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GOVERNOR VISITS ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS AFTERNOON (WEDNESDAY), PAID A TWO-HOUR VISIT TO THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE EDD HEADQUARTERS AT THE EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, SIR EDWARD WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, WHO EXPLAINED THE DEPARTMENT'S ORGANISATION.

HE WAS ALSO INTRODUCED TO MR K.C. WONG, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER- MR H.C. BEATON, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER- DR A. MALONE, ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER- AND MR K.C.R. JENKINS, THE MASS TRANSIT ADVISER.

THE GOVERNOR THEN SAW A SURVEY SECTION DEMONSTRATION IN THE COMPUTER ROOM AND LATER TOURED THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE MASS TRANSIT OFFICE, HIGHWAYS, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL.

FOLLOWING HIS TOUR OF THE HEADQUARTERS, SIR EDWARD HAS AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WHICH REPRESENTS STAFF OF ALL GRADES IN THE EDD.

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BROADCASTING REPORT SUMMARY RELEASED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RELEASED A SUMMARY OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT, AND HAS PLACED A COPY OF THE FULL REPORT IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES LIBRARY IN BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FOR THE REFERENCE OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT PENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FULL REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IN LARGER NUMBERS AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THREE MONTHS TO COMMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT AFTER THAT.

+WHILE THE FULL REPORT WILL NOT BE READY IN LARGER NUMBERS FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS, PEOPLE CAN MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS IN THE MEANTIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT ARE THOSE OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, AND ARE NOT GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW STUDYING THE REPORT.

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THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BROADCASTING POLICIES TO BE ADOPTED WHEN THE CURRENT TELEVISION AND RADIO LICENCES EXPIRE IN 1988 AND 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN COMMENTING ON THE REPORT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER, OR DURING THE THREE MONTHS THEREAFTER, THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEND VIEWS TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BROADCASTING), ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, ROOM 129, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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R.T.H.K. STATEMENT ON REPORT
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IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, A SPOKESMAN FOR R.T.H.K. SAID :

'THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY IS FINALISED. THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS ONLY PROPER THAT THE PUBLIC IS NOW GETTING A LENGTHY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WHAT IT THINKS ABOUT THE BOARD'S PROPOSALS. NATURALLY, PEOPLE AT R.T.H.K. APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN THEM BY THE REVIEW BOARD IN COMING TO ITS CONCLUSIONS BUT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US, AT PRESENT, TO COMMENT BEYOND THAT.'

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DORWARD ATTACKS JENKINS BILL IN PAPER
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A LETTER FROM HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED STATES, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, ATTACKING THE JENKINS BILL HAS APPEARED IN THE LEADING FINANCIAL NEWSPAPER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

MR DORWARD ASKED: +IS NOT THE TREATMENT PROPOSED FOR THE THIRD WORLD (BUT NOT EUROPE OR CANADA) IN THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT EITHER MISGUIDED OR CYNICAL? OR BOTH?+

HE WAS RESPONDING TO A LETTER IN THE PAPER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS UNION, MR SOL CHAIKIN, WHO WAS WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL.

MR DORWARD CALLED MR CHAIKIN'S LETTER A +PEJORATIVE TIRADE AGAINST THIRD WORLD COMPETITION IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL+.

/MR CHAIKIN

MR CHAIKIN CLAIMED THAT THE ACT WOULD PRESERVE FOR FOREIGN EXPORTERS AT LEAST 40 PER CENT OF THE AMERICAN MARKET, AND THAT THE LEGISLATION AIMED AT CONSERVING THE 1.7 MILLION REMAINING APPAREL AND TEXTILE JOBS.

HE ALSO ATTACKED +UNCONSCIONABLY LOW WAGES+ IN THE FAR EAST, +RANGING FROM 6 U.S. CENTS AN HOUR IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO A HIGH OF PERHAPS \$1.18 IN HONG KONG+.

IN REPLY, MR DORWARD SAID THAT THE ACT +WOULD CUT BACK PRESENT LEGITIMATE LEVELS OF TRADE FROM MANY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES BY UP TO 87 PER CENT, A DEVASTATING BLOW TO POOR ECONOMIES+.

HE ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH MR CHAIKIN'S CHARGES OF UNFAIR COMPETITION BECAUSE POOR COUNTRIES PAID LOW WAGES. +I DARESAY IF THEY COULD MANDATE BEING RICH, THEY WOULD, BUT THEY CAN'T,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT EUROPEANS, ESPECIALLY THE ITALIANS, WERE INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE WITH ASIAN SUPPLIERS AND THAT THE EEC WAS THE MAIN SOURCE OF GROWTH IN U.S. TEXTILE IMPORTS, HE ASKED: +IS NOT THE 'YELLOW PERIL' ARGUMENT FOR THE TRAVAILS OF MR CHAIKIN'S CONSTITUENTS WEARING A LITTLE THIN?+

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN CAN NOW APPLY TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT TO BE GRANTED, ALTHOUGH APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND THE SUM, IF APPROVED, WILL DEPEND ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE.+

+FOR ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND FESTIVE ACTIVITIES, ORGANISERS WILL HAVE TO BEAR PART OF THE COSTS,+ HE SAID.

+THOSE WISHING TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE FUNCTIONS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD, THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 9-11 WING HING STREET, THE SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, AND THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 2, HING WAH ESTATE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT IN MID-OCTOBER.

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BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN SERVICES FOR AGED
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COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, FOLLOWED BY RESIDENTIAL CARE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED'S SHEK WAI KOK HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN TSUEN WAN, SHE SAID IN RECENT YEARS COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES HAD EXPANDED RAPIDLY TO HELP THE ELDERLY ENJOY HOME LIFE AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOCIETY WHILE RESIDENTIAL CARE, AIMED AT PROVIDING VARIOUS TYPES OF HOMES WITH A HOME-LIKE ATMOSPHERE, HAD DEVELOPED ACCORDING TO PLANNING TARGETS.

THESE TARGETS WERE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW, MRS CHAN SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE PLANNING RATIO FOR CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES HAD BEEN REVISED RECENTLY FROM FOUR PLACES PER THOUSAND ELDERLY ABOVE THE AGE OF 60 TO FIVE PLACES PER THOUSAND.

IN 1984-85, GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AMOUNTED TO SOME \$27 MILLION WHILE THAT FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE WAS \$32 MILLION.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ACCORDING TO DEMAND,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ELDERLY WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY WHEN THEY WERE UNDER RESIDENTIAL CARE.

HOSTELS AND SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY WERE LOCATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, AND RESIDENTS COULD COME INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

+THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS TO SET UP CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED IN NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

HEALTH PERMITTING, RESIDENTS WERE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASED IN THE HOMES, AND THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WERE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.

THE SHEK WAI KOK HOSTEL CAN ACCOMMODATE 160 RESIDENTS AND PROVIDES THEM WITH MEAL AND LAUNDRY SERVICES. RESIDENTS CAN TAKE PART IN VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS, HEALTH PROJECTS AND ELDERLY VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

IT IS THE SECOND HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY SET UP BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

COMMITTEE MEETS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN THE DISTRICT'S PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY AN AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON RESIDENTS' VIEWS REGARDING THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT, AND THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM OF CONGESTION IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VICTIMS OF A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN A PREMISES IN APLIU STREET EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE MEETING, OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME, WILL BE HELD AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS AND ADVANCE BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-7204251 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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CALL TO DESIGN FIGHT CRIME CALENDAR

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A 1986 CALENDAR DESIGN COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO PUBLICISE CRIME PREVENTION IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE MONG KOK POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, IS PART OF A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES DRAWN UP TO COMBAT CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

ONE OF THE DESIGNS, WHICH SHOULD INCORPORATE THE THEME OF CRIME PREVENTION, WILL BE CHOSEN AS A POSTER-SIZE CALENDAR. COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

+THE COMPETITION IS TO COINCIDE WITH THE YEAR-END BECAUSE THIS IS THE TIME WHEN MOST CRIMES OCCUR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

+THE CALENDAR WILL BE A CONSTANT REMINDER TO RESIDENTS OF THE NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CRIMINALS,+ HE ADDED.

/THE COMPETITION

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - THE OPEN SECTION AND THE YOUTH SECTION. PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE MORE THAN FOUR COLOURS IN THEIR DESIGNS AND THE SIZE OF THE ARTWORK SHOULD MEASURE 435 MM BY 590 MM (17 INCHES BY 24 INCHES).

RESULTS AND PRIZES OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER IN THE LAU WONG FAT SECONDARY SCHOOL WHERE ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN AN EXHIBITION.

GIFT COUPONS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 10 BEST DESIGNS FROM EACH GROUP.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 31, AND ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, MONG KOK POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE AND MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

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BUSY WEEKEND FOR CAS CADETS

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MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ARE IN FOR A BUSY WEEKEND, WITH THE ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) AND AN INTER-UNIT FOOTDRILL COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

TWENTY-ONE TEAMS FROM CADET UNITS AROUND THE TERRITORY WILL BE COMPETING IN THE FOOTDRILL COMPETITION AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, STARTING FROM 8.30 AM.

THE CONTEST IS TO INSTILL A SENSE OF DISCIPLINE AMONG MEMBERS.

AFTER THE COMPETITION, CAS TACTICAL FORCE COMMANDER, MR WU MAN-KONG, WILL PRESENT THE +NORMAN LEUNG SHIELD+ TO THE CHAMPION TEAM.

ON SATURDAY, OVER 400 CAS MEMBERS AND CADETS WILL TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL BETWEEN 1 PM AND 6 PM.

SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR CHAN CHUN-YING, WILL BE PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAS FOOTDRILL COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) FROM 8.30 AM TO 1.30 PM AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

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SHAM SHUI PO PARK SWIMMING POOL OPENS

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THE SHAM SHUI PO PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING BY DR DENNY HUANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE.

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, DR HUANG NOTED THAT SWIMMING HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR FORMS OF RECREATION AMONG THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AS COULD BE EVIDENCED FROM THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITING THE URBAN COUNCIL SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES OVER THE YEARS.

IN 1984-85, MORE THAN 12 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE 12 URBAN BEACHES AND ALMOST 4.5 MILLION USED THE SWIMMING POOLS, DR HUANG POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD FULLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT WAS COMMITTED TO MAKING LIFE HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WITH THE COMPLETION OF ANOTHER SWIMMING POOL PROJECT.

+IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF SWIMMING AMONG THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE ONE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR EVERY 250 000 PEOPLE. AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE COUNCIL IS STEADILY ACHIEVING THIS TARGET,+ SAID DR HUANG.

HE CALLED ON THE RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON WEST AND OTHER URBAN DWELLERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, WHICH IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

IT COMPRISES A 50-METRE MAIN POOL, A SECONDARY POOL, TWO TEACHING POOLS, A DIVING POOL, A CHILDREN'S POOL, A PADDLING POOL, A SUNBATHING AREA, TWO FIRST-AID STATIONS, CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, A SODA FOUNDATION, A GENERAL RESTAURANT AND A SPECTATOR STAND CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING 800 PEOPLE.

THE MAIN, SECONDARY OR DIVING POOL CAN BE HEATED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND ENJOYMENT FOR SWIMMERS.

THE COMPLEX OPENS IN FIVE SESSIONS DAILY: FROM 7 TO 9.15 A.M., 9.45 TO 12 NOON, 1 TO 4 P.M., 4.30 TO 6.45 P.M., AND 7.45 TO 10 P.M.

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80 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS COMPLETE TRAINING

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EIGHTY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECRUIT OFFICERS WERE TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AWARDED CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETING THE FULL ORIENTATIONAL TRAINING COURSE AND PASSING THE PROBATION PERIOD.

THEY WERE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT NG WAI-MAN AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE RECIPIENTS, COMPRISING SEVEN OFFICERS AND 73 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, HAVE NOW BEEN POSTED TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ONE-YEAR ORIENTATIONAL TRAINING COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE STAGES WITH TWO PERIODS OF FIELD TRAINING AT DIFFERENT PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE COURSE IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING TRAINEES IN LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME, THE DYNAMICS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR, AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS.

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC CHANGES

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MONMOUTH PATH BETWEEN WING FUNG STREET WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WING FUNG STREET BETWEEN WING FUNG STREET WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE REROUTED TWO-WAYS. VEHICLES ON MONMOUTH PATH HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED INTO WING FUNG STREET WEST AND WING FUNG STREET.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN TAI PO

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THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR KWONG FUK ESTATE IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14-15) BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE ROAD WILL BE REOPEN TO TRAFFIC EVERY TEN MINUTES.

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