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SIR PETER VISITS REFUGEE CENTRES

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SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, TRAVELLED BY HELICOPTER THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO VARIOUS VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR CLINTON LEEKS AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (INSPECTORATE AND REFUGEE UNIT), MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM, SIR PETER FIRST VISITED THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE ON LANTAU ISLAND.

HE WAS MET AND SHOWN AROUND BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR G A EBRAHIM.

SIR PETER WAS TOLD THAT THE CENTRE, ONE OF THE CLOSED CENTRES RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, NOW ACCOMODATES SOME 1 900 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

THE CLOSED CENTRE POLICY WAS INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JULY, 1982 WITH THE AIM OF DETERRING THOSE CONSIDERING LEAVING VIETNAM ILLEGALLY FOR HONG KONG.

AFTER THE TOUR, SIR PETER LEFT FOR THE RHKAAF BASE AT KAI TAK FROM WHERE HE PROCEEDED TO THE KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE.

ON ARRIVAL, SIR PETER WAS MET BY MR HENRY LOKE, CENTRE MANAGER, MR M.C. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR K.L. STUMPF, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND MR PETER MEIJER, DEPUTY CHARGE DE MISSION, UNHCR. HE WAS BRIEFED ON ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES WHILE TOURING THE CENTRE.

ABOUT 4 300 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE STAYING AT THIS TRANSIT CENTRE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE OPEN CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES UNDER UNHCR AUSPICES.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, SIR PETER MET THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS AND HAD A BRIEFING WITH THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN.

HE ALSO HAD LUNCH WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR PETER TO MEET PRESS SATURDAY

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SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, WILL MEET THE PRESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.30 AM IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR.

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RECORD AMOUNT OF DRUGS SEIZED IN 1983

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CUSTOMS AND POLICE LAST YEAR SEIZED 790 KG OF DRUGS, 48 PER CENT MORE THAN THE 1982 RECORD OF 533 KG.

+THE \$138 MILLION WORTH OF DRUGS SEIZED IN 1983 COMPRISED 570 KG OF HEROIN BASE, 125 KG OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 12.5 KG OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 11 KG OF CANNABIS AND 71 KG OF OPIUM,+ MR K.S. TONG, HEAD OF CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU TOLD THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHEAST TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN THE OPERATIONS, MORE THAN 11 000 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, AND OVER 2 500 OF THEM PROSECUTED FOR TAKING PART IN SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES.

THERE WERE STILL AMPLE STOCKS OF DRUGS IN THE LOCAL MARKET DESPITE STRINGENT MEASURES AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS BY ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, MR TONG SAID. THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BUMPER CROPS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA OVER THE PAST YEARS AND THE UPSURGE OF MASS SUPPLY OF ILLICIT OPIATES FROM THE 'GOLDEN CRESCENT' REGION OF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN.

+IN 1983 ALONE, THE OPIUM HARVEST IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA SURPASSED 700 TONS. REFINED INTO NO. 3 HEROIN, IT COULD YIELD OVER 200 TONS.

OF THE TOTAL SEIZED LAST YEAR, ONLY ABOUT FIVE PER CENT, COMPRISING 32 KG RAW OPIUM, 3.7 KG CANNABIS RESIN AND APPROXIMATELY ONE KG HEROIN, ORIGINATED FROM THIS REGION,+ MR TONG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CONSTANT SUPPLY AND ABUNDANT STOCK MADE TRAFFICKERS IN THE SOURCE COUNTRIES SELL DRUGS AT DUMPING PRICES. PRICES OF ILLICIT DRUG IN HONG KONG HAVE ALSO DROPPED TO A RECORD LOW. AT THE END OF 1982, THE RETAIL PRICE OF NO. 3 HEROIN IN HONG KONG WAS HK\$110 PER GRAM, AGAINST HK\$80 AT THE END OF 1983,+ MR TONG SAID.

MR TONG SAID IN PREVIOUS YEARS,+ THE COMMON DRUG SMUGGLING METHOD WAS BY WAY OF HIGH FREQUENCY AND SMALL SCALE SMUGGLING INCLUDING THE USE OF INTERNAL BODY CONCEALMENT, OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND DIVERSIONARY ROUTES.+ HE SAID THIS TREND HOWEVER CHANGED COMPLETELY LAST YEAR.

IN 1982, 14 COURIERS WERE ARRESTED USING THE INTERNAL BODY CONCEALMENT METHOD BUT LAST YEAR NONE.

+IN 1982, THERE WERE SEVEN DRUG SEIZURES TOTALLING 172 KG ONBOARD OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, BUT LAST YEAR ONLY ONE.

+IN 1982, WE DISCOVERED FOUR CASES OF IMPORTATION BY MEANS OF DIVERSIONARY ROUTINGS - USING TAIWAN, JAPAN AND KOREA AS STAGING POINTS, BUT LAST YEAR NONE.+ HE SAID.

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TWO MAIN FACTORS CAUSED THE CHANGE. - FIRSTLY, ABUNDANT SUPPLIES HAVE LOWERED PRICES, MAKING SMALL SCALE IMPORTATION NO LONGER PROFITABLE AND SECONDLY, THE STRENGTHENING OF HONG KONG'S LEGAL TEETH.

NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN JANUARY LAST YEAR PROVIDED LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST OWNERS OF VESSELS FOUND TO BE INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS IN EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES FOR TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS IN ANY 18-MONTH PERIOD, HE EXPLAINED.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS LAW, THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CASE OF IMPORTATION BY OCEAN-GOING VESSEL. THIS PROVED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION, HE ADDED.

OF THE MAIN CONCERNS OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE LAST YEAR WAS THE REVIVAL OF THAI TRAWLER TRAFFIC WHICH HAD SUSPENDED FOR A FEW YEARS FOLLOWING THE LIQUIDATION OF SOME BIG DRUG SYNDICATES IN THE MID-SEVENTIES.

MR TONG ALSO SAID THAT SINCE THE DIRECT AIR LINK BETWEEN THAILAND AND CHINA STARTED IN APRIL 1981, 36 DRUGS TRAFFICKERS WERE APPREHENDED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AT GUANGZHOU AND BEIJING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. A TOTAL OF 60 KG OF HEROIN AND HEROIN BASE DESTINATED FOR HONG KONG WERE SEIZED.

APART FROM AIR ROUTE, LAND TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA IS ALSO BEING EXPLOITED BY TRAFFICKERS.

+IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION, WE HAVE STEPPED UP CONTROLS AT ALL THE ENTRY CHECK POINTS BY INSTALLING X-RAY MACHINES, METAL DETECTOR DOORS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR MANPOWER WITH SOME 1 500 CUSTOMS OFFICERS STATION AT VARIOUS ENTRY POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREVENTION OF NARCOTICS COMING INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR TONG POINTED OUT THAT A LIASION NETWORK HAD BEEN SET UP SINCE THE END OF 1982 BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES, ITS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION. FORMAL COMMUNICATION LINK HAS BEEN SET UP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND REGULAR MEETINGS HELD.

+THIS BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT ENABLED THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS TO MAKE THE FIRST DRUG SEIZURE FROM CHINA IN APRIL LAST YEAR WHEN A HONG KONG RESIDENT RETURNED FROM CHINA VIA LO WU WITH 2.5 KG OF OPIUM. FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION LED TO A FURTHER ARREST OF THREE PERSONS AND THE SEIZURE OF 10 KG OF OPIUM.+

LOCALLY, MR TONG SAID, NO. 3 HEROIN CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN DRUG OF ABUSE.

+ACCORDING TO RECENT FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE, THE DRUG POPULATION IN HONG KONG IS AROUND 45 000 OR 0.8 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL POPULATION, AMONG WHOM MORE THAN 95 PER CENT ARE HEROIN ADDICTS AS COMPARED WITH LESS THAN 3 PER CENT OF OPIUM ADDICTS.

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LAST YEAR, 9 HEROIN LABORATORIES WERE SMASHED BY THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

THE EQUIPMENT USED IS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ENABLING TRAFFICKERS TO PRODUCE LARGER QUANTITIES OF HEROIN IN LESS TIME.

HE CAUTIONED THAT THE ABUSE OF CANNABIS AND SYNTHETIC DRUGS IN HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHEN COMPARED WITH HEROIN ABUSE, WAS HOWEVER ON AN INCREASING PROPENSITY.

+ABUSE OF CANNABIS IS MOSTLY AMONGST EXPATRIATES AND THE ENTERTAINMENT CIRCLE.

+TRADITIONALLY, PAKISTAN AND NEPAL ARE SOURCES OF CANNABIS FOR HONG KONG. RECENTLY, THE PHILIPPINES HAS EMERGED TO BE ANOTHER POTENTIAL SOURCE COUNTRY.

+THE INCREASING ABUSE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS BY TEENAGERS IS ALSO CAUSING CONCERN,+ MR TONG CONCLUDED.

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HUNG HOM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THREE AMENDMENTS TO THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR HUNG HOM.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVES REZONING A THREE-HECTARE SITE AT THE WHAMPOA DOCKYARD FROM +INDUSTRIAL+ TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USE+, AND EARMARKING IT AS A +COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA+.

THIS AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE FOR A COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WITH THE NECESSARY COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE THERE.

A FURTHER AMENDMENT INVOLVES REZONING THE EXISTING MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING AT DOCK STREET FROM +INDUSTRIAL+ TO +OTHER SPECIFIED USE+. IT CAN THEN BE DEVELOPED TO INCLUDE GARAGES FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND A PETROL FILLING STATION.

THE LAST AMENDMENT INVOLVES ADJUSTING SITE BOUNDARIES OF THE +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY+ AND +OPEN SPACE+ SITES AND ROAD ALIGNMENT AT THE TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION AREA OFF BAILEY STREET.

THE PLANNING AREA COVERS ALMOST 104 HECTARES AND HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE RECLAMATION WILL BE USED MOSTLY FOR OPEN SPACE AND FOR A NEW ROAD EXTENSION.

INCORPORATED IN THE PLANNING AREA IS THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EAST KOWLOON LINE INCLUDING A STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF WUHU STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE.

THE PLANNING AREA HAS A POPULATION OF 97 000, BUT THIS FIGURE WILL GROW TO 145 000 OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY OBJECT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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GOLD MARKING ORDER STARTS NEXT YEAR
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A GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY MARKING ORDER, GIVING CONSUMERS GREATER PROTECTION AND HELPING SAFEGUARD HONG KONG'S TRADING REPUTATION, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED TO REQUIRE GOODS TO BE MARKED OR ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY) ORDER 1984 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) STIPULATES THAT ALL ARTICLES OF GOLD OR GOLD ALLOY CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN 8 CARATS OR 333 PARTS PER THOUSAND GOLD CONTENT INTENDED FOR TRADE, MUST BEAR A FINENESS MARK WHICH SHOULD BE:

- (A) IN ARABIC NUMERALS INDICATING IN CARATS, BY NUMBER OR BY NUMBER AND THE LETTERS +K+, +C+ OR +CT+, THE FINENESS OF THE GOLD CONTENT; OR
- (B) IN ARABIC NUMERALS INDICATING IN PARTS PER THOUSAND THE FINENESS OF THE GOLD CONTENT; OR
- (C) CONSISTING OF THE CHINESE CHARACTERS (CHUK KAM), WHICH REPRESENTS A FINENESS OF NOT LESS THAN 990.

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COINS, RAW MATERIALS, ANTIQUES, VERY SMALL ARTICLES AND ARTICLES EITHER FOR MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC OR INDUSTRIAL USE ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MARKING ORDER.

THE ORDER COVERS SUCH TECHNICAL ASPECTS AS THE USE OF SOLDER AND THE MARKING OF PARTS.

IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT AN INVOICE, SETTING OUT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SUPPLIER AND A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS, MUST ACCOMPANY EACH SALE AND THAT A NOTICE BE DISPLAYED AT THE POINT OF SUPPLY, GIVING SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARKING ORDER.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE TRADING STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOLD MANUFACTURING AND RETAILING SECTORS IN PREPARING THE ORDER.

A GRACE PERIOD UNTIL DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR IS BEING ALLOWED TO ENABLE THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

+ONCE THE GRACE PERIOD IS OVER, GOLD ARTICLES MUST NOT BE TRADED UNLESS THEY ARE PROPERLY MARKED.

+CONTRAVENTION OF THE ORDER WOULD BE AN OFFENCE LIABLE, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$100 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS, AND ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT TO A FINE OF \$500 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A NOTICE TO THE TRADE, SETTING OUT DETAILS OF THE ORDER.

ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO MR H.Y. LI, SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON THE 22ND FLOOR OF SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, TELEPHONE 5-757265 EXT. 311.

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FIVE MORE PRIVATE STREETS TO BE TAKEN OVER

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FIVE MORE PRIVATE STREETS WHICH ARE IN A DILAPIDATED STATE ARE TO BE RESUMED AND RECONSTRUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARE SHIM LUEN, TSUN FAT, YIN ON AND HOK LING STREETS IN TO KWA WAN, AND YUET YUEN STREET, NORTH POINT.

WORK WILL INVOLVE RECONSTRUCTION OF PARTS OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS WHICH HAVE BECOME SEVERELY DAMAGED DUE TO LACK OF ATTENTION IN THE PAST. ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED.

FOLLOWING THE RESUMPTIONS, GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE STREETS ARE MAINTAINED TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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AT PRESENT, THEY ARE UNDER MULTIPLE SUB-DIVIDED OWNERSHIP AND THIS HAS GIVEN RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

OBSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE STREETS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO GAIN ACCESS.

THE RESUMPTIONS FORM PART OF A PILOT SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN STREETS WHICH ARE ON PRIVATE LAND.

EIGHT STREETS IN THE URBAN AREAS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE SCHEME WHICH WILL COST \$1.5 MILLION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT IT INTENDS TO RESUME TWO PRIVATE STREETS IN WAN CHAI AND NORTH POINT.

PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTIONS CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT KOWLOON CITY AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOT LATER THAN MARCH 13.

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FIRE SERVICES DEALS WITH RECORD CALLS * * * *

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

IN THE 12 MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT DEALT WITH A TOTAL OF 327 454 CALLS, COMPARED WITH 297 493 IN 1982.

FIRES CAUSED THE DEATHS OF 42 PEOPLE AND LEFT A FURTHER 692 PEOPLE INJURED, 54 OF THEM FIREMEN.

PROMPT ACTION BY FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL LED TO 19 432 PEOPLE BEING RESCUED FROM FIRES AND MANY HUNDREDS OF OTHERS BEING LED TO SAFETY.

THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS ALSO INCREASED - 9 426 AS COMPARED WITH 8 502 IN 1982.

CASUALTIES STOOD AT 367 PEOPLE KILLED INCLUDING A FIRE OFFICER, AND 1 750 OTHER PEOPLE AND 16 FIREMEN INJURED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE SERVICE ALSO HAD A BUSY YEAR - RECEIVING AN AVERAGE OF 832 CALLS A DAY - OR 10 PER CENT OVER THE 1982 FIGURE.

THERE WERE 220 242 EMERGENCY CALLS, WITH 247 843 INJURED PERSONS BEING TREATED. THERE WERE 83 281 NON-EMERGENCY CALLS, WITH 161 211 PATIENTS USING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

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IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR SQUATTER AREA
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THE 1 000 RESIDENTS OF NGAR CHOI HANG VILLAGE IN CAUSEWAY BAY HAVE GOOD CAUSE TO CELEBRATE IN THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR.

FOR LIFE IN THE SQUATTER AREA HAS BEEN MADE EASIER AND MORE CONVENIENT WITH GREATLY IMPROVED SANITARY AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES, DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE WATER SUPPLY TO INDIVIDUAL HUTS, PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AND BATHROOMS, INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING, SETTING UP OF REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

COSTING MORE THAN \$2 MILLION, THE PROJECTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, HOUSING, WATER SUPPLIES AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS UNDER A SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982 AND NGAR CHOI HANG IS ONE OF THE THREE HILLSIDE VILLAGES SELECTED FOR IMPROVEMENT ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER SQUATTER AREAS, HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR AMONG RESIDENTS.

+CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN FOR THE PROVISION OF RAINSHELTERS AND POST BOXES IN NGAR CHOI HANG,+ HE ADDED.

TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE NGAR CHOI HANG VILLAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16) TO CELEBRATE WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY MARKING THE COMPLETION OF THE NGAR CHOI HANG SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16) IN THE VILLAGE, CLOUDVIEW ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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STAFF NAMED FOR SENIOR STAFF COURSE
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR ITS SENIOR STAFF COURSE.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A WORKING PARTY REPORT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION TO RUN A SERIES OF FULL-TIME, THREE-MONTH COURSES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO PREPARE THEM FOR DIRECTORATE-LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES.

AN ADVISORY BOARD, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR LI FOOK-KOW, HAS ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED TO OVERSEE THE RUNNING OF THE COURSES.

THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE IS HEADED BY A DIRECTOR OF STUDIES WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY FOUR FULL-TIME STAFF TUTORS AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, MR L.M. SNEDDON, WAS APPOINTED WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 AND THE FOUR STAFF TUTORS, MESSRS I. THOMAS, I. A. DEANE, R.B. GATES AND J.A.W. CLEAVER WILL ALL BE IN POST BY FEBRUARY 1. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY IS MR W.J.K. ELLIS, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C AND FORMERLY SECRETARY OF THE WORKING PARTY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MORE INFORMATION ON THE STAFF COURSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR ELLIS ON 5-8937744.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR CONTROLLED TIP OPERATION
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR OPERATING THE CONTROLLED TIP AT SHUEN WAN, OFF TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, UNDER A NEW CONTRACT STARTING IN MARCH.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE BY THE SANITARY LANDFILL METHOD AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED SHORE PROTECTION AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

ABOUT 1.1 MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE WILL BE TREATED AND ABOUT 5.5 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR RECREATIONAL USE OVER THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD.

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ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR SITE FORMATION OR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS OR ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST II FOR SITE FORMATION OR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION (LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES) DIVISION, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

A NOTICE OF THE TENDERS IS IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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MINI-EXHIBITIONS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD FOUR MINI-EXHIBITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AS WELL AS ABOUT SOME GENERAL CONCEPTS OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION, EACH EXHIBITION WILL LAST THREE DAYS AND WILL FEATURE MAINLY PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHICS.

THE FIRST EXHIBITION WILL OPEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING AT NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY), WITH THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (EASTERN), MR H.T. LUI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE (EASTERN), MRS ANITA CHAN LAI-LING, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, OFFICIATING THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE SECOND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE WONG TAI SIN MTR STATION, FROM NEXT FRIDAY, THE THIRD EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG FROM FEBRUARY 24 TO 26 AND THE FOURTH IN TSUEN WAN FROM MARCH 3 TO 5.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING IN THE CITYPLAZA.

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NEW YEAR CLEAN UP DRIVE STARTS

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A LUNAR YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN TUEN MUN TO HELP RESIDENTS TIDY UP THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

IT IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. AND TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART, THE EXERCISE WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS COMPETITIONS AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND SOME PRIVATE PREMISES.

A PANEL WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO SELECT THE CLEANEST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING BLOCKS AND THE CLEANEST FLATS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD IS CONTRIBUTING \$25 000 TOWARDS THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN BEING HELD AT SAM SHING, TAI HING, SAN FAT, ON TING AND YAU OI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND 12 PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, CLEANSING DEMONSTRATION, HOME CLEANLINESS COMPETITIONS, SLOGAN AND DRAWING CONTESTS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, ESTATES' OFFICES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AT THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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MOTOR BOATS NEEDED BY CUSTOMS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT ONE TIME AT HOURLY RATES TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR 12 MONTHS FROM APRIL 1.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED FOR CONVEYING OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 700 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 500 HOURS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, 15/F, HONG KONG TRADE CENTRE, 161-167 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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OLD AND YOUNG ON LONG RUN
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ABOUT 160 ATHLETES FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 71 WILL TAKE PART IN THE CHEUNG CHAU LONG DISTANCE RUN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

THE SIX-KILOMETRE RUN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS.

THE CONTESTANTS WILL START FROM THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND, RUN ALONG PEAK ROAD TO THE BASKETBALL COURT IN SAI WAN AND THEN TURN BACK ON THE SAME ROUTE FINISHING AT THE SPORTSGROUND.

THE RUN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP- RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR ALBERT TAM; AMENITIES OFFICER (ISLANDS) MR LAI KAM-WING; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR KWONG KWOK-KAM; WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING-OFF CEREMONY AT 11 AM AT THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND.

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SOUVENIRS FOR COUNTRY PARK VISITORS
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VISITORS TO HONG KONG COUNTRY PARKS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) CAN EACH PICK UP TWO SOUVENIRS WITH A MESSAGE ON FIRE PREVENTION.

THE SOUVENIRS -- A CALENDAR CARD FOR 1984 COMPLETE WITH LUNAR DATES AND A BOOKMARK -- HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION.

DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE CARD DEPICTS A BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY ON ONE SIDE WITH A SLOGAN IN CHINESE URGING VISITORS TO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE FIRE PREVENTION LOGO IS ALSO SHOWN ON THE CARD WHICH FITS NICELY INTO WALLETS AND SHIRT POCKETS.

THE BOOKMARK CONTAINS VITAL POINTS ON FIRE PREVENTION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE.

IT SHOWS THE BEAUTIFUL FLORA IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND CARRIES THE SAME SLOGAN ON PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

BOTH THE CALENDAR CARD AND THE BOOKMARK WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT ALL COUNTRY PARK INFORMATION AND WARDEN POSTS AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT CENTRES, AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST.

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JOINT CONCERT TREAT FOR YUEN LONG

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MUSIC LOVERS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TREATED TO A JOINT CONCERT BY THE TANUNDA BAND FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE SEPARATE AND JOINT PERFORMANCES OF SUCH NUMBERS AS : +THE WAY WE WERE+, +HOOKED ON CLASSICS+, +YMCA+ AND +MY WAY+, AS WELL AS FOLK AND JAZZ MUSIC.

FREE TICKETS TO THE 90-MINUTE CONCERT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN LUT SAU HALL ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TOWN HALL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE 35 MEMBERS OF THE TANUNDA BAND ARE AMATEURS, AND THE 65 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND ARE STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 23.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

PRIZES FOR SPORTS WINNERS

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WINNERS OF EASTERN DISTRICT'S FIRST SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE DR SEAKER CHAN'S MEMORIAL HALL ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHOW FEATURING DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

THE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICES, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE LION'S CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) IN THE DR SEAKER CHAN'S MEMORIAL HALL AT 210 JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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SPEEDPOST COVERS FRANCE

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE WITH FRANCE WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL DESTINATIONS IN FRANCE FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 16), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SPEEDPOST PROVIDES FOR THE URGENT TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES OF NO COMMERCIAL VALUE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-2671222.

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SUNDAY CHARITY WALK TRAFFIC PLAN

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSION OF THE +KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLION+ EVENT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM:

- (I) THE SECTION OF JUNK BAY ROAD BETWEEN KAI TIN ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.
- (II) THE SECTION OF KO CHIU ROAD BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE COVERED RESERVOIR.
- (III) THE SECTION OF KAI TIN ROAD BETWEEN PING TIN STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS).

PO LAM ROAD, THE UN-NAMED ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD TO ANDERSON ROAD AND THE SECTION OF ANDERSON ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UN-NAMED ROAD TO PO LAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM.

AND KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7.30 AM TO 4 PM.

KMB ROUTES NOS. 15C, 15M AND 16 TRAVELLING TO AND FROM LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

KMB ROUTE NO. 14A DEPARTING AT KO CHIU ROAD BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KO LONG ROAD FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

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LIMITED SERVICES OF KMB ROUTE NO. 90 WILL BE PROVIDED ON PO LAM ROAD FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM.

MAXICAB ROUTES 10 AND 10A WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN LAM TIN ESTATE SHOULD USE SAU MAU PING ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO TSUI PING ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 7.30 AM TO 11.30 AM.

THE SECTION OF SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD BETWEEN JUNK BAY ROAD AND KO CHIU ROAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO-LANE TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

ALL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION

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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE SLIP ROAD LINKING INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND WITH GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR FENWICK STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES.

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