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NEW TAXI FARES AND NEW LAWS TO REDUCE TAXI MALPRACTICES
TO COME INTO EFFECT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NEW TAXI FARES AND THE NEW REGULATIONS TO REDUCE TAXI MALPRACTICES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.

THE NEW FARES FOR URBAN TAXIS WILL BE \$2.50 FOR THE FIRST MILE AND 50 CENTS FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT ONE-FIFTH OF A MILE WITH WAITING TIME CHARGED AT 50 CENTS FOR EVERY TWO-AND-A-HALF MINUTES.

NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES WILL BE INCREASED TO \$1.50 FOR THE FIRST MILE AND 30 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT ONE-FIFTH OF A MILE WITH WAITING TIME CHARGED AT 30 CENTS FOR EVERY TWO-AND-A-HALF MINUTES.

MR. ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT SAID: +EVERY TAXI IS BEING ISSUED WITH AN OFFICIAL CONVERSION TABLE SHOWING THE OLD AND NEW TAXI FARES. THESE CONVERSION TABLES APPLY ONLY TO METERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RECALIBRATED AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AS AND WHEN EACH TAXI HAS ITS METER RECALIBRATED.+

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THERE ARE CURRENTLY 6,969 URBAN TAXIS AND 738 NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AND THAT ALL THESE TAXIS SHOULD HAVE THEIR METERS RECALIBRATED WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

HE SAID: +TAXI PASSENGERS CAN EASILY TELL IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING IN AN URBAN TAXI WITH A RECALIBRATED METER, BECAUSE A RECALIBRATED METER WILL SHOW A FLAG FALL OF \$2.50 INSTEAD OF \$2.00 AND WILL JUMP 50 CENTS FOR EVERY UNIT INSTEAD OF 20 CENTS.

+IN THE CASE OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, A RECALIBRATED METER WILL SHOW A \$1.50 FLAG FALL AND WILL JUMP 30 CENTS FOR EVERY UNIT.+

MR. ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT SAID THE VEHICULAR FERRY FEE AND LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL FOR TAXIS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THOSE CURRENTLY IN FORCE FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY.

FROM SATURDAY, PASSENGERS IN TAXIS CROSSING THE HARBOUR ON VEHICULAR FERRIES OR JOURNEYING IN TAXIS THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A SURCHARGE OF TWICE THE FERRY FEE OR TUNNEL TOLL INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF SPECIFIED CHARGES.

TURNING TO THE NEW TAXI REGULATIONS, MR. ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT SAID THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO IMPROVE TAXI SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR STIFFER SANCTIONS AGAINST TAXI DRIVERS WHO ENGAGE IN MALPRACTICES.

/THE CHIEF STAFF

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THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE POLICE TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, MR. KEITH LOMAS EXPLAINED THE DETAILS.

HE SAID: +STARTING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, SUCH OFFENCES BY TAXI DRIVERS AS TAMPERING WITH THE METER, NOT DRIVING TO THE DESTINATION REQUIRED, NOT DRIVING BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE, REFUSING TO ACCEPT A HIRE, AND OVER-CHARGING WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$3,000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.+

+THE MORE SERIOUS OF THESE TAXI OFFENCES, SUCH AS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT A HIRE, NOT DRIVING TO THE PLACE INDICATED BY THE HIRER AND OVERCHARGING, CAN LEAD TO SUSPENSION OF THE CULPRIT TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE.+

MR. LOMAS SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS ALSO CLARIFY THE OFFENCE OF REFUSING A HIRE. +IN FUTURE,+ HE SAID, +IF A TAXI DRIVER RESPONDS TO A HAIL FROM AN INTENDING PASSENGER AND THEN REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE HIRE, HE WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE.+

+ACTIONS SUCH AS DISPLAYING AN OUT OF SERVICE SIGN OR LOCKING THE DOOR FROM INSIDE WILL NOT BE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE, BY THE VERY ACT OF RESPONDING TO THE HAIL, THE TAXI DRIVER WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE HIRE AND WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO TAKE THE HIRER TO THE DESTINATION NAMED.+

MR. ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT STRESSED THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE NEW SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES WOULD DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE WILLING TO MAKE COMPLAINTS AND TO GO THROUGH THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW THEM UP.

HE SAID: +THE POLICE, I AM SURE, WILL CONTINUE WITH THE STRENUOUS EFFORT THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MAKING TO COMBAT MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS AND WILL BE READY TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO PRESS THEIR COMPLAINTS.+

HE ADDED: +THE PACKAGE OF THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPROVE TAXI SERVICES INCLUDED THE ISSUE OF NEW TAXI LICENCES AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH AND THAT THIS, AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE PACKAGE WOULD BE REVIEWED LATER IN THE YEAR.+

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OBLIGATIONS OF TAXI DRIVERS

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REGULATION 27 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TAXIS, PUBLIC OMNIBUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PUBLIC CARS) REGULATIONS HAS BEEN REVOKED AND REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING NEW REGULATION UNDER WHICH A TAXI DRIVER SHALL NOT WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE:

- A. WILFULLY REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO ACCEPT A HIRE FROM A HIRER WHETHER THE INTENTION OF SUCH HIRER IS INDICATED EXPRESSLY OR BY IMPLICATION=
- B. REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO DRIVE THE TAXI FROM A TAXI STAND TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY THE HIRER=
- C. REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO DRIVE THE TAXI TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY A HIRER HAVING RESPONDED TO A HAIL FROM THE HIRER=
- D. REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO DRIVE THE TAXI TO ANY PLACE INDICATED BY A HIRER WHEN REQUESTED OTHERWISE THAN AT A TAXI STAND OR AFTER RESPONDING TO A HAIL=
- E. REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO CARRY SUCH NUMBER OF PASSENGERS, NOT EXCEEDING THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN THE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE TAXI, AS HE MAY BE REQUIRED TO CARRY BY THE HIRER=
- F. WHEN HIRED TO DRIVE TO A SPECIFIED DESTINATION, DRIVE TO SUCH DESTINATION OTHER THAN BY THE MOST DIRECT PRACTICABLE ROUTE= OR
- G. WHEN HIS TAXI IS HIRED, PERMIT ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE HIRER TO ENTER THE TAXI WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE HIRER.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF LUNAR NEW YEAR STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALL ON JANUARY 28, 29 AND 30 ARE THREE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALLS ON A SUNDAY IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,+ SAID MR. HENDERSON, +AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHEREVER THEY MAY WORK.

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UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE THREE DAYS OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

MR. HENDERSON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AN EMPLOYEE NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS WOULD STILL BE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS, BUT WOULD HAVE NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID.

A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT, HE EXPLAINED, WAS ONE WHERE THE EMPLOYEE HAD WORKED FOR THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR FOUR WEEKS OR MORE, PRIOR TO A GIVEN DATE, ON AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN EACH OF THE FOUR WEEKS AND FOR NOT LESS THAN SIX HOURS ON EACH 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 THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

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 STATUTORY 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.

COMPLAINTS OR 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- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FAT CHOY LAI SEE

FIVE HUNDRED NEEDY PEOPLE IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE GIVEN LUCKY MONEY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE MONEY, FROM THE FAT CHOY SPECIAL AID FUND, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT 3 P.M. AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN.

EACH RECIPIENT WILL BE GIVEN \$20.

STAFF FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) WILL ASSIST IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF RED PACKETS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DISTRIBUTION OF LAI SEE'S TO 500 NEEDY PEOPLE AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN.

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AUCTION OF 30 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL AUCTION ANOTHER 30 +SPECIAL+ CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS THIS SATURDAY IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL AT 10 A.M.

THE NUMBERS, ALL WITH A +BW+ PREFIX, ARE: BW 118, BW 3233, BW 113, BW 320, BW 228, BW 316, BW 604, BW 122, BW 308, BW 168, BW 350, BW 388, BW 138, BW 1333, BW 128, BW 635, BW 733, BW 218, BW 283, BW 768, BW 883, BW 1338, BW 1961, BW 3288, BW 832, BW 1398, BW 7220, BW 2123, BW 8999 AND BW 6608.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE AUCTION.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED BIDDERS THE CAR REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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INTER-SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION DISPLAY EXHIBITION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN INTER-SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION DISPLAY EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL ON SATURDAY.

THE FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL COMPRISE WINNING DISPLAYS ERECTED BY 14 OF THE 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH TOOK PART IN A COMPETITION LAST NOVEMBER.

THE DISPLAYS ARE DESIGNED BY STUDENTS TO ILLUSTRATE THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND, AS A CONTRAST, THE ADVANTAGES OF MEANINGFUL LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS AND ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, TUNG FOOK HOUSE AND CARITAS LOK HEEP CLUB WILL ALSO SET UP DISPLAYS TO PUBLICISE THEIR WORK AND SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTER-SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION DISPLAY EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY AT 3.30 P.M. IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF CITY HALL.

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TSING YI RECLAMATION

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED OF ABOUT 21.9 HECTARES AT TSING YI FOR INDUSTRIAL USE.

THE AREA INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FOU WAH CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES TO LINK MARKET BUILDINGS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD TWO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES TO LINK TWO MARKET BUILDINGS, ONE IN WAN CHAI ROAD AND THE OTHER IN BOWRINGTON ROAD.

THE NEW BOWRINGTON ROAD MARKET, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,700 SQUARE METRES, IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, EACH MEASURING ABOUT 10.3 METRES IN LENGTH AND 2.4 METRES IN WIDTH, WOULD BE BUILT ABOUT 6.5 METRES ABOVE GROUND LEVEL TO ALLOW VEHICULAR ACCESS.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND COMPLETED IN APRIL.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN SHAM SHUI PO
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AN AREA-WIDE CLEAN-UP OPERATION WILL BE HELD AT TAI HANG TUNG AND NAM SHAN IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE OPERATION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE TAI HANG TUNG SAI-YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE, IS DESIGNED TO HELP THE RESIDENTS IN THEIR YEAR-END HOUSE-CLEANING ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ABOUT 100 VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN CLEANING TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, NAM SHAN ESTATE AND YAU YAT CHUEN AREA. THEY WILL ALSO LEVEL OFF WILD GRASS NEAR CHIU YUEN-WAN SHAN ROAD AND THE YUNG KWONG LANE SQUATTER AREAS.

A CEREMONY MARKING THE COMMUNITY PROJECT WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 A.M. IN THE CAR PARK NEXT TO NAM FUNG HOUSE, NAM SHAN ESTATE.

DR. P. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CO-ORGANISERS WILL OFFICIATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP OPERATION AT TAI HANG TUNG AND NAM SHAN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 9.30 A.M. IN THE CAR PARK NEXT TO NAM FUNG HOUSE, NAM SHAN ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO.

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CIVIL SERVANTS COMPLETE MANAGEMENT STUDIES COURSE
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THE FIRST GROUP OF CIVIL SERVANTS TO COMPLETE A DIPLOMA COURSE IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES AT THE LINGNAN INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG GRADUATED RECENTLY.

THE 25 CIVIL SERVANTS RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, DR. MA LIM.

A SECOND INTAKE OF 26 OFFICERS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COURSE, COVERING TWO ACADEMIC YEARS, AND A THIRD INTAKE OF 27 OFFICERS RECENTLY BEGAN THEIR STUDIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE COURSE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE SYLLABUS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT JOINTLY BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE AND THE TRAINING DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

THOSE SELECTED TO ATTEND CAME FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WERE EITHER MANAGERS OR POTENTIAL MANAGERS AT MIDDLE LEVEL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSE, TAUGHT AT GRADUATE LEVEL, INVOLVED ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTE ON A PART TIME, DAY-RELEASE BASIS.

+THE AIM OF INTRODUCING THE COURSE IS TO PROVIDE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO PRACTISE MANAGEMENT, BUT WHO MAY NOT HAVE HAD AN APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES,+ HE SAID.

THEY WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO STUDY MANAGEMENT LOCALLY ON THEIR OWN, IN WHICH CASE COURSE FEES WERE USUALLY REIMBURSED, HE ADDED.

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NEW RESTRICTED ZONES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TWO SECTIONS OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE ROADS TO BE DESIGNATED ARE:

- * THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. ~~269~~-271 AND 377-379- AND,
- * THE SECTION OF STUBBS ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND A POINT ABOUT 262 FEET SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THOSE SECTIONS.

THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESTRICTED ZONES WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY THE SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR REHEARSALS OF THE 1979 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL GALA OPENING.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS

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RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT MOVING OFFICE
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THE NEW TERRITORIES RATING DIVISION AND NEW KOWLOON RATING DIVISION OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY MOVE FROM 1 GARDEN ROAD AND NEW MERCURY HOUSE TO NEW OFFICES ON THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH FLOORS OF TAI SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 24-34 HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

THE SPECIAL PROPERTIES DIVISION WILL ALSO MOVE FROM NEW MERCURY HOUSE TO 1 GARDEN ROAD WHEREAS THE RENT CONTROL DIVISION WILL MORE FROM THE 17TH TO THE 18TH FLOOR OF NEW MERCURY HOUSE. THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THESE OFFICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

	EFFECTIVE DATES

NEW TERRITORIES RATING DIVISION : 5-284037	22.1.1979
NEW KOWLOON RATING DIVISION : 5-284047	12.2.1979
SPECIAL PROPERTIES DIVISION : 5-249021	12.2.1979
RENT CONTROL DIVISION : 5-281424 (REMAINS UNCHANGED)	19.2.1979

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH THE LEASING AND HOUSING ESTATE DIVISIONS (1 GARDEN ROAD - TELEPHONE NUMBER: 5-249021) AND THE HONG KONG RATING AND KOWLOON RATING DIVISIONS (NEW MERCURY HOUSE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 5-281424) WILL CONTINUE TO BE HOUSED IN THEIR EXISTING OFFICES WITH THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS UNCHANGED.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL STOP FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY HOI YUEN ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD, KING YIP LANE, KING YIP STREET, HING YIP STREET AND SHING YIP STREET.

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