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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON RELATIONSHIP - SIR EDWARD
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THE RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES AND LEGISLATURE IN HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES IN YUEN LONG, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES WAS SET OUT IN THE ANNEX TO THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THAT SPECIFIED HOW THE LEGISLATURE WOULD BE FORMED.

+IT (THE JOINT DECLARATION) SAYS THAT THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THAT IS NOT A SIMPLE MATTER OF WORDING,+ HE SAID.

+IT REALLY IS A WHOLE SERIES OF RELATIONSHIPS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN ANY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATURE, AND THAT HAS BEEN BUILT UP IN HONG KONG.

+THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP OF ACCOUNTABILITY ALREADY BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATURE WHICH IS THE COMBINATION OF A WHOLE SERIES OF RELATIONSHIPS.

+WHAT SHOULD BE THE RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE, THAT WILL HAVE TO HAVE SOME FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.+

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TWO BODIES WERE QUITE DIFFERENT. +THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF POLICY, RECOMMENDATION OF POLICY, FORMATION OF POLICY.

+THE LEGISLATURE IS THERE TO PASS LAWS, THAT IS NOT THE FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES, THAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.

+AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE LEGISLATURE HAS THE POWER TO VOTE FUNDS. NOTHING CAN BE DONE IN HONG KONG OTHER THAN VOTING FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

+I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES, THEIR DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS AND WHICH ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO DO WHAT.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE WORD +ACCOUNTABLE+ IN RELATION TO THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WOULDN'T WANT TO INTERPRET THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION.

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+BUT WHAT THE JOINT DECLARATION SAYS IS THAT THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES SHALL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE AND SHALL ABIDE BY THE LAW FOR EXAMPLE.

+SO I SAY DON'T TAKE SIMPLISTIC INTERPRETATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL WORDS. LOOK AT THE WHOLE RANGE OF RELATIONSHIPS,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, HE SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE LEGISLATION WHICH LAID DOWN JUST AS THERE WAS IN THE CASE OF KCR AND MTR.

+SO IF YOU WANT A LIGHT RAIL, AND I THINK THERE IS NEED FOR A LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM UP HERE, THEN THERE WILL HAVE TO BE LEGISLATION,+ HE ADDED.

+BUT ESSENTIALLY, OF COURSE, THE MOUNTING OF THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE KCR, AND THEY ARE GOING ABOUT IT IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL MANNER, I THINK.+

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GOVERNOR VISITS YUEN LONG STADIUM
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS HELD AT YUEN LONG STADIUM TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

SIR EDWARD WAS WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

THE PARTY TOURED THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STADIUM TO SEE ABOUT 10 000 RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN FUN GAMES, SPORTS AND PONY-RIDING.

BEFORE DEPARTING, SIR EDWARD WATCHED A WATER CARNIVAL IN PROGRESS AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

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SHING MUN RIVER TO BE CLEANED UP

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND A FEW MILLION DOLLARS THIS SUMMER TO CLEAN UP THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT VICTORIA PARK, SIR DAVID SAID SHING MUN WAS A VERY DIRTY AND SMELLY RIVER AND WAS DUE FOR A CLEAN-UP.

POINTING OUT THAT WORK WOULD START IN JULY OR AUGUST, HE SAID: +WE'VE NOW IDENTIFIED THE MAIN SOURCES OF POLLUTION AND WILL BE TACKLING THEM. AND AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL BE DREDGING THE RIVER BOTTOM - GETTING RID OF THE MUD, AND HOPEFULLY IT WON'T BE SO SMELLY AS IT WAS BEFORE.+

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY A QUESTION OF DREDGING, BUT WAS ALSO A QUESTION OF TAKING PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO STOP IT HAPPENING AGAIN.

THESE WOULD INCLUDE THE CLEARING OF EFFLUENT WHICH WENT INTO THE RIVER FROM FACTORIES AND OTHER SOURCES.

+WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EFFLUENT FROM FACTORIES GOES DOWN THE RIGHT DRAINS AND NOT INTO THE RIVER,+ HE NOTED.

ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE CLEAN-UP, SIR DAVID SAID THE RIVER HAD BEEN DREDGED ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO.

+SINCE THEN THE SMELLY SILT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER HAS ACCUMULATED. SO IT'S TIME TO CLEAR IT UP AGAIN. AT THIS TIME AND BETWEEN CLEARINGS, WE MUST ALSO STOP THE SOURCES,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER SOME SORT OF LEGISLATION WOULD BE ENFORCED TO STOP PEOPLE FROM POLLUTING RIVERS, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PUBLISHED A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTES.

+THAT CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT HAS ALREADY GONE ROUND ALL THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE RESULTS OF THAT CONSULTATION ARE ALL IN, AND WE ARE NOW DECIDING WHAT TO DO ABOUT AGRICULTURAL WASTES.+

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON SHING MUN RIVER BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY PIGS IN THE SHING MUN AREA.

ASKED WHETHER OTHER RIVERS WOULD ALSO BE CLEARED, SIR DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANTED THESE RIVERS TO BE CLEANED UP.

+THEY ARE RATHER FED UP WITH THE STATE THAT THEY'VE GOT INTO. SO I THINK WE'VE ALL GOT TO MAKE A BIG EFFORT. ALL OF US, IT'S NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT. IT'S EVERYBODY THAT HAS GOT TO MAKE AN EFFORT,+ HE SAID.

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CHIEF SECRETARY SEES PARK FUN
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS HELD AT THE VICTORIA PARK TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

SIR DAVID WAS WELCOMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR CHUI KAM- THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR SAMUEL WONG- AND THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES) HONG KONG OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR R.F. POLLARD.

SIR DAVID PRESENTED A SOUVENIR PENNANT TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BAND AFTER LISTENING TO ITS PERFORMANCE.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE GRASS PITCHES TO WATCH FUN GAMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDREN AND A HANDBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION.

SIR DAVID RECEIVED A SOUVENIR PENNANT PRESENTED TO HIM BY CHILDREN TAKING PART IN THE FUN GAMES.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY LATER TOURED THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PARK TO SEE RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN BALL-GAME COMPETITIONS, A +DANCE-FOR-ALL+ AND A FITNESS EXERCISE.

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UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION STABLE IN FEBRUARY - APRIL
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE WHILE THE UNDER-EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED SLIGHTLY IN THE QUARTER FEBRUARY - APRIL 1986 COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS POINTED OUT THAT THE DEFINITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985 TO CONFORM WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO). THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS COMPILED UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED FOR A YEAR, ALONG WITH THOSE COMPILED UNDER THE OLD DEFINITIONS. HOWEVER, FROM NOW ON, ONLY THE NEW SERIES WILL BE PUBLISHED.

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UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1986 WAS 3.2 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATES OF 3.0 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986 AND 3.2 PER CENT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE OF 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER FEBRUARY-APRIL 1986 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 85 400, COMPARED WITH 80 800 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986 AND 81 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS, THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY-APRIL 1986 WAS 2.2 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH THE RATE OF 2.5 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986. THE RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1985 WAS 1.3 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND THE INCREASE OF 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT - THAT IS, THE CHANGES ARE GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER FEBRUARY-APRIL 1986 WAS 57 700, COMPARED WITH 67 100 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 1986 AND 34 500 FOR FEBRUARY-APRIL 1985. CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ILO, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE EFFECT OF THE MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION ON THE ESTIMATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS MARGINAL, ITS EFFECT ON THE ESTIMATE OF UNDEREMPLOYMENT IS QUITE CONSIDERABLE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES UNDER THE OLD AND THE NEW DEFINITIONS IS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT PERSONS WORKING LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK FOR ECONOMIC REASONS WHO WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BUT WERE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ARE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYMENT UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS BUT NOT UNDER THE OLD DEFINITIONS.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN THE FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

/THE COMMISSIONER

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR MARCH - MAY 1986 WAS 2.9 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.4 PER CENT. (THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1986 WAS 3.2 PER CENT).

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 53 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1986 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND JUNE 20.

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SLIGHT DROP IN TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS
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THERE WAS A SLIGHT DROP IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT SERVICES, ACCORDING TO THE QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 2 OF 1985-86 RELEASED BY THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REPORT, WHICH COVERS THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 1986, RECORDED A TOTAL OF 1 423 COMPLAINTS, 59 CASES FEWER THAN THE 1 482 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. HOWEVER, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE FIGURE REPRESENTED A 50 PER CENT INCREASE.

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TCU, MR MOHAMMED RUMJAHN, SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ACCOUNTED FOR 608 CASES OR MORE THAN TWO-FIFTHS OF ALL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

BUS SERVICES AND GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WERE THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF COMPLAINTS ALTHOUGH COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES DECREASED FROM 470 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 390 CASES THIS QUARTER.

NOTING THAT THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND DECREASED FROM 56 TO 47, MR RUMJAHN SAID THIS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROVEMENTS MADE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1985 AND MARCH WHEN NINE EXISTING BUS ROUTES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WERE STRENGTHENED AND TWO NEW ROUTES INTRODUCED.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ALSO DECREASED, FROM 120 TO 98, AND ABOUT HALF OF THEM INVOLVED BUS SERVICES IN TUEN MUN AND TAI PO. THERE WAS A MARKED REDUCTION IN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES ARE TAKEN UP WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AS THESE CASES ARE RELATED TO SERVICES ABOVE THE LEVEL OF PROVISION OR OUTSIDE THE ROUTE NETWORK AGREED WITH THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES,+ MR RUMJAHN EXPLAINED.

THE UNIT ALSO RECEIVED FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STANDARD OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TWO MAJOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES - 104 WERE DIRECTED AT THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED AND 75 AGAINST THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED. THESE COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CONDUCT OF BUS DRIVERS AND CONDITION OF BUSES.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE REFERRED TO THE BUS COMPANIES FOR ACTION. OF THESE, APPROXIMATELY TWO-FIFTHS OF THE CASES WERE FOUND BY THE BUS COMPANIES TO BE SUBSTANTIATED AFTER INVESTIGATION,+ MR RUMJAHN SAID.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES ATTRACTED A SLIGHTLY SMALLER NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS, DOWN FROM 113 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 99 THIS QUARTER. THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN UP WITH THE INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS THROUGH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT INCLUDED NON-ADHERENCE TO ROUTING, CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF DRIVERS, IRREGULAR SERVICE AND OVERCHARGING.

COMMENTING ON AN INCREASE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SERVICES OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR), MR RUMJAHN SAID THAT FOR THE KCR, THIS COULD MAINLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAIN DELAY CAUSED BY TRACK-LAYING WORKS AT TAI WAI STATION WHILE THE INCREASE FOR THE MTR COULD BE DUE TO MORE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES AT STATIONS.

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THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS LEVELLED AGAINST TAXI SERVICE INCREASED STEADILY. MOST WERE ABOUT OVERCHARGING, REFUSING HIRE AND MISCONDUCT OF DRIVERS.

MR RUMJAHN POINTED OUT THAT COMPLAINANTS ABOUT MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS WERE ADVISED TO REPORT THE ALLEGED OFFENCES TO THE POLICE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IS THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

A TOTAL OF 267 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION WERE RECEIVED, REPRESENTING NEARLY ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER AND AN 80 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THAT FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE AREAS CONCERNED WERE MAINLY KWUN TONG, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDED TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION. AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, OVER HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION WERE DIRECTED AGAINST PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

MR RUMJAHN SAID ABOUT ONE-SIXTH OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING THE QUARTER INVOLVED PROPOSALS ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AIDS AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES. THESE WERE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 2 IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER.

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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ANTI-SMOKING ACTION

THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO WARNING PEOPLE OF THE DANGERS OF SMOKING AND IT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CANCER FIGHTERS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT CIGARETTE SMOKING WAS DESCRIBED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AS THE MAJOR AVOIDABLE CAUSE OF ILL HEALTH AND PREMATURE MORTALITY IN MANY COUNTRIES.

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+THE ORGANISATION HAS ESTIMATED THAT IN SUCH COUNTRIES ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF ALL CASES OF LUNG CANCER ARE CAUSED BY SMOKING. IN HONG KONG ABOUT 2 100 PEOPLE DIE OF LUNG CANCER ANNUALLY,+ HE SAID.

HE ESTIMATED THAT EVERY YEAR ABOUT 1 900 DEATHS OR A QUARTER OF THE CANCER DEATHS IN HONG KONG WERE CAUSED BY SMOKING.

CANCER, THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH IN HONG KONG SINCE THE 1960'S, NOW CLAIMED OVER 7 400 LIVES ANNUALLY, OR ABOUT 140 DEATHS PER 100 000 POPULATION.

THIS MORTALITY RATE WAS ALMOST TWICE THAT OF HEART DISEASE, THE SECOND LARGEST CAUSE OF DEATH, MR CHAMBERS SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE ULTIMATE CONTROL OF CANCER DEPENDED LARGELY ON CONTINUING RESEARCH AND ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, ITS IMPACT COULD BE REDUCED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EFFECTIVE TREATMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN MANY CASES WHICH WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF DOCTORS AT AN EARLY STAGE.

MR CHAMBERS CONGRATULATED THE PENINSULA JAYCEES, THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SERVICE, THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION OF THE CANCER FIGHTERS PROJECT.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AN EXHIBITION, A SEMINAR, A FUND-RAISING WALKATHON AND COUNSELLING SESSIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TEXT OF MR CHAMBERS' SPEECH IN ENGLISH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER.

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INFORMATION CHIEF VISITS EXPO

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ON THE EVE OF THE FIRST VANCOUVER DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND (JUNE 14 AND 15) IN CANADA, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, HAS FLOWN THERE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES.

MR CHAN HAS JUST CONCLUDED HIS MONTH-LONG TRIP TO AMERICA AS A GUEST OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY'S INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAMME.

ON THE INVITATION OF THE RACE ORGANISERS, THE VANCOUVER CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE, HE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 15 WHEN THE GRAND CHAMPION TEAM HAS EMERGED.

WHILE IN VANCOUVER, MR CHAN VISITED THE HONG KONG PAVILION AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PAVILIONS AT EXPO '86.

HE ALSO MET WITH THE HONG KONG PAVILION STAFF WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE HONG KONG DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAMME SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE PAVILION, MR EDWARD HUNG, TOLD MR CHAN THAT THE PAVILION HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY VISITORS OF THE WORLD EXPOSITION AND FEW DAYS AGO, THE VANCOUVER SUN RATED THE HONG KONG SHOW AS EXCELLENT BY GIVING FOUR STARS TO IT OUT OF A MAXIMUM OF FIVE.

MR HUNG ALSO ADDED THAT THE NUMBER OF VISITORS WHO HAVE SEEN THE HONG KONG EXHIBITORY HAS TOPPED OVER 320 000.

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YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN BEACHES

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SIX HUNDRED SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WILL PATROL BEACHES THIS SUMMER AS PART OF AN URBAN COUNCIL EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE LITTERING BY BEACHGOERS.

THE FORM FOUR AND FIVE STUDENTS RECRUITED FROM 29 SCHOOLS WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) INDUCTED INTO THE COUNCIL'S SEVENTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN (ALW) SCHEME.

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THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE RANKS OF ALW'S WILL COMPRISE SECONDARY STUDENTS. IN PAST YEARS ALL ALW'S WERE POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS.

ON WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT JULY AND AUGUST THE WARDENS WILL ASSIST URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF IN CLEANING BEACHES AND ALSO ADVISE POTENTIAL LITTERBUGS TO USE LITTERBINS.

THEY WILL BE ON DUTY AT REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, STANLEY MAIN BEACH, SHEK O AND BIG WAVE BAY.

SPEAKING TO THE NEW LITTER WARDENS TODAY (SATURDAY), A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, DR RONALD LEUNG, SAID THAT THE TASK FOR WHICH THEY HAD VOLUNTEERED WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT IN THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

THE ALW'S WILL WEAR CAPS AND T-SHIRTS WHICH WILL IDENTIFY THEM WHILE ON PATROL.

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SWD WARNING ON IMPOSTORS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS APPEALED TO ELDERLY PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PERSONS FALSELY CLAIMING TO BE SWD STAFF.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWS THE OCCURRENCE OF A NUMBER OF CASES INVOLVING DECEPTION IN WONG TAI SIN AND SHAM SHUI PO.

A SWD SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF A VISITOR BEFORE LETTING THE PERSON INSIDE THEIR HOMES. SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY DOUBT, THEY COULD CALL THE SWD'S DISTRICT FIELD UNIT OR RING THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE, 3-432255.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD RECIPIENTS HAND OVER CASH TO ANY VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE SWD STAFF.

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FANLING PLOT UP FOR TENDER
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THE FIRST PLOT OF LAND IN FANLING FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER A COMMERCIAL PODIUM IS TO BE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHORTLY.

REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS 'A' AND 'B') WILL BE INVITED TO TENDER FOR THE SITE WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

IT MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 2.28 HECTARES AND THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT TO BUILD UP TO 2 500 PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FLATS WITH A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT EXCEEDING 100 000 SQUARE METRES ABOVE THE THIRD LEVEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMERCIAL PODIUM ON THE LOWER FLOORS WILL HAVE SPACE FOR SHOPS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND POSSIBLY A CHILDREN'S NURSERY, AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL AREAS AND SPACE FOR PARKING PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF THE COMMERCIAL AREA MUST NOT EXCEED 27 500 SQUARE METRES AND THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1990.

THE LEASE TERM WILL EXTEND TO JUNE 30, 2047. THE ANNUAL RENT WILL BE \$2 800 UP TO JUNE 30, 1997, AND THEREAFTER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE LOT.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE TENDER WILL APPEAR IN THE PRESS AND IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AT THE END OF JUNE AND DURING JULY. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS WILL BE JULY 25..

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REMINDER FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1926 - 1930
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 AND 1930 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE JUNE 28.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UP TO JUNE 12, THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 98 053 APPLICATIONS.

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 22 147 MORE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE REMAINING 11 WORKING DAYS.

+TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH, WOMEN IN THIS TARGET GROUP ARE ADVISED TO COME EARLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY.

+APPLICANTS HAVE TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, ID CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING PROCEDURE,+ HE ADDED.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENTS ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-862562
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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OFFICES ON THE MOVE

THE HEADQUARTERS AND THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVING FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO THE 20TH AND 21ST FLOORS OF THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 66 QUEENSWAY, TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE OFFICES WILL RESUME NORMAL OPERATION AT THE NEW ACCOMMODATION ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17). THE NEW ENQUIRY NUMBER WILL BE 5-8622811.

HOWEVER, THE LAND OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT THE EXISTING ACCOMMODATION ON THE 10TH AND 11TH FLOORS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AT 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG, UNTIL AUGUST 22 THIS YEAR.

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DETAILS OF DIVERSION SCHEME FOR FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A MAJOR TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICES, ON THE 25TH FLOOR OF THE PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON.

THE RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE TO THE FLYOVER, ON WHICH TRAFFIC IS NOW REACHING SATURATION LEVEL. TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION, A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ENGINEER, MR LAM HON-KIT, ENGINEER MA MAN-LEUNG, SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER MR CAREY WONG, AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S ENGINEER MR EDWARD ROBLIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CHILDREN'S PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM IN KWAI CHUNG
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A NEW CHILDREN'S PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17).

THE ROTARY CHILDREN PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES MAINLY FOR CHILDREN IN THE WEST REGION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GYMNASIUM IS BUILT ON A 110-SQUARE-METRE SITE CONVERTED FROM PART OF THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC CAR PARK, WITH A DONATION OF \$750 000 FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW ROTARY CHILDREN PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC AT 310 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, DR R.C.T. HO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE AT THE POLYCLINIC CAR PARK AT 2.45 PM.

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WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD BAN
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TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS, OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF EASTBOUND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD BETWEEN THE STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND THE EASTERN END OF THE WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD FLYOVER FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17). THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT HEADING FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA STUBBS ROAD WESTBOUND, THE UNNAMED LOOP ROAD OUTSIDE LING NAM COLLEGE, STUBBS ROAD EASTBOUND AND THE WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD FLYOVER.

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ROAD CLOSED, TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 16), THE SERVICE LANE AT THE REAR OF HOUSES NO. 1 TO 29 OF TAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK THERE.

FROM 10 AM ON JUNE 17, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH NORTHBOUND BETWEEN MODY ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN SHAM SHUI PO
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17), THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND ONTO SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH WILL BE BANNED TO ALL VEHICLES FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER THERE.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH NORTH OF BOUNDARY STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND POPLAR STREET.

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SAI KUNG WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY YAU YUE WAN AND HANG HAU TOWN, INCLUDING CLEAR WATER BAY STUDIO QUARTER, YAU YUE WAN VILLAGE, AOKI SITE OFFICE AND GAMMON SITE OFFICE IN YAU YUE WAN, SHUI PIN VILLAGE, HANG HAU VILLAGE AND HANG HAU MAIN STREET.

IN THE SAME DISTRICT, FRESH WATER SUPPLY WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN NGAN YAN ROAD TO TAI AU MUN INCLUDING YAU YUE WAN, A KUNG WAN, SILVER STRAND BEACH, HANG HAU TOWN, HANG HAU WING LUNG ROAD, NG FAI TIN, MANG KUNG UK, PAN LONG WAN, SHEUNG YEUNG, HA YEUNG, SEUNG SZ WAN, LEUNG FAI TIN AND TAI AU MUN.

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