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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID HONG KONG IN THE PAST 10 YEARS HAS NOT ONLY BROKEN LOCALLY-BASED INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATES BUT HAS ALSO ENORMOUSLY IMPROVED ITS METHODS OF TREATING AND REHABILITATING ADDICTS.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS' (ACAN) MASS RALLY AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM, SIR MURRAY SAID: +WE HAVE ALSO GREATLY DEVELOPED PREVENTIVE METHODS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE RISKS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO DETER EXPERIMENTATION WITH THEM.

+SO TODAY PEOPLE COME TO HONG KONG FROM MANY COUNTRIES TO LEARN FROM OUR ANTI-NARCOTICS METHODS.+

SIR MURRAY SAID IT WAS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT THE RALLY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR'S (1979-80) ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGNS, SHOULD HAVE THE THEME +HONG KONG'S YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS+ AS 1979 IS THE +INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.+

+THE ATTENTION WE PAY TO THE WELL-BEING AND HAPPINESS OF TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+WE MUST THEREFORE SEE THAT THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO USE THEIR NATURAL TALENTS.

+HERE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID, +WE HAVE HAD IN OUR MIDST FOR MANY YEARS A MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE, WHICH CAN UNDERMINE THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS NOT ONLY OF THOSE AFFLICTED BUT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

+WE RECOGNISED OUR PROBLEM MANY YEARS AGO, AND HAVE DEVOTED GREAT EFFORT AND RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH IT, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS.+

HOWEVER, HE SAID, +WE HAVE STILL AN ESTIMATED 40,000 TO 50,000 ADDICTS.+

+WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WE FACE IN CURING THOSE ALREADY ADDICTED, OR ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE ADDICT FACES IN OVERCOMING HIS PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ADDICTION.

+OUR OBJECT IS TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE MEANS TO DEAL WITH HIS PROBLEMS AND TO LIVE A REASONABLE AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WHILST HE IS DOING SO.

+WE ARE NOW DEVOTING MAJOR EFFORTS TO PREVENTION AND EDUCATION, TO ELIMINATE NEW RECRUITS TO THE ILLICIT USE OF DRUGS.

+FOR THIS, WE NEED THE PARTICIPATION AND THE ACTIVE SYMPATHY OF THE PUBLIC. THIS, I AM SURE, WE CAN COUNT ON,+ HE SAID.

MANY MORE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE NOW HELPING TO SPREAD THE DRUG-PREVENTION MESSAGE TO YOUTH, TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO ADDICTS AND FORMER ADDICTS IN THEIR REHABILITATION, AND TO REPORT SUSPECTED ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITIES.

+THE PERIOD OF APATHY, INDIFFERENCE AND CYNICISM IS A THING OF THE PAST. THE PUBLIC HAS GRADUALLY BECOME CONVINCED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO FIGHT AND OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+THEY REALISE THAT LIKE LITTER AND CORRUPTION AND CRIME, AND MANY OTHER EVILS, DRUG ADDICTION IN OUR MIDST NEED NOT AND MUST NOT BE ACCEPTED PROVIDED EVERYONE HELPS.+

HE SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE SUCCESSES OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND THE GREAT REDUCTION IN CORRUPTION HAD PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN HONG KONG'S RECENT SUCCESS AGAINST DRUGS.

+BUT THE GROWING COMMUNITY EFFORT, THE EXPANSION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PREVENTIVE EFFORTS, AS WELL AS PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS OF SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT SUCH AS HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES HAVE ALL HELPED ENORMOUSLY.

+OUR CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS CONFIRMS THAT ONLY THREE AND A HALF PER CENT OF OUR ADDICTS ARE BELOW THE AGE OF 20.

+IN ADDITION, THE RECORDS OF BOTH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS SHOW THAT AMONG THE TOTAL ADMISSIONS TO THEIR TREATMENT CENTRES, THOSE AGED UNDER 21 AND UNDER 19 DECLINED FROM 25 PER CENT TO 3.8 PER CENT AND 12-1/2 PER CENT TO 2.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH REMARKABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PAST DECADE DUE TO THE DEVOTED EFFORTS OF ALL ENGAGED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORKS, +WE CANNOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL THIS GRAVE THREAT TO THE SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED.+

+I THEREFORE APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO ASSIST US IN PREVENTING DRUG ADDICTION AMONGST OUR NEW GENERATION.+

SIR MURRAY EXPRESSED THE GOVERNMENT'S THANKS TO SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF ACAN HAS LED HONG KONG'S FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND TO ALL THOSE, BOTH IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM, OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CURRENT SUCCESS.

SIR MURRAY WAS MET AT THE STADIUM BY SIR ALBERT, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE RALLY ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. KARL STUMPF, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER E. I. LEE.

THE TWO-HOUR ACAN MASS RALLY WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 30,000 SCHOOL STUDENTS.

ITS COLOURFUL AND FAST-MOVING PROGRAMME INCLUDED +TELE-MATCH+ GAMES PARTICIPATED BY 30 TEAMS COMPRISING 600 PEOPLE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, BAND PERFORMANCES, A MOCK-BATTLE DISPLAY, LION AND RIBBON DANCES, KARATE AND TAEKWANDO DEMONSTRATIONS, A MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY AND A FREE-FALL PARACHUTE JUMPING DISPLAY.

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**\$15 MILLION ROAD PROJECT CONTRACT SIGNED

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK SHORTLY ON A MAJOR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD IN TUEN MUN.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

A \$15 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE ROAD PROJECT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY MR. K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF PWD'S TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR. R.E. BRIGHT OF GAMMON (HK) LTD.

MR. TANG SAID THE ROAD WOULD RUN FROM PUI TO ROAD TO ON TING AND YAU OI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

+IT AIMS TO SERVE THE FUTURE TOWN PARK, THE TOWN CENTRE AND THE CULTURAL COMPLEX NORTH OF THE HOUSING ESTATES AND THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE AMBULANCE DEPOT, THE FIRE STATION, THE POLICE STATION AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS TO THE SOUTH,+ HE ADDED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE LAYING OF 1,200 METRES OF STORM DRAINS OF VARIOUS SIZES, WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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COMPANIES REGISTERED NOW EXCEED 60,000

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THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG HAS SURPASSED THE 60,000-MARK, THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, MR. P. JACOBS SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

COMMENTING ON THE CONTINUING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCORPORATED COMPANIES, MR. JACOBS SAID: +THE INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES IN HONG KONG BEGAN IN 1865.

+IT TOOK FROM THEN UNTIL 1966, THAT IS TO SAY, JUST MORE THAN 100 YEARS FOR THE FIRST 10,000 COMPANIES TO BE INCORPORATED.+

THE NEXT 10,000 COMPANIES APPEARED ON THE REGISTER IN THE FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1966 TO JUNE 1971, MR. JACOBS ADDED.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NEXT 10,000 COMPANIES WERE INCORPORATED IN THE TWO YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS FROM JULY 1971 TO OCTOBER 1973.

INCORPORATIONS CONTINUED WITH 10,000 COMPANIES INCORPORATED FROM NOVEMBER 1973 TO MARCH 1976 AND 10,000 BETWEEN APRIL 1976 AND JANUARY 1978.

IN THE ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS SINCE THEN THE NUMBER OF LOCAL COMPANIES INCORPORATED HAS RISEN BY ANOTHER 10,000 TO A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 60,000.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE NOW 1,160 FOREIGN COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE. HOWEVER, THESE RECORDS DO NOT INCLUDE FOREIGN COMPANIES OPERATING IN HONG KONG THROUGH LOCAL AGENTS. ONLY THOSE WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE COMPANIES REGISTRY.

THESE COMPANIES ARE FROM AS MANY AS 51 COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES LEADS WITH 297 COMPANIES AND IS FOLLOWED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH 153, AND JAPAN WITH 131.

THE FIRST FOREIGN COMPANY ON THE REGISTER IS THE AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, INCORPORATED) WHICH OBTAINED ITS POST-WAR REGISTRY IN 1946.

SINCE THEN 2,014 FOREIGN COMPANIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, BUT OVER THE YEARS 854 CEASED TO HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AND WERE DE-REGISTERED.

+EVERY COMPANY ON THE REGISTER HAS TO FILE A VARIETY OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ITS AFFAIRS, AND PEOPLE DEALING WITH COMPANIES OFTEN CALL AT THE COMPANIES REGISTRY TO INSPECT THE FILES,+ MR. JACOBS SAID.

+IT WILL BE APPRECIATED, THEREFORE, THAT THE COMPANIES REGISTRY IS NOW MUCH BUSIER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN AT ANY TIME IN ITS HISTORY,+ HE ADDED.

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H.M. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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SPORT AND MUSICAL EVENTS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ON SATURDAY.

THE CELEBRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO START WITH A +SPORTS-FOR-ALL+ PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM 9.30 A.M. TO NOON AT 10 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE PROGRAMME WILL TAKE PLACE IN VICTORIA PARK, MORSE PARK, FA HUI PLAYGROUND AND VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, SHA TIN, SAI KUNG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

IT WILL FEATURE, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, LION DANCES, MARTIAL ART DEMONSTRATIONS, MARCHING BANDS, GYMNASTIC DISPLAYS, TELEMATCHES AND GAMES, SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND SWIMMING GALAS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE MORSE PARK PROGRAMME.

THE MORSE PARK AND VICTORIA PARK EVENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CONCERTS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS AND THE GURKHAS.

THREE MORE PUBLIC CONCERTS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE ARMY AT 4 P.M. AT EDINBURGH PLACE, SOUTHOON PLAYGROUND IN WANCHAI AND AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN.

THE CELEBRATIONS WILL BE ROUNDED OFF IN THE EVENING BY A SPECIAL ORCHESTRAL CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AT 8 P.M.

THE CONCERT -- TO BE PRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA UNDER GUEST CONDUCTOR CHEN LIANG-SHEN -- WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE WORK BY A BRITISH COMPOSER, BENJAMIN BRITTEN.

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TEACHERS OF CHINESE TOLD TO MAKE FULL USE OF
CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE
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TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE WERE URGED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF CHINESE AMONG PUPILS.

MR. R.M. CAMERON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) SAID THE CENTRE HAD BEEN SET UP WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE METHODS OF TEACHING CHINESE LANGUAGE IN BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MAINLY THROUGH REFRESHER COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS.

MR. CAMERON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TWO-DAY JOINT DISPLAY OF TEACHING PROJECTS ON SPEECH TECHNIQUES IN CHINESE AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL AT THE CENTRE AT NO. 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE WORKS ON DISPLAY ARE SELECTED FROM THOSE SUBMITTED BY TEACHERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE CENTRE'S SHORT COURSES ON +HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PUPILS' SPEECH TECHNIQUES IN CHINESE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS+ HELD IN MAY, JULY AND SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

+AS FAR AS DISPLAYS OF TEACHERS' WORKS ARE CONCERNED, THIS JOINT DISPLAY IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WHICH WE HOPE WILL GROW INTO A LONG SERIES IF THIS PROVES TO BE A SUCCESS,+ MR. CAMERON SAID.

HE REMINDED TEACHERS THAT THE CENTRE WAS MEANT FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS, EXPERIENCE AND IDEAS WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE METHODS OF TEACHING CHINESE IN SCHOOLS.

+DISPLAYS OF TEACHERS' WORKS WILL THEREFORE SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING TEACHERS' NEW IDEAS,+ HE SAID.

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COURSE FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS
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A COURSE ON +SELECTION, DESIGN AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHING MATERIALS IN CHINESE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS+ WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 14 AND 17.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL CONSIST OF:

- * A TALK ON SELECTION, DESIGN AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHING MATERIALS-
- * A DEMONSTRATION OF TEACHING PROJECTS PRODUCED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE-
- * A WORKSHOP IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGN AND PRODUCE A TEACHING PROJECT AND
- * A SESSION FOR DEMONSTRATION, EVALUATION AND MODIFICATION OF TEACHING PROJECTS PRODUCED BY PARTICIPANTS.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE COURSE AND INTERESTED TEACHERS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS. THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS IS MAY 1.

+THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE SAME COURSE BEFORE NEED NOT APPLY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

COMPLETION OF THE COURSE WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY QUALIFICATION, BUT A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS WHO FULFIL THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.
TEL. 3-028476.

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LADY MACLEHOSE LEAVING FOR NEPAL

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LADY MACLEHOSE AND A PARTY OF 11 FROM THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL OF HONG KONG ARE LEAVING FOR NEPAL TOMORROW (THURSDAY) MORNING ON A 21-DAY VISIT.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. ANNE MARDEN AND MRS. PEGGY CRAIG.

HER PARTY ALSO INCLUDES MAJOR DAVID AGAR WHO IS NOW IN NEPAL.

THE OUTWARD BOUND PARTY, LED BY THE SCHOOL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR. JACK TUCKER, CONSISTS OF NINE EX-TRAINEES OF THE SCHOOL.

ALTHOUGH THE TWO GROUPS WILL BE TRAVELLING TOGETHER, THEIR PURPOSES ARE DIFFERENT.

LADY MACLEHOSE'S PARTY WILL BE TREKKING IN THE REGION OF RARA LAKE, RELATIVELY UNKNOWN -- BUT ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL -- REGION OF WESTERN NEPAL.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL ALSO STUDY THE BIRDS, FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE REGION.

THE OUTWARD BOUND GROUP WILL BE TREKKING IN THE ANNAPURNA SANCTUARY WHICH IS WEST OF POKHARA.

LADY MACLEHOSE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN ON MAY 10.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY MACLEHOSE AND A PARTY OF 11 FROM THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL OF HONG KONG ARE LEAVING FOR NEPAL ON A 21-DAY VISIT BY FLIGHT CX 701 AT 8.36 A.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HER DEPARTURE. TV AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REQUESTED TO MEET SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. H.L. KO, OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IN THE KAI TAK AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 7.45 A.M. SHARP TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BRING WITH THEM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

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PROHIBITED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE WESTERN ACCESS ROAD TO CHI FU FA YUEN FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITED ZONE.

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TWO-LANE TRAFFIC

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THE EXISTING FOUR-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AT WONG CHUK HANG ROAD NEAR THE TWO FOOTBALL PITCHES WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WONG CHUK HANG INTERCHANGE SCHEME FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY AND WILL LAST FOR FOUR MONTHS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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