE AIRPORT, AND 610 OF THEM WERE FOR OMNIBUSES.

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HAD AGREED TO ISSUE MORE PERMITS FOR THE OMNIBUS OPERATORS TO GIVE THEM MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR OPERATION. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SUGGESTED THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL TO RESOLVE ANY PROBLEM INVOLVED AND TO DISCUSS WAYS OF SIMPLIFYING THE PERMIT ISSUING PROCEDURES. THE WORKING GROUP COULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE OPERATORS AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, IN PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE SERVICE OF AIR TRAVELLERS.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURES ARE REVISED, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICANT OBTAINING THE NECESSARY LICENCE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND HAS THE GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL.

THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO CONCERNED OVER THE PROVISION OF PARKING SPACES FOR THEIR COACHES.

MR SO SAID THAT THE SHORTAGE OF PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND BUSES WAS A GENERAL PHENOMENON IN HONG KONG, PARTICULAR IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHERE THERE WERE MANY HOTELS. HE SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD TRIED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AS MANY PARKING SPACES AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED.

IN ADDITION TO 300 OR SO ON-STREET COACH PARKING SPACES, OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT OTHER PLACES WHEN FOUND SUITABLE.

AT THE MEETING, THE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PLANS BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY TO INTRODUCE DELUXE COACH SERVICES BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND HOTELS.

MR SO TOLD THEM THAT KMB HAD ONLY INDICATED AN INTENTION TO EXTEND ITS AIRPORT SERVICES BUT HAD NOT SUBMITTED ANY CONCRETE PROPOSAL.

HE EXPLAINED: "KMB IS ALREADY OPERATING THREE AIR-CONDITIONED COACH SERVICES TO THE AIRPORT. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF HOTELS IN RECENT YEARS, KMB SEES A NEED TO EXTEND ITS SERVICES TO PROVIDE PEOPLE USING THE AIRPORT WITH A MORE EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION.

"MOREOVER, THE AIR-CONDITIONED COACH SERVICES NOW OPERATED BY KMB ARE FOR INDIVIDUAL USE AND ARE CHARGED INDIVIDUALLY. THEIR OPERATION IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF TOURIST BUSES."

MR SO, HOWEVER, AGREED TO CONSULT THE ASSOCIATION IF CONCRETE PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED FROM KMB.

MR SO NOTED THAT SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED TODAY WERE IN FACT ON-GOING PROBLEMS WHICH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS STUDYING AND WERE ABOUT TO ARRIVE AT A CONCLUSION.

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"ONLY IF THE OMNIBUS OPERATORS ARE A LITTLE MORE PATIENT, PROPOSALS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS WOULD BE READY FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION," MR SO SAID.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HOLDS REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE OMNIBUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

"HOWEVER, SOME ISSUES NEED TIME TO STUDY. ISSUES PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTING OTHER ROAD USERS AND WHICH HAD WIDER IMPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTION," MR SO SAID.

"THE OMNIBUS OPERATORS ARE WELCOMED TO RAISE ANY ISSUES IN THE REGULAR MEETINGS AND STUDY THEM TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT."

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SURVEY ON PAY AND BENEFITS OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL STAFF

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A CONSULTING FIRM SPECIALISING IN PAY AND BENEFITS HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT AN EMPLOYEE ATTITUDE SURVEY TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF BENEFITS PUBLIC HOSPITAL STAFF WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN FUTURE.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PHA, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THE COMPANY WOULD ADVISE THE PHA ON THE DESIGN OF A PACKAGE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR STAFF TO BE EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS UNDER THE STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, SCHEDULED TO BE SET UP IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE FIRM OF TOWERS, PERRIN, FORSTER AND CROSBY (TPF&C) WOULD CARRY OUT THE ASSIGNMENT IN TWO PARTS, MR CHAMBERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE FIRST PART IS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT COST OF EMPLOYING CIVIL SERVANTS WORKING IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, INCLUDING BOTH SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS.

"THE SECOND PART IS TO FORMULATE A NEW RENUMERATION PACKAGE, AT A COST COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE PRESENT CIVIL SERVICE PACKAGE," HE SAID.

MR RONALD ADAMS OF TPF&C, WHO ALSO ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID THE OBJECT OF THE SURVEY WAS TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS AND PRECEPTIONS OF THE STAFF.

"DIRECT INPUT FROM EMPLOYEES WILL HELP US TO CREATE A MORE APPROPRIATE DESIGN OF THE NEW FRINGE BENEFIT PACKAGE," MR ADAMS SAID.

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A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF STAFF IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE SELECTED BY TPF&C AND ASKED TO COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE HOSPITALS.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE INCLUDES A WIDE VARIETY OF QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO FIND OUT EMPLOYEES' VIEWS ON WHICH BENEFITS ARE MOST SUITED TO THEIR NEEDS AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW PACKAGE.

MR CHAMBERS EMPHASISED THAT THE SURVEY WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS.

"WE ARE KEEN THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER A PACKAGE WHICH WILL BE VERY ATTRACTIVE TO SERVING STAFF IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, AND WHICH ENABLE THE NEW AUTHORITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED AND COMPETENT EMPLOYEES AT ALL LEVELS.

"WE HOPE THAT THE SELECTED RESPONDENTS WILL COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND RETURN THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO TPF&C," HE SAID.

ALL RESPONSES WILL BE ANONYMOUS SO AS TO ENCOURAGE FEEDBACK TO OBTAIN AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF STAFF NEEDS AND CONCERNS, MR CHAMBERS NOTED.

TO ENSURE CONFIDENTIALITY, THE RESPONSES WILL ONLY BE SEEN BY TPF&C AND THEN DESTROYED, HE POINTED OUT.

"THE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VERY SHORTLY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED WITHIN A WEEK," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

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ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ADVISED THAT CROP, POND FISH AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHO HAD SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON BRENDA COULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY SHOULD REPORT THEIR LOSSES PERSONALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE OR TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICES:

- A) YUEN LONG DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE, TAI KIU MARKET, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, YUEN LONG.
- B) TAI PO DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.
- C) KO PO, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, KO PO, FANLING.

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- D) SAI KUNG AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.
- E) MUI WO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, SILVER MINE BAY, MUI WO.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF FARMERS HAD SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGES OR EXPERIENCED EXTREME HARDSHIP, AND REQUIRED URGENT RELIEF TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RELIEF GRANT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,520 FROM THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

"AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, EACH CASE WILL BE INVESTIGATED, CHECKED AND ASSESSED. AND ONLY GENUINE FULL-TIME FARMERS WHO SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES AND ARE IN NEED OF THE GRANT TO RELIEVE THEIR FINANCIAL DISTRESS, WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE GRANT," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TODAY, TYPHOON BRENDA CAUSED FLOODING AT SOME 130 HECTARES OF FISH PONDS IN NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES COVERING SHEUNG SHUI, SAN TIN, NGAU TAM MEI, KAM TIN, LOK MA CHAU, PAK LAI AND YUEN LONG.

THE LOSSES OF POND FISH WERE ESTIMATED AT 250 TONNES, COSTING ABOUT \$2.8 MILLION.

IN ADDITION, 250 HECTARES OF FARMLAND IN YUEN LONG AND EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES WERE FLOODED. LIVESTOCK LOSSES, MAINLY IN YUEN LONG, INCLUDED SOME 66,000 CHICKENS, 6,000 DUCKS, 1,300 PAIRS OF PIGEON AND 1,000 PIGS.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASSESSED THE DAMAGES TO CROP AND LIVESTOCK AND THE LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT \$6 MILLION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BAN ON SOMALIAN IVORY EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

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IVORY TRADERS WERE TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED THAT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WOULD CEASE TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR IVORY IMPORTS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM SOMALIA AS FROM TOMORROW.

THE PROHIBITION FOLLOWED A GENERAL BAN IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON IVORY EXPORTED FROM SOMALIA AND ON IVORY FROM SOMALIA RE-EXPORTED BY A THIRD COUNTRY TO THE UNITED STATES WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 24, 1989.

AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BAN ALL IVORY FROM ANY COUNTRY WHICH IMPORTS SOMALIAN IVORY AFTER A THREE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD ENDING TOMORROW, THE PROHIBITION IMPOSED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S WORKED IVORY CAN CONTINUE TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES.

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THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICERS, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID: "IT IS OUR STANDING PRACTICE TO IMPOSE A BAN ON IVORY IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL IVORY ACTIVITIES."

THE PREVIOUS BAN WAS ON BURUNDI IVORY. IT CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1981 OVER RAW IVORY AND WAS FURTHER EXTENDED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO COVER IVORY IN OTHER FORMS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CITES SECRETARIAT BY DECEMBER 1, 1986.

HOWEVER, MR CHEUNG SAID, THERE WERE TWO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE GENERAL BANS ON BURUNDI AND SOMALIAN IVORY.

HE SAID: "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY CONFIRMED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT HONG KONG'S WORKED IVORY ITEMS MADE FROM OLD STOCKS OF SOMALIAN IVORY ACQUIRED BEFORE THE U.S. BAN PROBIDED THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF THE IVORY ITEMS BEING IN FACT MADE FROM SUCH OLD STOCKS."

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO RECEIVED UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING THE STOCK OF 28 TONNES OF IVORY CONFISCATED BY THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN RECOGNISED BY CITES.

"ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION FROM THE CITES SECRETARIAT, THE LEGAL CONFISCATED BURUNDI IVORY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR IMPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES ON TWO CONDITIONS.

"THE FIRST CONDITION IS THAT THE SALE OF IVORY AND DISPOSITION OF ALL OF THE PROCEEDS MUST MEET WITH CITES REQUIREMENTS AND WILL BE DIRECTLY USED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSE, WHILE THE SECOND REQUIRES THAT THE TRADE IN SUCH IVORY MUST MEET WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE U.S. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT AND RELEVANT FOREIGN LAW," HE ADDED.

IVORY TRADERS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION AT 3-7332123 OR 3-7332124.

MR CHEUNG WARNED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO IMPORT OR EXPORT IVORY NOT UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

"OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO HEAVY FINES, IMPRISONMENT AND MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF THE SPECIMENS," HE ADDED.

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FIRST CONFIRMED CASE OF CHOLERA THIS YEAR

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A 62-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS TODAY (MONDAY) CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA, THE FIRST CASE REPORTED THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID THE PATIENT BECAME ILL LAST TUESDAY (MAY 16) AND WAS SUFFERING FROM ABDOMINAL PAIN AND DIARRHOEA. THE FOLLOWING DAY, SHE ATTENDED YAN OI POLYCLINIC IN TUEN MUN AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS ADMITTED.

STOOL TESTS CARRIED OUT IN THE HOSPITAL CONFIRMED THAT THE WOMAN HAD CONTRACTED CHOLERA EL TOR. HER CONDITION WAS TODAY DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

SINCE THE PATIENT HAD NO RECENT HISTORY OF TRAVELLING ABROAD, THE CASE WAS CLASSIFIED AS LOCAL.

MEANWHILE, OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE HOME OF THE PATIENT IN TUEN MUN.

THE FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING HER SON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND THEIR CHILD, WERE GIVEN MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND PREVENTIVE DRUGS. THE PREMISES WERE ALSO DISINFECTED.

WITH THE APPROACH OF WARM WEATHER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DIARRHOEAL CASES TEND TO BE MORE PREVALENT.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTING INFECTION BY OBSERVING PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE BOTH AT HOME AND WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE RULES:

- * ALWAYS KEEP HANDS CLEAN AND ESPECIALLY REMEMBER TO WASH HANDS AFTER VISITING THE TOILET AND BEFORE HANDLING FOOD.
- * COOK ALL FOOD THOROUGHLY AND CONSUME IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- * STORE COOKED AND PERISHABLE FOOD IN THE REFRIGERATOR.
- * DO NOT BUY FOOD OR DRINKS FROM UNLICENSED HAWKERS.
- * ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PREMISES CLEAN, PARTICULARLY THE KITCHEN AND THE TOILET.

THE LAST CASE OF CHOLERA IN HONG KONG WAS REPORTED ON OCTOBER 3 LAST YEAR.

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GOVERNOR PRAISES DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD WINNERS

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THE GATHERING OF DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD (DEA) GOLD AWARD CANDIDATES FROM 13 COUNTRIES IN HONG KONG LATER THIS YEAR WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND WIDEN PERSPECTIVES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GOLD AWARD PRESENTATION OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE AWARD WINNERS ON FULFILLING THE DEMANDS OF THE VERY TESTING GOLD AWARD PROGRAMME.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IF A PROGRAMME WERE TO BE DESIGNED TO TRAIN A FUTURE GOVERNOR - OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE - OF HONG KONG, HE COULD NOT THINK OF A BETTER SET OF REQUIREMENTS.

"YOU HAVE HAD TO PROVE YOUR CHARACTER IN FOUR AREAS - SERVICE TO OTHERS, EXPEDITIONS IN CHALLENGING SURROUNDINGS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL SKILLS, AND PHYSICAL RECREATION," SIR DAVID SAID.

NOTING THAT GOOD TRAINING FACILITIES WERE VITAL TO SUCH A SCHEME, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT A NEW SWIMMING POOL TO BE BUILT IN THE DEA TRAINING CAMP, WITH A DONATION OF \$2 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR WATER SPORTS AND SEA EXPEDITION TRAINING.

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STUDENT WORKERS URGED TO HEED SAFETY

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STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO TAKE SUMMER JOBS ARE URGED TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE ADVICE CAME FROM THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN GIVING DETAILS OF A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME ON WORK SAFETY FOR STUDENTS.

MR YIP SAID THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WOULD JOIN THE LABOUR MARKET DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS EVERY YEAR.

"THE SITUATION REQUIRES PARTICULAR ATTENTION THIS YEAR AS MANY EMPLOYERS ARE FACING LABOUR SHORTAGE AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER JOB SEEKERS TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THESE WORKERS, BEING UNTRAINED AND INEXPERIENCED, DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ARE PRONE TO ACCIDENTS."

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LAST YEAR, 35 YOUNG WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 19 WERE INJURED WHILE AT WORK DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

OF THE TOTAL, 21 WERE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND THE REST IN THE HANDLING OF HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES, STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS, HANDLING ITEMS WITHOUT MACHINERY AND USE OF HANDTOOLS.

"IT IS MOST DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT SO MANY EMPLOYERS CHOSE TO DELEGATE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WORK TO NON-SKILLED WORKERS," MR YIP SAID.

"OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR PUBLICITY EFFORTS AS WELL AS TO STRENGTHEN OUR ENFORCEMENT ACTION THIS YEAR."

MR YIP ADVISED STUDENTS WHO PLANNED TO TAKE UP SUMMER JOBS TO STAY AWAY FROM "DANGEROUS" JOBS.

THE TYPES OF JOBS HE ADVISED STUDENTS TO AVOID ARE:

- * AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.
- * THOSE REQUIRING THE OPERATION OF HEAVY MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY, VIGOROUS MANUAL WORK, OR WOODWORKING MACHINES.
- * THOSE INVOLVING THE HANDLING OF CHEMICALS, TOXIC SUBSTANCES OR FIRE-RELATED PROCESSES.
- * THOSE INVOLVING ASBESTOS PROCESSES.
- * THOSE INVOLVING THE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES OR GIVING SIGNALS IN LIFTING OPERATION.

"IF IN DOUBT, THEY SHOULD CONSULT THEIR PARENTS, CAREERS TEACHERS OR THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE," HR ADDED.

MR YIP ALSO CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE IN THEIR EMPLOY WERE CLOSELY AND PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND NOT GIVEN JOBS WHICH WERE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF WORK SAFETY TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS ORGANISING A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR FOR CAREERS TEACHERS AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON FRIDAY (MAY 26).

IT IS INTENDED TO UPDATE THE KNOWLEDGE OF CAREERS TEACHERS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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IN ADDITION, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE STARTED SINCE EARLY THIS MONTH VISITING SCHOOLS TO DELIVER TALKS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"PLANS ARE IN HAND TO VISIT 50 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY UNTIL JULY.

"IF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES WISH TO INVITE FACTORY INSPECTORS TO GIVE TALKS TO THEIR STUDENTS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION AT 5-8523565 OR ANY OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES," MR YIP SAID.

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APPROVAL FOR OUTFALL, PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE PROJECTS

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD AN OUTFALL AT THE HEADLAND BETWEEN MIDDLE BAY AND SOUTH BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

AUTHORISATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDSCAPED PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE IN WAN CHAI.

THE OUTFALL WILL BE BUILT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY TWO SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE HEADLAND BETWEEN MIDDLE BAY AND SOUTH BAY.

THIS WILL PROVIDE A MEASURE OF POLLUTION ABATEMENT IN STORMWATER DRAINS AT MIDDLE BAY BEACH.

WORK WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT A MONTH TO COMPLETE.

THE OTHER AUTHORISATION IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A TENANCY TO THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 920 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT WAN CHAI.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A LANDSCAPE PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE.

WORK WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION, BY MAY 18 NEXT YEAR.

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INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF CONTINUING PROSPERITY

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A GROUP OF ABOUT 60 BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND ACADEMICS IN THE U.S. PORT CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON STATE, HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GROWING INTERNATIONALISATION OF HONG KONG IS JUST ONE DEVELOPMENT WHICH AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, MR PETER JOHNSON, SAID THAT OVERSEAS COMMUNITIES IN HONG KONG CONTINUE TO GROW WITH OVERSEAS BANKS, PROFESSIONAL FIRMS AND BUSINESSES OPENING UP ALL THE TIME.

"IN THE RETAIL BUSINESS JAPANESE INTERESTS OCCUPY A PROMINENT PLACE. MOST OF THE LARGE JAPANESE DEPARTMENT STORES ARE REPRESENTED. IT IS RUMOURED THAT THEY TAKE AS MUCH AS 30 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL RETAIL TRADE IN HONG KONG," MR JOHNSON SAID IN HIS SPEECH ON FRIDAY (MAY 19).

POINTING OUT THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM, TOO, WAS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE RETAIL TRADE, MR JOHNSON QUESTIONED WHY AMERICAN STORE CHAINS HAD NOT SEEN FIT TO OPEN IN HONG KONG. "THERE REMAINS A SUBSTANTIAL FUND OF GOOD WILL FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THINGS AMERICAN," HE SAID.

"OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CONTINUES AT A GOOD PACE, AND ANY DIFFICULTIES HERE SEEM TO BE TECHNICAL OR RELATED TO RISING COSTS IN HONG KONG, RATHER THAN RELATED TO DOUBTS ABOUT 1997," MR JOHNSON NOTED.

HE ADDED THAT AS PART OF HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO INTERNATIONALISE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD JUST PUBLISHED PROPOSALS THAT WOULD PERMIT FOREIGN LAW FIRMS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES ON A FIRMER BASIS THAN HITHERTO.

CITING THE GROWING ECONOMIC AND TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AS ANOTHER FACTOR IN HONG KONG'S CONTINUING PROSPERITY AND POSITION AS A MAJOR CENTRE ON THE PACIFIC RIM AFTER 1997, MR JOHNSON SAID THAT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS CHINA HAD BECOME HONG KONG'S NUMBER ONE TRADING PARTNER.

"BETWEEN 1987 AND 1988 TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN US HAS INCREASED ALMOST 27 TIMES AND NOW STANDS AT US\$37 BILLION.

"IN THE PROCESS, HONG KONG HAS ALSO BECOME CHINA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER. WE ARE ALSO CHINA'S LARGEST SOURCE OF OUTSIDE INVESTMENT, AND THE SOURCE OF OVER ONE THIRD OF CHINA'S TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

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"IN ADDITION, AS HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR MOVES UP-MARKET AND THE ECONOMY EVOLVES INTO MORE OF A SERVICE ECONOMY, OUR LOWER END MANUFACTURING IS MOVING ACROSS THE BORDER," MR JOHNSON SAID, NOTING THAT AS A RESULT OVER TWO MILLION WORKERS IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION WERE EMPLOYED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY HONG KONG COMPANIES.

MR JOHNSON TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT HE BELIEVED HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN CHINA. "CHINA NEEDS A PROSPEROUS HONG KONG," MR JOHNSON SAID.

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HOTLINES FOR DRUG ABUSERS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED THAT THEY CAN MAKE USE OF THE TELEPHONE HOTLINE SET UP BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) TO SEEK ADVICE AND INFORMATION ON DRUG-RELATED ISSUES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT IN 1988, THERE WERE ABOUT 1,500 CALLS MADE TO THE DRUG ABUSE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE HOTLINE, 3-668822.

"AND DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE HOTLINE RECEIVED 741 CALLS.

"ABOUT HALF OF THE CALLS ASKED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES WHILE THE OTHERS SOUGHT GENERAL INFORMATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ON THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK OF ACAN," HE ADDED.

THE HOTLINE IS LOCATED AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION WITH A VIEW TO SUPPLYING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND IN-DEPTH SERVICE TO CALLERS MAKING COMPLICATED ENQUIRIES OR SEEKING COUNSELLING. IT IS MANNED BY EXPERIENCED STAFF DURING OFFICE HOURS.

WHEN A CALL IS RECEIVED OUTSIDE OPERATING HOURS, A PRE-RECORDED REPLY WILL ASK THE CALLER TO PHONE IN AGAIN DURING OFFICE HOURS AND WILL GIVE OTHER ANTI-NARCOTICS HOTLINES FOR REPORTING DRUG PEDDLING ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO CALL THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS ON 5-277723 REGARDING ADDICTION TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

FOR ANY PROBLEM ABOUT PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE, CALLS CAN BE MADE TO PS33, A CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICES, ON 3-688269.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE HOTLINES WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

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JUVENILE PROSTITUTION ON SHA TIN DB AGENDA

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF PROSTITUTION IN THE NEW TOWN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW TUESDAY.

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL ASK THE POLICE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SYNDICATES CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN JUVENILE PROSTITUTION IN THE DISTRICT AND WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN AGAINST THEM.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK ABOUT THE RECENT UPSURGE OF BURGLARIES IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND WHETHER THE HIGH TURNOVER RATE OF POLICE OFFICERS HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED PREVENTION OF THESE CRIMES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO QUERY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S RECENT SPENDING OF OVER \$300,000 ON NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS JUST TO CONVEY MESSAGES TO ITS 2,000 EMPLOYEES.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN HOUSING ESTATES, ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO URGE THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO INSTALL MORE PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN THESE ESTATES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL; THE CO-OPTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SIX DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES, THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE WORKING GROUP AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW TUESDAY AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND LOCAL BODIES ARE BEING INVITED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE 1988-89 SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH YEAR, THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS.

/ "LOCAL RESIDENTS

"LOCAL RESIDENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALL WELCOME TO PUT FORWARD THEIR NOMINATIONS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

AS IN LAST YEAR, THERE WILL BE FIVE DIVISIONS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS, WORKING PEOPLE, NON-WORKING PEOPLE, AND GROUPS.

ANY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE OFFERED SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY, DISABLED, HANDICAPPED, YOUTH OR CHILDREN, OR RENDERED COMMUNITY SERVICES AS VOLUNTEERS TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT ARE ELIGIBLE.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JULY 1.

"NOMINATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO VARIOUS LOCAL BODIES AND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THREE WINNING CONTESTANTS IN EACH OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILS OF THE AWARD SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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MODEL STUDENT AWARD SCHEME IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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STUDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A MODEL STUDENT AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE ORGANISERS HOPE THAT THE SCHEME WILL MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO EXCEL IN THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEVELOP THEIR MORAL INTEGRITY.

THE AWARD IS CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES : SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION FOR SECONDARY 5 TO 7 STUDENTS; JUNIOR SECONDARY SECTION FOR SECONDARY 2 TO 4 STUDENTS; PRIMARY SECTION FOR PRIMARY 2 TO 6 PUPILS; AND THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION.

SELECTION CRITERIA ARE BASED ON THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE IN THE 1987-88 FINAL EXAMINATION AND THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATION IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR; POINTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN FOR BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL.

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FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS, THEIR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

SCHOOL HEADS INTENDING TO NOMINATE STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AT THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JUNE 3.

THE COMMITTEE WILL NOTIFY SCHOOLS OF THE RESULTS BEFORE JULY 1. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-614649.

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MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN YUEN LONG

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TEN MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WILL BE SET UP IN YUEN LONG IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, REFERRED TO THIS EXPANSION IN A SPEECH GIVEN TODAY (MONDAY) AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE INAUGURATION OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

DEMAND FOR COMMUNITY AND YOUTH FACILITIES IN YUEN LONG HAS BEEN GROWING AS A RESULT OF THE DISTRICT'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS, MRS WONG NOTED IN HER SPEECH, WHICH WAS DELIVERED ON HER BEHALF BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR STEPHEN LAW.

"IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, TWO CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES HAVE BEEN OPENED IN THE DISTRICT," SHE SAID.

"AS THE ONLY COMMUNITY CENTRE IN YUEN LONG, THE TOWN HALL HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1970 AND I BELIEVE ITS IMPORTANCE WILL FURTHER GROW WITH THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT," SHE ADDED.

SHE COMMENDED THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING THE WORK OF THE TOWN HALL SO THAT IT COULD BETTER MEET THE DEMAND OF THE DISTRICT.

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DB JOINT COMMITTEE ON LRT SERVICES TO MEET

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THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BORARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR 1989-90 TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS COMPLAINTS ABOUT IRREGULARITIES ON THE PART OF LRT STAFF IN PROSECUTING PASSENGERS WHO VIOLATE THE COMPANY'S REGULATIONS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUDIBLE ALARM SYSTEM ON LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES, IMPROVEMENT OF SANITARY CONDITIONS IN LRT CARRIAGES AND AT STATIONS, NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY THE LRT AT SHAN KING ESTATE, AND SAFETY FACILITIES ALONG THE LRT ROUTE WITHIN THE SIU HONG COURT AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SERVICES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S NEW COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH REPLACES THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WILL DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AS WELL AS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS OF THE DISTRICT.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION IN NORTH AND EAST KWAI CHUNG, CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES ON TSING YI AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF TOURISM MAP BOARDS

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MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF INSTALLING TOURISM MAP BOARDS IN THE DISTRICT.

EIGHT MAP BOARDS WILL BE INSTALLED ON CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, LANTAU AND LAMMA TO PROVIDE TRAVELLERS WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS MEASURES TO IMPROVE HOLIDAY FLATS MANAGEMENT, PUBLICITY ON THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARKS AND MATTERS CONCERNING ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS AT TUNG WAN, SHEK PIK.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PRESERVATION OF ROCK INSCRIPTIONS AT TAI SHEK HAU, CHEUNG CHAU, SITE VISITS BY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS TOURIST SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES IN 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REVISED GUIDELINES ON FUND ALLOCATION

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE REVISED PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER AND GRANTING \$4,000 FOR PUBLICISING THE "MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME".

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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RELAXATION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS URBAN CLEARWAYS
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IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT TRAFFIC SITUATION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PLANNED TO RELAX A NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) URBAN CLEARWAYS IN YAU MA TEI.

THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAYS IN MAN MING LANE, PITT STREET, SHEK LUNG STREET, WING SING LANE AND HI LUNG LANE HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EXISTING 24 HOURS DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAY IN JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN BATTERY STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PARKES STREET REDUCED TO A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAY FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAY IN SAIGON STREET BETWEEN FERRY STREET AND CANTON ROAD WILL ALSO BE REDUCED TO A 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAY.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PLB URBAN CLEARWAY IN BATTERY STREET BETWEEN PAK HOI STREET AND SAIGON STREET WILL BE CANCELLED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 24).

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SPEED LIMIT IN TSING LUNG TAU
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 93 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE 14-MILESTONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES NORTHWEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI LAM CHUNG ROAD IS NOW SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WONG TAI SIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TRENCH WORK, SOUTHBOUND TSEUK LUK STREET BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND SHUNG LING STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR ONE WEEK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND CHOI HUNG ROAD HEADING FOR TSEUK LUK STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHOI HUNG ROAD, NING YUEN STREET, SHUNG LING STREET AND TSEUK LUK STREET.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVERS AT PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST OUTSIDE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SECTIONS OF ROADS ARE BEING CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 5 AM DAILY UNTIL MAY 26.

THESE SECTIONS ARE THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE FLYOVER LINKING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST; THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE FLYOVER LINKING ARGYLE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST; AND THE NORTHERN EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST SECTION BETWEEN THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT AND CHOI HUNG ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND ARGYLE STREET HEADING FOR KWUN TONG AND SAN PO KONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT, ARGYLE STREET, FU MING STREET, SHING TAK STREET, MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, FLYOVER AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NO. 121 ON JOURNEY TO NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, FLYOVER AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING ON CHOI HUNG ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE ELEVATED ROAD OF KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND SECTION BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TING FU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY (MAY 24) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY FOR THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND AT GROUND LEVEL.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR TWO MONTHS BECAUSE OF WATERWORKS.

FENWICK STREET BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND JAFFE ROAD HAS BEEN RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

THE EXISTING ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND ARRANGEMENT IN FENWICK STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD HAS BEEN MAINTAINED.

DURING THIS PERIOD, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON THE AFFECTED SECTIONS OF FENWICK STREET IS BEING DIVERTED VIA LUARD ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FENWICK STREET BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND JAFFE ROAD HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ARE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WING LOK STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN CLEVERLY STREET AND HILLIER STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERWORKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLEVERLY STREET, BONHAM STRAND AND HILLIER STREET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY, MAY 22) STOOD AT 49.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 287.543 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 167.630 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 28.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUTS IN FOUR AREAS
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KWAI HEI STREET, WING KEI ROAD, WING CHONG STREET, WING LAP STREET AND WING KIN ROAD.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CAINE ROAD (ODD NUMBERS), PO HING FONG, KUI IN FONG, TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN LADDER STREET AND KUI IN FONG, BRIDGES STREET, SHING WONG STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD POLICE QUARTERS, WA IN FONG EAST, WA IN FONG WEST, PO WA STREET, WING LEE STREET, U LAM TERRACE, LADDER STREET BETWEEN CAINE ROAD AND BRIDGES STREET, CHUNG WO LANE (ODD NUMBERS) AND ROZARIO STREET.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE CLEANING OF HO MAN TIN HIGH LEVEL SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK, INCLUDING KING GEORGE V COLLEGE, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, CHUN MAN COURT AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATE.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YEN CHOW STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, KWEILIN STREET, HAI TAN STREET, YEE KUK STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND KIU KIANG STREET, INCLUDING CHEUNG SHA WAN TEMPORARY WHOLESALE FRESHWATER FISH MARKET.