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CLOSURE OF WATERWORKS ACCESS ROADS
TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND POLLUTION

A number of Waterworks and forestry access roads in the New Territories will be closed to the public as from Monday (October 15) in an effort to prevent accidents and pollution.

They are the loop road over Tai Lam Chung dam, the spur road from Hoi Pui Reservoir, the access road to Wong Nai Tun dam and catchwater, and part of the road which links Tai Lam Chung and Shek Kong.

Disclosing this today, a spokesman for the Public Works Department said that these roads were in no sense public roads. Under the Waterworks Ordinance, the road alongside the catchwater is part of "the Waterworks".

Turning to the road between Tai Lam Chung and Shek Kong, he said: "The road was not designed for a large volume of heavy traffic, and the wear and the tear is considerable.

"Apart from the road surface itself, extensive damage to the catchwater linings has occurred from time to time."

In the event of an accident, he said, there was a risk that a car might fall into the catchwater, a risk increased because the road, being designed to allow quick working access to the catchment for Waterworks staff, is not protected by a parapet.

"Should this happen just prior to or during heavy rain, the catchwater may overflow with the possibility of serious damage to property, and of danger to those living below," the spokesman stressed.

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At the same time, the use of the catchwater road by such a large number of people has created a litter and pollution problem.

For the same reasons, the present heavy use of the spur road to Hoi Pui dam and the road to Wong Nai Tun is similarly undesirable.

In view of all these problems, the spokesman said it had been decided to close the loop road over Tai Lam Chung dam, the spur road from Hoi Pui to Ho Pui Reservoir and the access road to Wong Nai Tun dam and catchwater.

However, he pointed out that it was difficult to close all of the road between Tai Lam Chung and Shek Kong as local villagers had to use part of it for access.

Because there was as yet no other satisfactory road access to Ho Pui Village, the part of this road from Shek Kong to Ho Pui would remain open at present, but a road barrier had been erected on the west side of Ho Pui Village.

At the Tai Lam Chung end of this road and in conjunction with the closure of the loop road over Tai Lam Chung dam, the Prisons Department has also decided to close a section of the road which runs through the Tai Lam Addiction Treatment Centre. The public use of this road about 10 years ago presented no problems to the Prisons Department but the increasing volume of traffic since that time has caused serious inconvenience.

This road also serves the Tai Lam Centre for Women, which is being converted into a medium security institution for young male offenders, and for security reasons it is desirable that the adjacent areas be closed to the general public.

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This means that people will not be able to use the road as a short-cut between Castle Peak Road and Shek Kong.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL CLOSURE

The Lion Rock Tunnel will be closed to all traffic between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Tuesday (October 16).

Announcing this today, the Commissioner for Transport said the closure was necessary to permit essential maintenance work to be carried out in the tunnel.

Motorists who must travel during these hours are advised to use the Tai Po Road.

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MASSIVE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON MONDAY

A six-week road safety campaign to educate the public on how to "Cross In Safety" will begin on Monday (October 15).

The campaign will start with the introduction of a new six-point crossing code which will replace the 30-year-old kerb-drill.

The education phase of the campaign will last until November 24, after which there will be strict ground action by the police against jaywalkers, pedestrians who do not use crossings properly, and motorists who drive carelessly and dangerously.

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Note to Editors: A "Meet The Media" session will be held in the G.I.S. 35 mm theatre, Beaconsfield House on Monday (October 15) at 3.00 p.m.

Sitting on the panel will be the Hon. Szeto Wai, Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee; Mr. Richard Quine, Chief Staff Officer, Traffic Headquarters, and Mr. Wong Hing-wah, President of the Road Safety Association.

You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event.

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CERTIFICATES FOR H.K.C.E.E. 1973

READY FOR COLLECTION

Certificates of Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (Chinese & English) 1973 are now ready for collection.

Private candidates who sat for the above examinations may collect their certificates from the Secretary's office at Examinations Division, Canton Road Government Offices, 393 Canton Road, 10th floor, Kowloon, from Monday (October 15) to Saturday (October 20) both dates inclusive, between 12 noon and 6 p.m.

They should bring along their letters of notification recently posted to them as well as their admission forms (or their Hong Kong Identity Cards plus their Individual Results Notices).

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Note to Editors: In yesterday's Daily Information Bulletin it was incorrectly stated that parking charges for the general public car parks at Kai Tak airport would be raised from \$1 per hour to \$2 for the first two hours and \$2 per hour thereafter, as from November 1, 1973.

Under the Hong Kong Airport (Traffic) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, published in Friday's gazette, the charges are in fact revised from 50 cents to \$1 per hour for the first two hours and \$2 for every hour thereafter.

A correction to this effect was sent over the teleprinter at 2221 hours yesterday.

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CHINESE VERSION OF HAWKER BY-LAWS

The Urban Council has compiled a Chinese version of the Hong Kong Hawker By-Laws, 1972, to enable the hawkers to have a better understanding of the law.

An Urban Council spokesman said today: "Hawkers should be treated fairly and special attention should be paid to make sure they do understand the by-laws."

Copies of the Chinese version of Hawker By-Laws, 1972 can be obtained from the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hawker Records Offices at Causeway Bay Magistracy Building, 6th floor, and 148, Sai Yee Street, Mongkok, 2nd floor respectively at \$1 each.

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WATER CUT

Water supply to Smithfield and Pokfield Road areas will be interrupted for eight hours from 10 p.m. on Monday (October 15).

The stoppage is to allow work to be carried out to connect a 10-inch fresh water main at Pokfield Road near Smithfield.

The affected buildings are 12P-12T Smithfield and 25-40 Pokfield Road.

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