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IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-HK LINK TO BE STRESSED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THE REASON HE WAS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES WAS TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE HONG KONG ATTACHED TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT, PARTICULARLY FOR A PLACE LIKE HONG KONG WHICH DEPENDS ON FOREIGN TRADE, AND WHICH IS THE GREATEST EXAMPLE IN THE WORLD, PRECISELY THE SORT OF FREE TRADE SYSTEM WHICH MOST PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WANT TO SEE PRACTISED ELSEWHERE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO TAKE HONG KONG'S PLIGHT CONCERNING THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES.

"I'LL BE ALSO MENTIONING THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, SAYING THAT FOR US IT'S A CONTINUING PROBLEM, AND WE NEED CONTINUING HELP FROM THE UNITED STATES IN TRYING TO TACKLE IT."

DURING HIS EIGHT-DAY VISIT, SIR DAVID WILL BE SEEING THE U.S. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR JOHN WHITEHEAD, AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GEORGE SHULTZ, WOULD BE OUT OF WASHINGTON AT THE TIME OF HIS VISIT.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE SEEING A LARGE NUMBER OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, AND TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC SPEECHES AND APPEARANCES ON THE MEDIA.

ON HIS WAY BACK TO HONG KONG AFTER HIS U.S. VISIT, SIR DAVID WOULD BE MAKING A STOPOVER IN LONDON.

"I SHALL BE STOPPING OFF IN LONDON AND ATTENDING THE LONDON DINNER OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND I'LL BE TAKING THE CHANCE FOR ANOTHER OF MY REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND WITH OTHER FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS," HE SAID.

SEEING OFF SIR DAVID AT THE AIRPORT WERE LADY WILSON, HIS SON ANDREW, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, AND THE DEPUTY U.S. CONSUL GENERAL, MR ARTHUR KOBLER.

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GROUPS TO BOOST LIAISON WITH LIVESTOCK FARMERS

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WITH THE GAZETTING OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987 TODAY (FRIDAY), THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO NEW GROUPS WOULD BE SET UP TO STRENGTHEN LIAISON WITH LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

THE FIRST GROUP WILL BE CALLED THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. SINCE SEPTEMBER 1986, OFFICERS OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAVE HELD 15 MEETINGS WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK KEEPING ASSOCIATION WHICH IN TURN CONSISTS OF 14 AGRICULTURAL AND RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT VERY USEFUL AND FRANK VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED AT THESE MEETINGS.

HOWEVER, IT IS NOW DESIRABLE TO FORMALISE THE GOVERNMENT'S CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

THE NEW GROUP WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR LEO KWAN, WHO IS TO BE APPOINTED TO A NEW SENIOR POST IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED TO CO-ORDINATE ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES. A GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL ALSO SIT ON THE GROUP.

THE SECOND GROUP WILL BE A "TASK FORCE", ALSO HEADED BY MR LEO KWAN. ITS PURPOSE IS TO OVERSEE AND CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WAS ONLY AN ENABLING PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND THE DRAFT REGULATIONS WHICH CONTAINED DETAILS OF FUTURE CONTROLS HAD NOT BEEN FINALISED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE LIVESTOCK FARMERS AFFECTED BY THE NEW CONTROL MEASURES WOULD BE FULLY CONSULTED BEFORE THE REGULATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. THERE WOULD ALSO BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP.

ON AN ASSOCIATED ISSUE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CLARIFIED THAT THE PURPOSE OF A SURVEY OF LIVESTOCK FARMS WHICH COMMENCED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) WAS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SIZE OF EXISTING LIVESTOCK FARMS SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

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IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN BANNED AREAS AND THOSE IN CONTROLLED AREAS WILL BE PAID EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR CEASING BUSINESS WHEN THE CONTROLS COME INTO FORCE. "IT IS THEREFORE VERY MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF THE LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE OFFICERS DOING THE SURVEY", SAID THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987 WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 14 OCTOBER, THE EARLIEST IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE PHASE I CONTROLS WOULD BE JUNE 24, 1988.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS NEAR LEGCO REVIEWED

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IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEMONSTRATION BY LIVESTOCK FARMERS OUTSIDE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 14), THE GOVERNMENT HAS REVIEWED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BUILDING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE LAW, ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS ORGANISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING VIEWS ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC, OR A SECTION OF IT, MUST BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING TO A POLICE STATION AT LEAST SEVEN WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE.

"IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE POLICE HAVE THE POWERS TO PROHIBIT A POTENTIALLY UNRULY MEETING WHICH IS NOTIFIED AND TO DEAL WITH DISTURBANCES OR POSSIBLE BREACHES OF PEACE AT MEETINGS ALREADY UNDERWAY," HE SAID.

"PUBLIC MEETINGS ORGANISED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, ACADEMIC, BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE PURPOSES DO NOT HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED. ALSO EXEMPTED ARE PUBLIC MEETINGS OF UP TO 30 PEOPLE, MEETINGS HELD IN PRIVATE PREMISES WHERE UP TO 200 ARE ABLE OR EXPECTED TO ATTEND, AND MEETINGS IN EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION FROM NOW ON IS THAT, IN GENERAL, PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE VICINITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- * THAT THE POLICE ARE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE,
- * THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS NOT TOO LARGE,

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- * THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING TAKES PLACE IN A SUITABLE OPEN AREA, FOR EXAMPLE EDINBURGH PLACE OR CHATER GARDEN, AND ONLY SMALL NUMBERS OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY GO TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING TO DELIVER PETITION LETTERS, AND
- * THAT IT IS HELD IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY MANNER WITHOUT EXCESSIVE INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN A FREE SOCIETY, THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST CARRIED WITH IT THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO WITHOUT TRESPASSING ON THE EQUAL RIGHT OF OTHERS NOT TO BE INCONVENIENCED OR DISRUPTED.

LEAFLETS, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, SETTING OUT PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING THE POLICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND FROM GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRES.

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JUNE WAGE INDICES PUBLISHED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR JUNE 1987, AT 146.5, INCREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986 AND BY 2.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1987 AND JUNE 1986 INDICES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 9.6 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 7.9 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.2 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.3 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1987 AND MARCH 1987 INDICES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.9 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.6 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.7 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.1 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDICES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1986 TO JUNE 1987 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

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THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 106.5 IN JUNE 1987, WAS 3.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN JUNE 1986 AND 0.1 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN MARCH 1987.

FROM JUNE 1986 TO JUNE 1987, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 3.6 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.0 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.2 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.4 PER CENT.

COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH MARCH 1987, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.5 PER CENT. FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT; AND FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.1 PER CENT; WHILE THAT FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE REAL WAGE INDICES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1986 TO JUNE 1987 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDICES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDICES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDICES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDICES AND THE INDICES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDICES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, JUNE 1987 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1987.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234746 OR 5-8234747.

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TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDICES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1986	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987
MANUFACTURING	133.7	135.2	136.8	142.1	146.2
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	125.4	128.3	130.1	135.2	137.5
TRANSPORT SERVICES	154.4	156.4	157.3	164.0	166.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	139.8	143.7	143.6	148.6	152.6
PERSONAL SERVICES	130.2	130.0	133.1	136.7	141.0
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	134.0	136.2	137.7	142.9	146.5

TABLE 2 : NOMINAL WAGE INDICES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1986	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987
GARMENTS	125.7	126.1	127.0	128.3	132.2
GLOVES	142.0	144.4	145.7	149.1	152.2
HANDBAGS	125.8	128.9	131.9	135.9	136.7
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	139.8	144.3	148.1	161.8	163.0
KNITTING	137.4	138.8	138.5	140.8	146.5
BLEACHING AND DYEING	144.9	148.4	150.0	160.3	167.2

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PRINTING	139.9	141.5	142.6	145.2	160.6
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	134.1	135.6	136.7	144.8	146.4
METAL PRODUCTS	137.2	139.3	140.8	145.6	151.4
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	145.7	148.2	151.5	159.2	163.0
ELECTRONICS	137.2	140.3	143.5	153.2	155.6
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	145.0	144.8	147.9	156.9	171.8

MANUFACTURING	133.7	135.2	136.8	142.1	146.2

TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDICES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDICES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1986	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987
MANUFACTURING	102.7	103.2	103.9	106.0	106.3
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	96.4	97.8	98.8	100.9	99.9
TRANSPORT SERVICES	118.7	119.3	119.4	122.4	121.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	107.5	109.6	109.1	110.9	110.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	100.1	99.2	101.1	102.0	102.5

ALL SECTORS ABOVE	103.0	103.9	104.5	106.6	106.5

\$8.5 MILLION TEMPORARY MARKET OPENS IN WESTERN

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A NEW TEMPORARY MARKET IN THE WESTERN RECLAMATION FOR THE WHOLESALE OF LIVE POULTRY TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WAS OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW MARKET, BUILT ON A 9,500 SQUARE-METRE SITE AT A COST OF \$8.5 MILLION, REPLACES THE EXISTING 60-YEAR-OLD WHOLESALE MARKET IN KENNEDY TOWN.

MRS CHAN SAID, "THE WHOLESALE MARKET FACILITIES IN KENNEDY TOWN WERE PROVIDED BY THE TRADERS THEMSELVES. BECAUSE OF THE STEADY INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR LIVE POULTRY, THE BASIC FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THAT MARKET BECAME TOTALLY INSUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH DEMAND.

"THE MARKET WAS GROSSLY OVERCROWDED, VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CLEAN PROPERLY AND CAUSED REAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS."

SHE NOTED THAT IN HONG KONG, A HIGH PREMIUM WAS PLACED ON FRESH POULTRY BY THE CONSUMER. "NEARLY 65 PER CENT OF THE POULTRY MARKETED IS SOLD AS LIVE BIRDS. THIS DEMAND HAS CREATED A NEED FOR NEW AND IMPROVED MARKETS FOR THE WHOLESALING OF LIVE POULTRY," MRS CHAN SAID.

"TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID GROWTH OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN AND TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF A GROWING COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO REMOVE AND REPROVIDE THE MARKET."

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON POULTRY DEALERS GUILD, MR YEUNG KAI-SHING, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CHICKEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI.

IN HER ADDRESS, MRS CHAN NOTED THAT CONSTRUCTION HAD COMMENCED ON A \$380 MILLION WHOLESALE MARKET COMPLEX ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

"ON THE COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET COMPLEX, CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR ABOUT 1992, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN POULTRY MARKETING FACILITIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AS WELL AS THOSE FOR FRESHWATER FISH, VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND EGGS," SHE SAID.

THE NEW TEMPORARY WHOLESALE POULTRY MARKET PROVIDES FOR 14 STALLS, HARBOUR FRONTAGE AND 34 LORRY PARKING SPACES. OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A MINI-BANK, THREE TRADE OFFICES AND GENERAL AMENITIES.

WITH BETTER AND IMPROVED FACILITIES, THE NEW MARKET WILL HANDLE ABOUT 12 MILLION BIRDS A YEAR, REPRESENTING ABOUT 17 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF THE TERRITORY.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNDER CONTROL

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ARE NO LONGER A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR S.H. LEE, WHEN HE OPENED A HEALTH EXHIBITION HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

DR LEE RECALLED THAT AFTER THE WAR HONG KONG FACED HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INFECTIOUS DISEASES INCLUDING MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA, POLIOMYELITIS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

"BUT PEOPLE GRADUALLY CAME TO KNOW ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNISATION AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE," HE SAID.

"AND TODAY THE MAJORITY OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES HAVE BEEN PUT UNDER CONTROL.

"INFECTIOUS DISEASES ARE NO LONGER A SERIOUS THREAT AND THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE HARD WORK AND EFFORTS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PEOPLE," HE ADDED.

IN HONG KONG, THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH ARE CANCER, HEART DISEASES AND CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES, WHICH ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PEOPLE'S LIFESTYLE AND EATING HABITS.

"THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LIFE-STYLES AND ALSO TO REMIND PEOPLE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN MAINTAINING PERSONAL HYGIENE TO PREVENT DISEASES," DR LEE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, TITLED "THE USE OF MEDICINE AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES", ALSO AIMS AT PROMOTING THE PROPER USE OF MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION CAN LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE DISPLAYS SHOWING THE WORK OF DOCTORS AND NURSES AND THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE.

VISITORS CAN ALSO SEE TWO SLIDE SHOWS ON AIDS AND NURSING CARE.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXHIBITION INCLUDE VIDEO SHOWS AND TAPE LISTENING PROGRAMMES ON THE PROPER USE OF MEDICINE, ON AIDS AND ON CHILD FIRST AID.

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PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE EXHIBITION ARE GIVEN SOUVENIRS SUCH AS BOOKMARKS, CALENDARS AND KEY HOLDERS.

THE EXHIBITION IS A MAJOR EVENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 1987-88.

IT WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 5.30 PM DAILY BETWEEN OCTOBER 16 AND 21 AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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PRAISE FOR VALUABLE WORK OF CAS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE CIVIL AID SERVICES FOR GIVING VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG OVER THE PAST YEAR, MAINTAINING ITS TRADITION OF LOYALTY AND SERVICE.

SPEAKING AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES' ANNUAL DINNER, MR FORD SAID WHENEVER THERE WAS A NEED FOR A FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE ORGANISATION, THE CAS HAD ALWAYS BEEN READY AND WILLING TO HELP.

"MOST COMMENDABLE OF ALL WAS YOUR RAPID AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE IN SETTING UP THE GREEN ISLAND AND TUEN MUN RECEPTION CENTRES AT THE TIME WHEN THOUSANDS OF EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FLOODED INTO HONG KONG IN JULY AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

"IT WAS YET ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE VALUE OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF YOUR TRAINING AND EFFICIENCY,"

MR FORD THANKED THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

IN HIS SPEECH THE CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, SAID THE CAS WOULD SHORTLY BE RECRUITING ITS FIRST LADY CADETS INTO THE CADET CORPS.

"THIS IS A NEW PROJECT AND THE FIRST UNIT WILL BE SET UP ON HONG KONG ISLAND WITH A LADY OFFICER, FEMALE SUPERVISORS, BUT THE TRAINING WILL BE BASICALLY THE SAME AS FOR MALE YOUTHS," HE SAID.

"A REVIEW OF THE FEMALE CADET UNITS WILL BE HELD NEXT YEAR, AND IF THE FINDINGS ARE FAVOURABLE, AS I BELIEVE THEY OUGHT TO BE, WE SHALL THEN EXPAND THE FEMALE SIDE OF THE CADET CORPS TO KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES."

/SIR ROGER

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SIR ROGER ALSO SAID THE CAS TAI TAN CENTRE IN NORTH SAI KUNG WOULD BE COMPLETED BY MAY NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR YOUTHS AND ADULTS, AND THE HONG KONG RESCUE TRAINING CENTRE WOULD BE RELOCATED FROM HAWTHORN ROAD TO MORETON TERRACE BEFORE LONG.

THE COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT 1986 AND 1987 HAD BEEN BUSY YEARS. MORE THAN 160 FULL TIME COURSES AND 100 PART-TIME COURSES WERE HELD FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

"THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S MANY WALKS-FOR-A-MILLION; THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION'S PROMOTIONS TO OVERSEAS VISITORS; DISTRICT BOARDS' FUNCTIONS TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS IN THEIR DISTRICTS; GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS TO BRING HOME TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ASPECTS OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES - HAVE ALSO FEATURED IN OUR SCHEDULE OF DUTIES, AND SOME 10,000 VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED IN THESE DUTIES," HE SAID.

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ENRICHING HONG KONG'S ARTISTIC AMBIENCE: LIAO

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL IN PROVIDING ARTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "TEN YEARS OF HONG KONG PAINTING" EXHIBITION TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST 10 YEARS OF THE PAO SUI LOONG GALLERIES, MR LIAO SAID IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE TO STAGE AN EXHIBITION WHICH SURVEYED THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG PAINTINGS IN THE LAST DECADE.

MR LIAO SAID : "WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO MANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTENT ON CREATING A CULTURAL LIFE FOR HONG KONG.

"THE ARTS CENTRE HAS ALSO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN ASSISTING LOCAL ARTISTS IN THEIR PURSUIT OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE. MANY LEADING LOCAL ARTISTS HAD THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE AT THE ARTS CENTRE."

HE ADDED THAT NOWADAYS, PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ENJOYED A RICH CULTURAL LIFE WHICH EMBRACED THE ARTS AND TRADITIONS OF BOTH THE EAST AND WEST. THOUSANDS OF EVENTS RANGING FROM ART EXHIBITIONS, TRADITIONAL CHINESE OPERA TO BALLET PERFORMANCE, THEATRE AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC, WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

DURING THE LAST DECADE, THE ARTS CENTRE PRESENTED MORE THAN 10,000 PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS AND 750 ARTS EXHIBITIONS.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME PHASE THREE TO START IN NOVEMBER

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THE SERVICE OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME (ETS) WILL BE EXTENDED TO MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS FROM NOVEMBER 1 (SUNDAY).

THIS IS THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME WHICH ENABLES TRAVELLERS USING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS (HKIC) AT THESE TWO CONTROL POINTS TO BE EXEMPTED FROM FILLING IN ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

HOLDERS OF HKIC BEARING THE '***' SYMBOL WILL BE FURTHER BENEFITED FROM THE SCHEME BY BEING EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING A HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT FOR IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION AT THESE TWO CONTROL POINTS FOR JOURNEYS TO CHINA.

THE SIMPLIFICATION IN PROCEDURES IS THE RESULT OF THE GRADUAL COMPUTERISATION OF HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN FOUR PHASES AS FROM MAY 1, 1987.

ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SHA TIN-MEI SHA, THE NEW HONG KONG-CHINA TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND THE NEW LOK MA CHAU TERMINAL AT A LATER STAGE.

AT PRESENT THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO CHINA IS ONLY OPERATIONAL AT THE LO WU AND HUNG HOM CONTROL POINTS. IT IS, HOWEVER, NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TAI KOK TSUI PIER AND THE HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL AS THESE ARE ONLY TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WHICH WILL NOT BE COMPUTERISED.

THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO MACAU AT THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND THE SHAM SHUI PO PIER HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE MAY 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "ALL CHILDREN AGED BELOW 18 AND SOME ADULT TRAVELLERS WILL STILL NEED TO TRAVEL ON HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS OR OTHER VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CHINA AND MACAU. THESE ADULT PERSONS INCLUDE THOSE WHOSE HKICS '***' HAVE BEEN PERFORATED, DEFACED, LOST OR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING HKIC.

HE ADDED, "DRIVERS ON VEHICLES AND AUTHORISED PERSONNEL WHO ARE ISSUED WITH DOCUMENTS BEARING VALID ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING THROUGH THE MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK CONTROL POINTS WILL NEED TO PRODUCE SUCH DOCUMENTS FOR EXAMINATION."

HE REITERATED THAT TRAVELLERS WHO DO NOT PRODUCE HKICS WHEN TRAVELLING THROUGH COMPUTERISED CONTROL POINTS SHOULD PRODUCE COMPLETED ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

HE ALSO REQUESTED PARENTS TO FILL IN ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS ON BEHALF OF THEIR MINORS WHO ARE NOT ISSUED WITH HKICS SO AS TO FACILITATE THEIR TRAVEL THROUGH THESE CONTROL POINTS.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ON SALE TOMORROW

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ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1986 - AN ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, WILL GO ON SALE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE 225-PAGE REVIEW, TOGETHER WITH CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID PREVIOUS REVIEWS HAVE PROVED POPULAR AND HAVE SOLD OUT SOON AFTER PUBLICATION.

HE SAID THE REVIEW IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SOMETHING FOR THE MAN AND WOMAN IN THE STREET WHO HAVE A GENERAL INTEREST IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOW THE ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS THEM, AS WELL AS SOMETHING FOR THE SPECIALIST.

TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ONE CHAPTER IS DEVOTED TO EXPLAINING, IN NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE OVERALL PROGRAMME THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE CHAPTER FOR THE GENERALIST, THERE ARE CHAPTERS COVERING ASPECTS OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT, NOISE CONTROL, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REVIEW IS NOW UNDER PREPARATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BE READY LATER THIS YEAR.

THE REVIEW WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL. THE PRICE IS \$17 PER COPY.

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PLAN TO IMPROVE LAM KAM ROAD PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT STAGE II OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE SECTIONS OF LAM KAM ROAD TO ENHANCE BOTH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

THIS STAGE OF THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE IMPROVEMENTS TO SECTIONS BETWEEN THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE AND CHAI KEK, AND BETWEEN PAK NGAU SHEK AND KADOORIE FARM.

THE WORK WILL COMPRISE REALIGNING AND WIDENING THE CARRIAGEWAY TO 7.3 METRES WITH THE PROVISION OF A CLIMBING LANE BETWEEN PAK NGAU SHEK AND KADOORIE FARM.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE PROVISION OF TWO-METRE WIDE FOOTPATHS, PEDESTRIAN REFUGES AND LAY-BYS, CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD BRIDGE OVER LAM TSUEN RIVER TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED SLOPE WORKS, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

ALL EXISTING ACCESS POINTS TO AND FROM THE ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED. DUE TO THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ROAD, THE IMPROVEMENT WORK WILL BE PLANNED TO MAINTAIN TWO-WAY TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION, EXCEPT FOR ALTERNATIVE ONE-WAY WORKING AT LIMITED SECTIONS OF THE ROAD.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORK WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE WORK MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

LAM KAM ROAD IS AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG. WITH THE OPENING OF THE TOLO HIGHWAY IN SEPTEMBER 1985, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THE ROAD AS A THROUGH ROUTE TO AND FROM THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

AS THE EXISTING ROAD IS SUB-STANDARD, IT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE IT FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY.

STAGE I OF THE IMPROVEMENT WORK WAS COMPLETED LAST YEAR WHEN SECTIONS BETWEEN CHAI KEK AND PAK NGAU SHEK AND BETWEEN KADOORIE FARM AND NAM SHEUNG TIN WERE IMPROVED. STAGE II WILL COVER THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF THE ROAD.

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EXTENSION TO TAP MUN PIER PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO BUILD AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING PIER IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAP MUN, SAI KUNG NORTH.

THE WORK, AIMED AT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BERTHING FACILITIES FOR FISHERMEN GOING TO THE TEMPLE, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED NEXT MARCH.

AN AREA OF ABOUT 111.6 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED TO BE AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY WRITTEN OBJECTION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

THE NOTICE AND A RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING IN CENTRAL, AND AT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET.

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YOUNGSTERS TO SERVE THE ELDERLY
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A SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME WHICH INVOLVES YOUNG PEOPLE VISITING THE ELDERLY WHO ARE LIVING ALONE AND ACCOMPANYING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WILL BE HELD FROM LATE OCTOBER TO EARLY DECEMBER.

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT, AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS THEME OF 'YEAR OF THE HOMELESS' BY ENCOURAGING AND TRAINING YOUNG PEOPLE TO RENDER CARE AND ATTENTION TO LONELY ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT; AND TO ESCORT THEM TO TAKE PART IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES NEXT MONTH.

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THE SCHEME IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, THE FIRST PART BEING A TRAINING COURSE FOR PEOPLE OVER 16 YEARS OLD AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED TO 100.

DURING THE TRAINING, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE BRIEFED ABOUT EASTERN DISTRICT AND THE THEME OF 'THE YEAR OF THE HOMELESS'; THEY WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE LIVELIHOOD AND THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY DURING THE COURSE WHICH WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT BETWEEN OCTOBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 13.

THE SECOND PART OF THE SCHEME WILL BE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN WHICH THE YOUNGSTERS WILL VISIT 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING ALONE IN THE DISTRICT AND IN ADDITION TO ESCORTING THEM TO VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL THEY WILL ALSO HELP THEM DURING THE EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY IN MID-NOVEMBER.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS MEANINGFUL PROJECT CAN STILL JOIN THE TEAM BY APPLYING AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE (EASTERN) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS YOUTH SERVICES CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 20.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN WESTERN TO BE DEMOLISHED

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AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN WESTERN DISTRICT IS FACING DEMOLITION.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO FIRST APPLY FOR AN ORDER IN THE DISTRICT COURT, HONG KONG, ON DECEMBER 16 TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURE AT 28 CATCHICK STREET.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A BUILDING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID CLOSING THE STRUCTURE PRIOR TO DEMOLITION WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE OCCUPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID ITS CLOSURE HAD BEEN ORDERED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AS LONG AGO AS JUNE, 1982, BUT THE WORK HAD NEVER BEEN CARRIED OUT.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS MADE.

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CENTRE SCOUTS DEMONSTRATE MUSIC TALENTS

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A GROUP OF TRAINING CENTRE INMATES WHO FORM THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP BAND TONIGHT (FRIDAY) DEMONSTRATED THEIR MUSICAL TALENT AND CO-OPERATION IN AN IMPRESSIVE "BEATING RETREAT" PERFORMANCE TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

OFFICIATING AT THE "BEATING RETREAT" AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT STANLEY WAS THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 221ST GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL, MR HUI CHUNG-SHING, POINTED OUT AT THE CEREMONY THAT SCOUTING ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND BUILD UP CHARACTER.

"THE COUNCIL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SCOUT MEMBERS, HELPING THEM LEARN SELF-CONFIDENCE, SELF-DISCIPLINE AND SELF-MANAGEMENT, AND TO EXPLORE SCOUTING SPIRIT THROUGH SCOUT TRAINING," MR HUI ADDED.

THE SCOUT BAND OF THE 221ST SCOUT GROUP HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 60, ALL AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 20. IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE BAND TOOK PART IN VARIOUS SCOUTING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE GRAND JUBILEE JAMBOREE AND THE OPENING OF THE TAI TAM CAMP SITE FOR SCOUTS AND HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AT NUMEROUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS.

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SHEUNG SHUI RESIDENTS GET MINIBUS ACCESS

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TRANSPORT FACILITIES AT THE SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA (THA) WAS FURTHER IMPROVED WITH THE OPENING OF A VAN TRACK TODAY (FRIDAY), THANKS TO THE CONCERTED EFFORT AND CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TRACK, LOCATED NEXT TO THE SHEUNG SHUI THA, WILL BE OPEN TO GREEN MINIBUSES SERVING THE AREA, OPERATING FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ABOUT 7,000 RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY WOULD BENEFIT AS THEIR WALKING DISTANCE TO BOARD PUBLIC TRANSPORT WOULD BE LARGELY REDUCED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SAID.

THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD ALLOCATED \$25,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 675-METRE-LONG FIVE-METRE-WIDE VAN TRACK WHICH IS ALSO ONE OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR TANG KWOK-YUNG AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR JOHN LEUNG.

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT BOARD

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A SEMINAR ON 'THE PAST AND FUTURE OF DISTRICT BOARDS' WILL BE ORGANISED FOR 27 PARTICIPANTS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN TRAINING SCHEME TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG CHI-KEUNG AND CURRENT AFFAIRS MODERATOR, MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG.

THE TRAINING SCHEME HAS ATTRACTED 27 TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO TAKE PART.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHEME INCLUDE SEMINARS, VISITS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ATTENDING DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME ARE TO ENHANCE PARTICIPANTS' KNOWLEDGE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LIVING, WORKING AND SERVICE ENVIRONMENTS.

ANOTHER AIM IS THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE GAINED THROUGH THE SCHEME WITH FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND RELATIVES.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AT 4 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO THREE FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS PERFORMED BY LOCAL YOUNG AND TALENTED MUSICIANS OVER THE NEXT THREE SUNDAYS.

THE PERFORMERS ARE WINNERS OF A RECENTLY HELD 'KOWLOON CITY FOLK MUSIC FROM THE COMMUNITY' SINGING COMPETITION. THERE WILL BE SOLOIST AND GROUP PERFORMANCES IN POP MUSIC.

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THE FIRST CONCERT WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18) OUTSIDE THE OI MAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, FROM 2.30 PM TO 4 PM. THE OTHER TWO CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE WUHU STREET PLAYGROUND AND THE MA TAU WAI ROAD PLAYGROUND ON THE FOLLOWING TWO SUNDAYS.

THE SINGING COMPETITION AND OUTDOOR CONCERTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, MUSIC OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONCERTS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE OUTDOOR CONCERTS:

DATE ----	TIME ----	VENUE -----
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	2.30 PM - 4 PM	OI MAN ESTATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25	2.30 PM - 4 PM	WUHU STREET PLAYGROUND
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1	2.30 PM - 4 PM	MA TAU WAI ROAD PLAYGROUND

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERTS.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IN TUEN MUN

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A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18).

FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM, RESIDENTS OF THE SHAN KING ESTATE AND VISITORS TO THE ADJACENT SHOPPING ARCADE ARE WELCOME TO VIEW A SET OF DISPLAYS WHICH CONTAIN SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL ADVICE ON HOW TO AVOID COMMON ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT.

THE EXHIBITION IS ESPECIALLY EDUCATIONAL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WHOSE CURIOSITY AND LACK OF SAFETY KNOWLEDGE OFTEN RESULT IN ACCIDENTS OR EVEN DEATHS. THE DISPLAY ALSO WARNS AGAINST CARELESSNESS OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO MAINTAIN A SAFE HOME ENVIRONMENT, FREE COPIES OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED 'A SAFE HOME IS A HAPPY HOME' WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EXHIBITION VENUE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE SHAN KING SHOPPING ARCADE.

THE HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AS PART OF A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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MONG KOK CHILDREN TO ENTERTAIN RESIDENTS

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THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL HOST A NIGHT OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MUSIC LOVERS OF THE DISTRICT AT ITS ANNUAL CONCERT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM IN THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE, 45 FUK TSUEN STREET.

MORE THAN 120 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 16, WILL PERFORM PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES, CHORUS SINGING, FOLK DANCING, SONG AND PLAY.

THE CHOIR WAS SET UP IN 1975 AND HAS WON MUCH PRAISE FROM CRITICS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

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IMPROVING KWAI TSING'S ENVIRONMENT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PIONEERS PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18) AT THE LAI KING HILL ROAD PLAYGROUND.

WITH A BUDGET OF \$150,000, THE PROJECT AIMS AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HYGIENIC CONDITIONS OF THEIR DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WILL ALSO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT BY JOINING THE PIONEERS' ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHOY SHU-KAI AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT, MR CHOW SUM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, PIONEERS OF THE SEVEN SUB-DISTRICTS WILL EACH BE GIVEN A TORCH WHICH SYMBOLISES THE INCEPTION OF THE PROJECT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PIONEERS PROJECT TO BE HELD AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18) AT THE LAI KING HILL ROAD PLAYGROUND (NEAR LAI KING MTR STATION/BLOCK 2 OF LAI KING ESTATE).

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PHOTOGRAPHERS INVITED TO JOIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CONTEST

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ENTRIES ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR A PHOTO COMPETITION WHICH IS PART OF THE 1987 ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL SCHEDULED TO START NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION, CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, IS SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, TAMRON (HK) LTD AND PHOTOGRAPHY PUBLISHERS.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND SO ENTRIES SHOULD FEATURE THE SCENERY, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, CONSTRUCTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE ISLANDERS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG AND THERE IS NO LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY A PHOTOGRAPHER. THE ENTRIES ARE RESTRICTED TO 254 MM X 203 MM COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND THEY NEED NOT BE FRAMED.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT MUI WO ON NOVEMBER 29.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 30. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8524311.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18) FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

ROAD CLOSURE:

- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON OCTOBER 18, 25, 31, NOVEMBER 1 AND 8, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDBOUT TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE CARS (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs, FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS.
- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 7 AM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SAME SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

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- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
- * BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ALSO ON THE SAME DAYS, KIU TAU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.
- * BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT TRUNK ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.
- * ALSO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
- * THE LO WAI ROAD SECTION BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM ON OCTOBER 25, 30, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1, 8. DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.
- * THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE. THE NEW ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY IS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG. WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 18, 25, 30, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1, 8.
- * MEANWHILE, A ROAD CLOSURE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND GET OFF AT KWAI FONG STATION.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES:

- * FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 18, 25, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1, 8, TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND OPERATE AT FANLING AT A FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL. TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAYS.
- * ON THE SAME DAYS, A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE WILL BE \$1.20 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.
- * ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON OCTOBER 25, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT SIX-MINUTE INTERVALS AT A FARE OF \$4.50.
- * MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTES NO. 70, 70K, 70X, 73 AND 73A WILL ALSO BE STRENGTHENED.
- * GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 73K, PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.
- * PLBS, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND WAITING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

CAR PARK FACILITIES AND PRIVATE MODE OF TRANSPORT:

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE CEMETERIES AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK. PARKING SPACES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING (IN ON LOK TSUEN) AND AROUND TSUEN WAN CEMETERY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

PRIVATE CARS, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE COACHES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET DOWN OR PICK UP PASSENGERS ON TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE OF EITHER SIDE OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD. ALSO, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS ON TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) WITHIN 300 METRES OF EITHER SIDE OF KIU TAU ROAD.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS AND GRAVE-SWEEPERS:

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH AND WISHING TO VISIT WO HOP SHEK ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) AT HONG LOK YUEN. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF FANLING KCR STATION AND TO USE THE FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE THE SECTION OF NT TRUNK ROAD, ROAD D6 AND ROAD L100.

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TAI WAI URBAN CLEARWAY

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THE SECTION OF CHIK CHUEN STREET IN TAI WAI BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING HO ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 19).

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BOUNDARY STREET

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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH AND NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 19) FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON BOUNDARY STREET OR CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PLAYING FIELD ROAD, TUNG CHOI STREET, BOUNDARY STREET SOUTHBOUND AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH SOUTHBOUND.

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