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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ROAD SCHEME IN KWUN TONG

To Improve Traffic Flow

Plans are in hand to construct an alternative route to Kwun Tong Road as part of the North East Kowloon Corridor Scheme.

The project is designed to improve traffic flow in the Kwun Tong area, as well as to facilitate development of the Kowloon Bay Reclamation.

Funds amounting to \$25 million have recently been approved by the Finance Committee.

The new route will be a dual-two-lane extension of Wai Yip Street running parallel to and just to the west of Kwun Tong Road. It will join Kwun Tong Road about mid-way between Clearwater Bay Road and Ngau Tau Kok Road.

The project is being carried out in two parts. The first and major phase, on which work has already started, involves the construction of a grade separated intersection at the place where the new road joins Kwun Tong Road, and the construction of a section of the mass transit railway tunnel.

This tunnel will lie under Kwun Tong Road, linking the mass transit Kowloon Bay depot with the railway system itself, and has to be built in conjunction with the present road project.

The grade separated intersection will allow both eastbound and westbound traffic to merge with and diverge smoothly from the main Kwun Tong Road traffic.

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A contract for the remaining part of the project, involving the extension of Wai Yip Street, will be let when sites at the Kowloon Bay Reclamation are available for construction work.

The whole road duplication scheme has been designed in such a way to allow for future improvements to adjacent road junctions, including those at Ngau Tau Kok Road, and planned development roads on the Reclamation.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI

Water supply to a number of premises in Yau Ma Tei will be interrupted for five hours on Thursday (February 14) starting from 1 a.m.

The temporary stoppage is to facilitate a test for leakage in the area.

The area affected is bounded by Jordan Road, Canton Road, Austin Road, and Woo Sung Street.

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SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG ABUSE FOR TEACHERS

The Education Department has invited the principals of all secondary schools and their teachers to attend a one-day symposium on drug abuse later this month.

The symposium, organised by the Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry and the Education Department, will be held at the Grantham College of Education on February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"The aim of this symposium is to acquaint teachers with the latest information on drug abuse education so that they will be on the alert for signs and symptoms of drug-taking among young people," a spokesman for the department said today.

The Deputy Director of Education (Professional), Mr. Ho Nga-ming will open the symposium.

There will be four speakers during the morning session which includes a question time and a film show.

In the afternoon three speakers will address the teachers followed by an open forum.

Principals have been asked to nominate teachers who wish to attend the symposium. Nominations should be submitted by next Wednesday.

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For your information the names of the speakers and their subjects are as follows:

Prof. M.B. Roberts, Department of Pharmacology, University of Hong Kong, on "Opium and Derivatives;"

Dr. W.J. Oram, Chairman, Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry drug abuse sub-committee, on "Non-opiate addictive Drugs;"

Mr. R. Edgley, Chief Chemist, Forensic Laboratory, on "Identificator of drugs & detection of symptoms;"

Chief Superintendent John Rumbelow, Narcotics Bureau, Royal Hong Kong Police Force, on "The position of Hong Kong in world narcotics;"

Mr. Ross Penlington, Legal Department, on "Position in relation to the Law;"

Mr. James Ch'ien, Superintendent of Social Service, Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts, on "Treatment and Rehabilitation," and

Dr. George Ou, Consultant Psychiatrist in Charge, Hong Kong Psychiatric Centre, on "Methods of Prevention."

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COMMUNITY CENTRE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Social Welfare Department's Community Centre in Kwun Tong is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this month and to mark the occasion it will be organising a walk over a 14-mile course to raise money for the Community Chest.

About 500 people, comprising members of the community centre and the four Estate Community Work Offices in Ngau Tau Kok, Sau Mau ping south and central and Lam Tin, are expected to take part in the walk.

Mr. Wong King-tong, Warden of the Centre, said the idea was originally suggested by some members of the centre because they felt it would be a meaningful gesture to help celebrate the anniversary, while at the same time fostering the spirit of relationship among its members and those of the other offices.

The walk will begin at 8 a.m. on February 17 at the Kwun Tong Recreational Ground, near the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool, taking the route along Tsui Ping Road, Hip Woo Street, Sau Mau Ping Road, Po Lam Road, Ko Chiu Road to Li Yue Hun Road from where they will return to the starting point.

The money collected by participants from the sponsors will be presented to the Community Chest on February 23, the day on which the Community Centre was opened 10 years ago.

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TWENTY "LUCKY" CAR PLATES FOR SALE

The first auction of "lucky" car numbers for 1974 will be held at the City Hall on Saturday (February 16), and a feature will be the auction of the registration number 8888.

This number, which at one time was on the official car used by the former Secretary for Chinese Affairs, is considered by many to be particularly lucky. The Cantonese word for eight sounds very similar to the Cantonese word "prosper."

Saturday's auction of 20 special registration numbers will begin at 10 a.m. in the theatre in the City Hall Low Block.

The following is the full list of numbers to be auctioned:

432	661	4000	6677	8888
HK151	HK1001	HK3366	AA5555	AA7777
BE747	BB333	AR81	AR200	AF1122
AK22	AL1	AL666	AS88	AS111

Proceeds of the auction will go to the Government Lotteries Fund for charitable purposes.

Successful bidders at the auction will be required to pay by cash or cheque immediately after the bidding.

The vehicle registration mark will be assigned only to a vehicle which is registered in the name of the successful bidder within 12 months of the date of the auction.

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RESTAURANT FINED FOR CAUSING SMOKE NUISANCE

The management of a Causeway Bay restaurant was today fined \$500 for causing a smoke nuisance.

The case was heard before Mr. P. Flannery at Central Magistracy. The Kingsburg Restaurant Ltd. of 1 Leighton Road was found guilty of failure to abate a smoke nuisance caused by the emission of dark smoke from the chimney of the restaurant.

In July last year, Smoke Inspectors of the Air Pollution Control Unit of the Labour Department found that the dark smoke emitted from the chimney of the restaurant was causing the imminence of a smoke nuisance. A written notice was served to the restaurant giving 30 days to reduce the dark smoke emission.

After the 30 days' period expired, Smoke Inspectors made regular observation on the emission of smoke from the chimney of the restaurant to see whether the requirement of the notice was being followed.

On November 27, it was found that in a period of four hours the total time for dark smoke emission was almost two hours.

A summons was subsequently taken out against the restaurant.

The Labour Department's Smoke Abatement Adviser, Mr. Ken Higginson pointed out that the emission of dark smoke was due to inefficient combustion techniques. He urged fuel users to exercise more care in preventing smoke nuisance.

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ILLEGAL HUTS IN KWUN TONG TO BE CLEARED

Illegal construction of huts in the Hong Ning Road area of Kwun Tong has continued despite repeated warnings by the Housing Department.

A spokesman for the department pointed out today that a number of demolition operations were carried out recently on squatter huts built by racketeers in the area. In the latest operation last Saturday (February 9), 75 such structures were pulled down.

He again warned members of the public to beware of offers of huts for sale in the area.

The spokesman said the entire area will be cleared on February 22 and the land will be turned into a public playground.

"All huts in this area have been surveyed, and those eligible have already been offered licensed area accommodation.

"All persons found living in illegal structures on the clearance day will be regarded as trespassers and may be evicted. Their huts will be demolished and their property will be confiscated," the spokesman said.

He advised persons occupying huts in the area to remove their property before the clearance day.

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FIREMEN KEPT BUSY

With the return of dry weather, Fire Services personnel are once more being kept busy fighting grass fires.

There were more than a dozen such fires today, when the humidity level was under 50 per cent for most of the day. The majority were in the New Territories and others occurred on Hong Kong Island.

A Fire Services spokesman appealed to the public to be extra careful during the current very dry weather, particularly when throwing matches or cigarette ends away. "Make sure they are properly out," he said, "or they can very easily start a blaze."

He said that 40 per cent of Hong Kong's fires are caused through careless disposal of lighted matches and cigarette ends.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Monday) at sales under the Rice Control Scheme and at the Vegetable Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market and the Fish Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market at Choung Sha Wan, Kowloon:

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Rice

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See Mew -- old crop	Good	1.8
-- new crop		1.84
S.C.Jion -- old crop	Good	-
Po Ngai	Good	-
Chu Cho	Good	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	1.74
10-15% Broken	Good	-
A1 Super Extra	Good	-
A1 Super	Good	1.42
Whole Glutinous	Good	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.74
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	Good	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	5.3	3.8	4.5
Big-Eyes	Good	2.8	0.8	1.8
Squid	Normal	6.2	3.8	4.8
Hair-Tails	Normal	2.8	1.2	2.0
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.75	1.0	2.0
Croakers	Normal	2.5	0.7	1.8
Conger-Pike-Eels	Limited	3.3	2.4	3.0
Melon Coat	Good	2.2	1.25	2.0
Breams	Normal	5.0	4.0	4.5
Yellow Belly	Good	2.2	0.8	1.5
Mackerels	Normal	4.8	3.5	4.5
Red Goat Fish	Good	2.3	0.7	1.5
Fork-Tail	Good	2.0	1.3	1.8
Horse-Head	Limited	6.5	3.6	5.5
Melon Seed	Good	3.6	2.5	3.2
Pomfrets	-	-	-	-
Garoupas	Good	7.5	5.5	6.0
Yellow Croaker	Limited	7.5	7.0	7.2

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of

Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	2.4	1.2	1.8
White cabbage	Limited	1.0	0.4	0.8
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	1.0	0.2	0.7
Chinese Kale	Limited	1.8	0.6	1.4
Spring onion	Normal	0.7	0.3	0.5
Spinach	Normal	1.0	0.2	0.7
Water cross	Normal	1.0	0.3	0.6
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	0.7	0.2	0.5
Tomato	Limited	1.8	0.6	1.2

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price</u>
		<u>(\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Normal	300

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