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COMPANIES REGISTRY FIGURES SHOW INCREASES

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FIGURES FOR THE COMPANIES REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT INDICATE MAJOR INCREASES IN ACTIVITY IN SOME AREAS AND MINOR DECREASES IN OTHERS IN 1988 WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987.

THIS WAS REPORTED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, IN RELEASING THE FIGURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FIGURES SHOWED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES NOW REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE HAD INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT FROM 185,588 TO 213,515.

THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR HAD INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT FROM 26,380 TO 30,474.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD AN ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT FROM 2,289 TO 2,348.

THE NUMBER OF NEW OVERSEAS COMPANIES THAT HAD ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI DURING 1988 WAS 250, AN INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES IN 1987.

NO SEPARATE STATISTICS ARE MAINTAINED ON HOW MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES INCORPORATE LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES OR TAKE UP A MAJORITY SHAREHOLDING IN A HONG KONG COMPANY.

EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$45,052 MILLION, A DECREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT FROM THE INCREASE OF \$48,995 MILLION IN 1987, WHILE THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT FROM \$4,133 MILLION TO \$4,400 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT FROM \$65,487 MILLION TO \$76,515 MILLION WHILE THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, DECREASED BY 19 PER CENT FROM \$9,349 MILLION TO \$7,539 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 153 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 67 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED COMPARED WITH 155 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 68 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FOR FILING DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT FROM 566,815 TO 692,571.

THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RESERVATION OF NEW COMPANY NAMES DURING 1988 WAS 240,679 WHICH WAS A 28 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 188,360 IN 1987.

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ON THE SUBJECT OF COMPANY NAMES, MR GLEESON DREW ATTENTION TO THE CONTINUED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN APPLICATIONS FOR NAMES, AND THESE NOW AVERAGED MORE THAN 20,000 PER MONTH.

THE PROBLEM STEMMED FROM THE PRESENT LAW WHEREBY A COMPANY NAME COULD BE RESERVED BEFORE THE COMPANY WAS INCORPORATED.

IDEALLY, THIS WAS A GOOD SYSTEM BUT IN PRACTICE THE TIME TAKEN TO RESERVE OR REJECT A NAME HAD BUILT UP TO A PERIOD OF ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT WEEKS, MR GLEESON SAID.

THIS WAS DUE TO THE HUGE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS AND THE NEED FOR STAFF TO CHECK EACH AND EVERY NEW NAME AGAINST THE NAMES OF THE EXISTING 213,000 REGISTERED COMPANIES AND MAKE A SUBJECTIVE JUDGEMENT IN EACH AND EVERY CASE TO SEE IF THE NEW NAME WAS IDENTICAL WITH AN EXISTING COMPANY NAME OR "SO NEARLY RESEMBLED THAT NAME AS TO BE CALCULATED TO DECEIVE".

THE REST OF THE PROCEDURE FOR INCORPORATION OF A NEW COMPANY TOOK ABOUT ANOTHER SEVEN WEEKS, SO THE WHOLE PROCEDURE, ASSUMING EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER, NOW TOOK ABOUT 14 WEEKS OR MORE, MR GLEESON SAID.

DESPITE STAFF INCREASES, OVERTIME AND COMPUTERISATION, THERE WERE NOW MORE THAN 20,000 OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS.

SINCE ALL OF THIS WAS HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY, MR GLEESON SAID HE HAD PROPOSED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM THAT THE LAW BE CHANGED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM SYSTEM UNDER WHICH A NEW NAME WAS REJECTED BY THE REGISTRAR ONLY IF IT WAS IDENTICAL WITH AN EXISTING COMPANY NAME.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD AGREED, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATION TO THAT EFFECT WAS ACCEPTED AND PROPOSALS FOR THE NECESSARY AMENDING LEGISLATION WERE NOW WELL IN HAND, MR GLEESON SAID.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THE COMPUTER FACILITIES OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY SO THAT THE PUBLIC COULD MAKE THEIR OWN SEARCHES OF THE COMPUTERISED INDEX OF COMPANY NAMES.

MR GLEESON SAID HE HAD MADE A REQUEST FOR THIS UPGRADING, WHICH WAS NOW BEING CONSIDERED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, IN 1988 WAS 369. ANOTHER 85 SUMMONSES WERE OUTSTANDING FROM 1987.

OF THIS TOTAL OF 454 SUMMONSES, 238 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS (COMPARED WITH 261 IN 1987) AND 182 REMAIN TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN 1988 WAS \$446,715, COMPARED WITH \$343,413 IN 1987.

GOVT TO HIRE CONSULTANTS ON ANTI-DUMPING

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO HIRE TWO CONSULTANT FIRMS TO HELP IN DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS OF DUMPING IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENINSULA, MR MACLEOD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO HIRE MALMGREN, GOLT AND KINGSTON AND CO, A SPECIALIST TRADE POLICY FIRM BASED IN LONDON, TO ASSIST IN THE DETERMINATION OF EEC POLICIES RELATING TO DUMPING.

VAN BAELE AND BELLIS, A LAW FIRM BASED IN BRUSSELS, WOULD ADVISE ON DETAILED LEGAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE EEC'S ANTI-DUMPING LAW AND PRACTICES.

HE SAID BOTH FIRMS WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICES IN BRUSSELS, LONDON AND GENEVA.

HE STRESSED THAT, IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES SUBJECT TO ANTI-DUMPING ACTION WERE STRONGLY ADVISED TO HIRE THEIR OWN LAWYERS AND/OR ACCOUNTANTS TO DEAL WITH THE DETAILS OF THEIR CASES. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DEAL WITH THE MORE GENERAL ISSUES AT STAKE.

"WE VIEW THESE ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS VERY SERIOUSLY AND WILL BE DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES TO COMBATING ANY UNFAIRNESS WHICH EMERGES," MR MACLEOD SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT THE EEC PAID SUFFICIENT ATTENTION AT THE INITIATING STAGE TO WHETHER DUMPING AND INJURY AS DEFINED UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE HAD TAKEN PLACE.

THE EEC COMMISSION'S FINDINGS MAY BE SUBJECTIVE AND ARE APPARENTLY HARD TO CHALLENGE IN COURT. LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE ARE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED.

IN ADDITION THE EEC'S ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY ONE LEGAL EXPERT AS HAVING "A STRUCTURAL BIAS TOWARDS FINDING DUMPING". ONCE DEFINITIVE DUTIES ARE IMPOSED, THE PROVISIONS FOR REVIEW ARE INADEQUATE AND SLOW.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE COMMISSION IMPOSES "RESIDUAL DUTY", THE HIGHEST DUTY RATE FOUND IN RESPECT OF COMPANIES UNDER COMPLAINT, ON ALL NEW COMPANIES OR THOSE NOT NAMED IN THE ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION.

"THIS RESIDUAL DUTY EFFECTIVELY CONDEMNS THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY, AND SEEMS ON THE FACE OF IT TO BE AGAINST NATURAL JUSTICE," HE SAID.

ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, IMPOSE HEAVY TOLLS ON THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. COMPANIES AFFECTED HAVE TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES TO DEFENDING THEMSELVES. THE UNCERTAINTY THESE LENGTHY PROCEEDINGS BRING ABOUT AFFECTS BUSINESS PLANS AND DISRUPTS ORDERS.

MR MACLEOD SAID HONG KONG WANTED TO ENSURE THAT ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES WERE NOT IMPOSED WHERE NOT JUSTIFIED. THERE WAS ALSO THE DANGER OF OTHER INDUSTRIES IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES JUMPING ON THE BANDWAGON.

THE PROCEEDINGS INITIATED RECENTLY AGAINST HONG KONG COMPANIES HAD TO BE DEALT WITH ROBUSTLY, HE SAID. COMPANIES WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT HAD TO RESPOND AND PROVIDE INFORMATION.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD COMPREHENSIVELY ADVISE THE COMPANIES INVOLVED AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS ABOUT LEGISLATION AND PROCEDURE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENT CAN EXAMINE INDIVIDUAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMPANIES ARE BEING TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE. WE ARE DOING THIS IN THE VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES CASE," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT CAN EXAMINE THE DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IN QUESTION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEIR PROVISIONS CONFORM WITH THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING CODE.

"EVEN IF SUCH DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IS TECHNICALLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GATT CODE, IF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT THE GATT CODE AS AT PRESENT WORDED IS NOT ENSURING THAT MANUFACTURES UNDER COMPLAINT ARE BEING TREATED FAIRLY AND REASONABLY, IT WILL SEEK TO REMOVE ANY LOOPHOLE IN THE GATT CODE ITSELF," HE SAID.

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TRAINED BANKING PERSONNEL SUSTAIN GROWTH OF FINANCIAL SECTOR

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THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL HELP TRAIN SKILLED BANKING PERSONNEL SO AS TO SUSTAIN THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S BANKING TRAINING BOARD, MR DAVID K.P. LI, SAID THIS AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

"HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE. OF THE TOP 100 INTERNATIONAL BANKS, THREE QUARTERS HAVE SOME KIND OF PRESENCE HERE," MR LI SAID.

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"WHAT MAKES A FINANCIAL CENTRE WORK, HOWEVER, IS TRAINED MANPOWER," HE STRESSED.

"AS OUR FINANCIAL SECTOR HAS GROWN, AS MORE AND MORE INTERNATIONAL BANKS HAVE OPENED OFFICES AND BRANCHES HERE, THE NEED FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AT ALL LEVELS HAS GROWN."

MR LI SAID THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH BEGAN OPERATION LAST APRIL, WOULD HELP MEET THAT NEED.

"CAPABLE OF PROVIDING OVER 4,000 PLACES ANNUALLY, THIS WELL-EQUIPPED FACILITY PROVIDES SKILLS AND UPGRADING TRAINING FOR STAFF IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY," HE POINTED OUT.

THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE CENTRE HAVE PROVED POPULAR.

BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 1,700 BANKING STAFF HAD RECEIVED TRAINING, THE MANAGER OF THE CENTRE, MR LYLE DAVISON, REPORTED.

"MOREOVER, IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING THAT THE CENTRE HAS RECEIVED 4,000 APPLICATIONS FOR 2,000 PLACES IN 10 DIFFERENT TYPES OF COURSE WHICH ARE BEING OFFERED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

"EVENTUALLY, THE CENTRE WILL OFFER A PORTFOLIO OF SOME 40 COURSES TO BANKING STAFF AT ALL LEVELS," MR DAVISON ADDED.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET SURVEY

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THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET IN HONG KONG IN APRIL.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE EXERCISE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY): "THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET IS A MAJOR AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT CONTRIBUTING TO HONG KONG'S ROLE AND STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

"HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL STATISTICS ON THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS IN HONG KONG. THIS SURVEY IS INTENDED TO HELP US UNDERSTAND BETTER THIS IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF OUR FINANCIAL MARKET AND TO GAUGE ITS DEVELOPMENT."

THE SURVEY WILL COINCIDE WITH SIMILAR SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES, INCLUDING LONDON AND NEW YORK.

TOKYO, OTTAWA, TORONTO, ZURICH AND PARIS ARE ALSO LIKELY TO CONDUCT THESE SURVEYS ROUND ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

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"THIS WILL ENABLE USEFUL COMPARISONS TO BE MADE OF THE SIZE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIFFERENT CENTRES," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THAT QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE SURVEY HAD JUST BEEN SENT OUT.

"THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS, THE HONG KONG DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND DEPOSIT BROKERS' ASSOCIATION, WHICH ARE ALL SUPPORTIVE OF THE EXERCISE," HE SAID.

"THE REPORTING INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO REPORT THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUSINESS CONTRACTED DURING APRIL 1989 AND TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH ON OR BEFORE MAY 19, 1989.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT SURVEY FINDINGS ON AN AGGREGATE BASIS WILL BE PUBLISHED SOME TIME IN AUGUST 1989," HE SAID.

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TRANSFER OF INSURANCE DIVISION PLANNED

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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE INSURANCE DIVISION OF HIS DEPARTMENT AS A SEPARATE REGULATORY COMMISSION UNDER THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

HE SAID IT WAS NOW APPROPRIATE TO DO THIS BECAUSE THE 1983 INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE HAD RADICALLY CHANGED THE WORK OF HIS INSURANCE DIVISION FROM THE REGISTRATION OF AUTHORISED INSURERS TO THE REGULATION OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INSURANCE COMMISSION WOULD ALSO MARK THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS AN INSURANCE MARKET.

THE DIVISION HAD NOW DEVELOPED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT ITS ESTABLISHMENT AS A SEPARATE COMMISSION.

LIKE THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND THE SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSIONS, THE NEW INSURANCE COMMISSION WOULD BE A POLICY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS.

THE NEW INSURANCE COMMISSION WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT THE TRANSFER, WHEN IT TAKES PLACE, WILL PLACE IT ALONGSIDE THE OTHER AGENCIES CHARGED WITH PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SERVICES.

THE TRANSFER IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENT APPROVALS BEING GIVEN.

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LEGCO QUESTION ON GAS SUPPLIES TO HOSPITALS

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DR THE HON LEONG CHE-HUNG WILL ASK A QUESTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) CONCERNING CONTROLS OVER THE SUPPLY OF MEDICINE AND GAS FOR USE IN HOSPITALS.

DR LEONG'S QUESTION READS: "IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT MISHAP INVOLVING A PATIENT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED WITH A WRONG GAS DURING AN OPERATION, WILL THE ADMINISTRATION INFORM THIS COUNCIL OF THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS OVER THE SUPPLY OF MEDICINE, GAS AND GASEOUS PRODUCTS FOR USE IN PUBLIC, SUBVENTED AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS?".

THE QUESTION IS ONE OF 13 ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL ALSO MOVE A MOTION THAT THE REGISTRATION OF PATENTS (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1989, MADE BY THE REGISTRAR OF PATENTS ON JANUARY 3 THIS YEAR, BE APPROVED.

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CAREERS DAYS HELP STUDENTS PLAN FOR FUTURE

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A SERIES OF SEVEN CAREERS DAYS IS BEING ORGANISED BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH TO PROVIDE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE ANNUAL EVENTS ARE INTENDED MAINLY FOR FORM THREE TO FORM FIVE STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS, STUDENTS COULD OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT TRADES AND INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL'S VARIOUS TRAINING CENTRES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

"THIS CAN HELP INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AS YET UNDECIDED ON THEIR FUTURE CAREER, OR THOSE WHO HAVE SOMEHOW SET THEIR MINDS ON A LIMITED CHOICE, TO LOOK FURTHER AFIELD AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES THAT MIGHT MATCH THEIR RANGE OF INTERESTS," HE ADDED.

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THIS YEAR'S CAREERS DAYS WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL'S TWO TRAINING CENTRES AND FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX	-	JANUARY 20
KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX	-	JANUARY 27
HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	FEBRUARY 23
TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	FEBRUARY 27
SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 1
CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 3
LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 10

EACH CAREERS DAY WILL FEATURE A SERIES OF SPECIALIST TALKS ON VARIOUS TRADES, INDUSTRIES OR PROFESSIONS, VISITS TO TRAINING CENTRES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND A DISPLAY OF CAREERS INFORMATION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST CAREERS DAY AT THE VTC KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 20).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT STAGE 1 COMPLETED

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STAGE 1 OF THE WIDENING OF TAI PO ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 20).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WAS AIMED AT WIDENING THAT PARTICULAR SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD TO AT LEAST THREE LANES THROUGHOUT.

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THIS WOULD PROVIDE EXTRA CAPACITY FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND THUS HELP RELIEVE SERIOUS CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES.

STAGE 1 INCLUDES THREE SECTIONS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- * KOWLOON GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVE DEPOT AND SHA TIN LOOKOUT;
- * LOK HOP VILLAGE AND KENG HAU ROAD; AND
- * SHA TIN HEIGHTS ROAD AND CHIK WAN STREET.

FROM FRIDAY, THERE WILL BE ONE NORTHBOUND LANE AND TWO KOWLOON BOUND LANES ALONG THESE SECTIONS.

TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRAFFIC, "NO STOPPING" RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ADJOINING THE KOWLOON RESERVOIR THERE WOULD BE TWO NEW PUBLIC CARPARKS WITH A TOTAL OF 80 PARKING SPACES.

THESE CARPARKS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY VISITORS TO THE KAM SHAN AND LION ROCK COUNTRY PARKS, HE SAID.

THE STAGE 1 IMPROVEMENT WORKS, COSTING \$35 MILLION, BEGAN IN APRIL 1986.

THE STAGE 2 WORKS COVER THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD FROM TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE TO THE KOWLOON RESERVOIR.

THESE BEGAN IN DECEMBER 1986 AND ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER. THE COST IS \$37 MILLION.

THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE ARE COVERED UNDER STAGE 3, WHICH WILL COST \$41 MILLION.

THESE WORKS BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER AND ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND THE OPENING OF ROUTE 5 AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME WOULD CERTAINLY PROVIDE SOME EASING OF THE CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL BEFORE THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL OPENED IN LATE 1991.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE STAGE 1 TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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CAR NUMBERS BRING IN MONEY FOR CHARITY

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INCREASING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE OUTLAYING AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF MONEY IN QUEST OF LUCKY CAR NUMBERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHARITY.

IN 1988, A TOTAL OF 14 AUCTIONS OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE HELD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT RAISING MORE THAN \$19 MILLION FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND. THIS COMPARED WITH \$7.88 MILLION RAISED IN NINE AUCTIONS IN 1987 AND \$4.63 MILLION RAISED IN AUCTIONS IN 1986.

NOT ONLY THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING FOND OF LUCKY CAR NUMBERS, MORE OF THEM ARE ALSO READY TO PAY BIG MONEY FOR A GOOD NUMBER, OCCASIONALLY IN TERMS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

ON FEBRUARY 13 LAST YEAR THE AUSPICIOUS REGISTRATION NUMBER "8", WITHOUT PREFIX, FETCHED \$5 MILLION, A RECORD FIGURE THAT FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

ONLY THREE NUMBERS MADE THE NAME OF "MILLION DOLLAR" PLATES. APART FROM NUMBER "8", THE OTHER REGISTRATION MARKS WERE "162", SOLD FOR \$2 MILLION ON OCTOBER 8 LAST YEAR, AND "3", WHICH WAS AUCTIONED FOR \$1.03 MILLION ON JULY 30, 1983.

INTEREST IS NOW MOUNTING ON HOW MUCH THE LUCKY CAR NUMBER "7", ALSO WITHOUT PREFIX, WILL BE ABLE TO FETCH AT A SPECIAL LUNAR NEW YEAR AUCTION ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21).

IN FACT, ALL OF THE 20 NON-TRANSFERABLE CAR NUMBERS THAT WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION FROM 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON THAT DAY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BRING IN GOOD MONEY IN AID OF CHARITY.

THE 20 CAR NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BM9	CG6789	7	CD777
378	AR3	XX89	BM525
HK3333	BC99	AC323	CC8888
AS18	133	HK9898	HK5
66	EA1	BD1	AC8338

SINCE THE FIRST AUCTION WAS HELD IN MAY 1973, THE FOLLOWING 22 NUMBERS HAD BEEN SOLD FOR \$200,000 OR MORE:

/REGISTRATION MARK

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REGISTRATION MARK -----	PRICE ----- (HK \$)	DATE OF AUCTION -----
8	5,000,000	13.2.88
162	2,000,000	8.10.88
3	1,030,000	30.7.83
828	550,000	8.10.88
38	540,000	22.9.84
HK 3	420,000	23.11.85
6	330,000	9.12.78
DL 1	318,000	17.1.87
CY 3	300,000	13.2.88
7777	290,000	17.4.82
AK3333	250,000	14.11.87
DP 1	230,000	15.8.87
XX 28	230,000	13.2.88
CM 1	210,000	28.3.81
125	210,000	16.5.87
HK 77	210,000	13.2.88
10	206,000	12.3.77
CH 8	200,000	27.9.80
118	200,000	29.5.82
CW 888	200,000	13.2.88
213	200,000	13.2.88
DW 1	200,000	13.2.88

THE TOTAL PROCEEDS THAT CAME FROM CAR NUMBER AUCTIONS TO DATE
HAVE AMOUNTED TO \$69,140,032.

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SLOW LORIS A PROTECTED ANIMAL

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT SLOW LORIS IS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTED BY THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESSION OF THIS SCHEDULED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF THE SPECIMEN.

REPEATED OFFENDERS WILL BE PENALISED BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' JAIL SENTENCE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID THAT DESPITE THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION SCENE IN HONG KONG, THE RECENT UPSURGE OF CASES INVOLVING SLOW LORIS HAD CAUSED THE DEPARTMENT SOME CONCERN.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 298 PROSECUTION CASES IN BREACH OF THE IMPORT, EXPORT AND POSSESSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE. THIS REPRESENTS A DROP OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT OVER THE 1987 FIGURE OF 366 CASES.

"IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS, THE DEPARTMENT DISCOVERED SIX CASES INVOLVING 10 SLOW LORIS," MR CHEUNG SAID.

"FIVE OF THEM WERE ILLEGALLY IMPORTED FROM CHINA AND INTERCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT THE BORDER CHECKPOINT. THREE WERE CONFISCATED AS ILLEGAL POSSESSIONS WHILE THE REMAINING TWO WERE STRAYS HANDED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CUSTODY."

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF SUCH CASES DISCOVERED WITHIN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME INDICATED THAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT THESE PROTECTED ANIMALS INTO HONG KONG EITHER KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY.

"THE DEPARTMENT TAKES SUCH OFFENCES SERIOUSLY AND IS STEPPING UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS WHILE STRENGTHENING INSPECTIONS OF PET SHOPS AND MARKET PLACES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE BY REPORTING ANY SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION AT 3-7332124.

SLOW LORIS BELONGS TO THE PRIMATE FAMILY AND IS ORIGINATED IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST CHINA.

ITS BODY LENGTH RANGES FROM 26.5 CENTIMETRES TO 38 CENTIMETRES. IT WEIGHS BETWEEN 1 KILOGRAMME AND 1.6 KILOGRAMMES.

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GREY OR GREYISH BROWN IN COLOUR WITH DARK PATCHES AROUND THE EYES, THE ANIMAL HAS A ROUND HEAD, A SMALL TAIL AND A STOUT BODY WITH VERY DENSE FUR CHARACTERISED BY A WIDE DARK BAND IN THE MIDDLE OF ITS BACK.

IT IS A SOLITARY ANIMAL OF NOCTURNAL HABIT THAT SPENDS THE DAY CURLED IN TREE HOLLOWES AND MOVES MUCH FASTER DURING NIGHT TIME. IT FEEDS ON INSECTS, FRUITS, BIRDS AND BIRD EGGS.

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MAINS WATER SUPPLY NOW EXTENDS TO MA WAN
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MAINS WATER SUPPLY TO MA WAN ISLAND, LONG AWAITED BY RESIDENTS, TODAY (TUESDAY) BECAME A REALITY FOLLOWING A SYMBOLIC SWITCHING ON CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR CHAN YAN-KEE.

MR CHAN STOOD IN FOR THE DIRECTOR, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, WHO WAS INDISPOSED.

ON HAND TO WITNESS THE EVENT WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF DISTRICT PERSONALITIES.

MR CHAN SAID THE CEREMONY MARKED A NOTABLE STEP FORWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EXTEND MAINS WATER SUPPLY TO REMOTE AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

"THE PROPOSAL TO SUPPLY MAINS WATER TO MA WAN WAS FIRST CONSIDERED SOME YEARS AGO," HE SAID.

"AT ONE STAGE THIS WAS PROGRAMMED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIXED CROSSING PLANNED FOR NORTH LANTAU.

"FOLLOWING A DECISION IN 1984 ON THE DEFERMENT OF THE FIXED CROSSING SCHEME, ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING SUPPLY TO MA WAN WERE EXPLORED, WHICH LATER DEVELOPED INTO PRESENT PROJECT," HE ADDED.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES SEVEN KILOMETRES OF 200-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER WATER MAIN BETWEEN YAU KOM TAU AND MA WAN, LAID IN THREE SECTIONS.

THIS INCLUDES A FIVE-KILOMETRE LAND SECTION ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM YAU KOM TAU TO SHAM TSENG, FOLLOWED BY A 1.4-KILOMETRE SUBMARINE SECTION ACROSS MA WAN CHANNEL AND A FURTHER 600-METRE LAND SECTION ON MA WAN LEADING TO THE SERVICE RESERVOIR ON THE ISLAND.

THE SERVICE RESERVOIR HAS A CAPACITY OF 500 CUBIC METRES.

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WATER IS DISTRIBUTED FROM IT THROUGH A NETWORK OF DISTRIBUTION MAINS TOTALLING ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES AND RANGING IN SIZES FROM 75 TO 200 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER, PROVIDING FILTERED SUPPLY TO ALL VILLAGES ON THE ISLAND.

THE PROJECT COST WAS ABOUT \$60 MILLION AND CONSTRUCTION TOOK JUST OVER 18 MONTHS.

REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MAINS WATER SUPPLY TO REMOTE AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR CHAN SAID STEADY PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE.

"OUR EFFORTS SO FAR HAVE ENABLED EXTENSION OF MAINS WATER SUPPLY TO COVER MOST PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, LEAVING ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF VERY REMOTE VILLAGES WHICH ARE STILL DEPENDENT ON LOCAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY," HE SAID.

SUPPLY TO 33 OF THESE REMOTE VILLAGES IS CURRENTLY UNDER DESIGN WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING MAINS SUPPLY TO THEM IN EARLY 1991.

"PLANNING IS ALSO IN HAND FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUMP AND PUMP SYSTEMS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES TO BE COMPLETED BY 1992 FOR THE PROVISION OF FILTERED WATER TO ANOTHER 50 SUCH REMOTE VILLAGES," MR CHAN ADDED.

MR CHAN THANKED THE CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE MA WAN SUPPLY PROJECT, AND CONGRATULATED THEM ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ON A JOB WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "NO SIMPLE ENGINEERING WORKS".

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GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION STUDY ON DB AGENDA

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY.

CONSULTANTS UNDERTAKING THIS STUDY WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PRELIMINARY REPORT.

THE ISLAND RECLAMATION, COVERING AN AREA OF 170 HECTARES, WOULD EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 210,000 IF CARRIED OUT.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ROLE OF THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ROADWORKS PROJECTS

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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER VARIOUS ROADWORKS PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO START IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AND IN SHA TAU KOK.

AMONG THESE PROJECTS WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, NEAR FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL.

AN ENGINEER FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES AT THE TIN SAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, FANLING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO BEGIN AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR TAI PO PHOTO CONTEST

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PHOTO ENTHUSIASTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION TO COINCIDE WITH THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL.

SPONSORED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE TAI PO JOINT SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY PROMOTION SCHEME ASSOCIATION.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO AN OPEN SECTION AND A STUDENT SECTION.

THE THEME OF THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE EITHER TAI PO'S SCENERY OR LOCAL TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC ACCESSORIES.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PHOTOMATE PHOTO FINISHING SERVICE, 64 PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO; THE RAINBOW PHOTO SUPPLIES COMPANY, 30A ON FU ROAD, TAI PO; THE 88 PHOTO FINISHING CENTRE, 19A TSUN FU STREET, SHEUNG SHUI; THE 80 PHOTO SERVICE COMPANY, 28 WO LUNG STREET, LUEN WO MARKET, FANLING; THE JADE STUDIO COMPANY, BLOCK C, SECOND FLOOR, CHIT WING LAU, 34 TAI TONG ROAD, YUEN LONG; THE LUNG CHEUNG PHOTO SUPPLIES LIMITED, 64 ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK; AND THE ARTIST PHOTO FINISHING CENTRE, 189A JOHNSTON ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 25.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD WHEN IT MEETS ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF WORKS AND WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY ROAD WORKS AND ASSOCIATED UTILITY DIVERSIONS IN THE AREA BETWEEN TSUI PING ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE BUILDINGS ASSOCIATION LTD FOR THE PROVISION OF A FOOTBRIDGE FROM YUET WAH STREET BUS TERMINUS TO THE KWUN TONG MARKET TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS CROSSING HIP WO STREET.

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IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF LOCAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19), IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER TO MEET MAC/OC MEMBERS

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI, WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE COMING MONTHS IN MEETING OFFICE BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS (OC'S) IN THE DISTRICT.

THE MEETINGS, IN THE FORM OF TEA GATHERINGS, ARE AIMED AT ENHANCING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND MEMBERS OF THE MAC'S AND OC'S AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR VIEWS TOWARDS DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENINGS SO THAT MORE MAC AND OC MEMBERS, WHO MIGHT HAVE TO WORK DURING DAYTIME, CAN ATTEND.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE OVER 300 MAC'S AND 100 OC'S IN THE SEVEN AREAS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT. THE SEVEN AREAS ARE NAMELY WEST KWAI CHUNG, CENTRAL KWAI CHUNG, NORTH KWAI CHUNG, EAST KWAI CHUNG, SOUTH KWAI CHUNG, KWAI SHING AND TSING YI.

MR TANG WILL FIRST MEET THE MAC AND OC MEMBERS FROM KWAI SHING AREA ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19) IN THE KWAI SHING COMMUNITY HALL.

AFTER THIS, HE WILL INVITE MEMBERS OF OTHER AREAS TO SIMILAR TEA GATHERINGS AS PART OF HIS LIAISON WORK SINCE TAKING UP OFFICE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

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DB CULTURE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL TO JUNE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY PROGRESS REPORTS ON CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, LIBRARY EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AND DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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SEMINAR TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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RESIDENTS OF HANG HAU, RENNIE'S MILL AND JUNK BAY NEW TOWN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 19) AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN JUNK BAY.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE KWUN TONG POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

THE AIM IS TO INCREASE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAINTAIN CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH THE POLICE.

SPEAKERS IN THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE SUB-DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE RENNIE'S MILL DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION, MR LAU SIU-WAH, AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER, MR CHEUNG KAM-CHUEN.

THEY WILL BRIEF RESIDENTS ON THE PROCEDURES OF REPORTING CRIME AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEM ON THE CRIME SITUATION IN THE AREA. SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN TO SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN KWUN TONG
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ABOUT 70 MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND FACTORY OWNERS IN KWUN TONG WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THE SEMINAR IS ONE OF THE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS IN THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MR CHAN SIK-KWAN, WILL GIVE AN OPENING ADDRESS ON GENERAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND WAYS TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TALKS BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, DR ELLEN CHAN, ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS; SENIOR STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG KWONG-CHI, ON FIRE PREVENTION; AND SENIOR INSPECTOR OF POLICE, MR WONG HAK-KEUNG, ON SECURITY MATTERS IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PANEL DISCUSSION DURING WHICH PARTICIPANTS MAY SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ASK RELATED QUESTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING SINGING CONTEST
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE FUNDING OF A SINGING CONTEST FOR THE WORKING POPULATION IN TSUEN WAN AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SINGING CONTEST, TO BE HELD IN MARCH, IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LIAISON GROUP FOR THE WORKING POPULATION.

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PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

WAGE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1988, AT 164.7, INCREASED BY 10.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1987 AND BY 2.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1988 AND SEPTEMBER 1987 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 12.8 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 10.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 17.0 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 17.6 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1988 AND JUNE 1988 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 3.1 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.0 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.3 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 6.7 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1988 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 109.2 IN SEPTEMBER 1988, WAS 1.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1987 AND 0.5 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT IN JUNE 1988.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1988 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

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THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEY COVER 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 INDEXES 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 INDEXES.

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 INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

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 INDEXES.

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.

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AS THE LABOUR MARKET TIGHTENS, THE RATE OF INCREASE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED CAN NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO EXCEED SLIGHTLY THE RATE OF INCREASE IN WAGES.

HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE OCCASIONS WHERE, ON ACCOUNT OF RAPID LABOUR TURNOVER AND ACUTE LABOUR SHORTAGE, MORE EXPERIENCED AND BETTER PAID WORKERS ARE TEMPORARILY SUBSTITUTED BY THOSE WITH LESS EXPERIENCE AND LOWER PAY, RESULTING IN THE LATTER RATE OF INCREASE EXCEEDING THE FORMER RATE.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOLUME I, SEPTEMBER 1988 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE VOLUME 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 EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234744 OR 5-8234747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982=100)					% CHANGE SEP.88/ SEP.87
	SEPT. 1987	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	
MANUFACTURING	148.4	149.5	154.6	158.3	161.1	+ 8.6
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	141.5	146.5	151.6	154.8	159.6	+12.8
TRANSPORT SERVICES	170.4	170.3	177.9	184.6	188.2	+10.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	155.8	155.8	168.2	178.2	182.3	+17.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	145.7	146.6	155.3	160.5	171.3	+17.6
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	149.4	151.2	156.9	161.0	164.7	+10.2

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

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)					% CHANGE SEP.88/ SEP.87
	SEPT. 1987	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	
GARMENTS	132.5	133.1	135.7	138.0	139.7	+ 5.4
GLOVES	154.3	153.9	159.5	164.2	169.3	+ 9.7
HANDBAGS	141.9	142.8	147.2	146.9	151.4	+ 6.7
COTTON SPINNING/ WEAVING	164.6	165.5	172.0	173.6	174.7	+ 6.1
KNITTING	148.3	148.2	150.0	152.4	152.9	+ 3.1
BLEACHING AND DYEING	168.3	169.3	175.2	180.1	181.9	+ 8.1
PRINTING	162.4	164.1	170.5	182.5	186.7	+15.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	146.8	146.4	151.2	156.5	159.9	+ 8.9
METAL PRODUCTS	153.0	154.3	160.9	166.3	170.4	+11.4
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	165.6	168.6	177.2	182.5	186.7	+12.7
ELECTRONICS	162.3	165.0	175.3	180.4	183.9	+13.3
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	174.9	176.1	182.8	187.3	191.0	+ 9.2
MANUFACTURING	148.4	149.5	154.6	158.3	161.1	+ 8.6

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TABLE 3: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)					% CHANGE SEPT.88/ SEP.87
	SEPT. 1987	DEC. 1987	MAR. 1988	JUN. 1988	SEPT. 1988	
MANUFACTURING	106.9	105.6	107.7	108.0	106.8	-0.1
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	101.9	103.4	105.6	105.6	105.8	+3.8
TRANSPORT SERVICES	122.8	120.2	124.0	125.9	124.7	+1.5
BUSINESS SERVICES	112.2	110.0	117.2	121.6	120.8	+7.7
PERSONAL SERVICES	105.0	103.6	108.2	109.5	113.5	+8.1
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	107.7	106.8	109.4	109.8	109.2	+1.4

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS IN CHAI WAN SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS ARE IN THE SIDE LANE ADJACENT TO SHOP 1, KIN YIP COURT, 14-32 LIN SHING ROAD, CHAI WAN.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE LAST SEPTEMBER 21, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 28 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (TUESDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON AND NT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, WING KIN ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 20).

AT THE SAME TIME, IN SHAM SHUI PO, ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM FAT TSEUNG STREET SOUTHBOUND TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND.

VEHICLES FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA HING WAH STREET.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, IN TUEN MUN, THE SECTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YAU OI ESTATE BETWEEN ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 20), TWO SECTIONS OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS.

THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIU KWONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE EAST AND ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES TO THE WEST.

THEY WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR TWO WEEKS AND SIX WEEKS RESPECTIVELY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT STAGE I, SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 20) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BECOME PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * THE SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIK WAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 375 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE LAYBY ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION;
- * THE SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KENG HAU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 430 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE TWO LAYBYS ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION; AND
- * THE SECTION FROM A POINT ABOUT 960 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GOLDEN HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE TWO LAYBYS ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING NORTHBOUND SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * THE SECTION FROM A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GOLDEN HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 960 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, EXCLUDING THE TWO LAYBYS ALONG THIS ROAD SECTION;
- * THE SECTION FROM A POINT ABOUT 430 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KENG HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LOWER SHING MUN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 315 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT TAI PO ROAD/CHIK WAN STREET/LOWER SHING MUN ROAD JUNCTION.

CHIK WAN STREET BETWEEN CHIK TAI LANE AND TAI PO ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AFFECTED VEHICLES SHOULD ENTER CHIK WAN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MEI TIN ROAD AND EXIT FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO ROAD.

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ALSO, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT TAI PO ROAD/CHIK WAN STREET/LOWER SHING MUN ROAD JUNCTION WILL BE BANNED:

- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO LOWER SHING MUN ROAD;
- * THE LEFT-TURN FROM TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO CHIK WAN STREET;
- * THE STRAIGHT ON MOVEMENT FROM LOWER SHING MUN ROAD EASTBOUND TO CHIK WAN STREET; AND
- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM LOWER SHING MUN ROAD EASTBOUND TO TAI PO ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR LOWER SHING MUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MEI TIN ROAD AND CHIK WAN STREET.

THOSE ON LOWER SHING MUN ROAD HEADING FOR TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND, MEI TIN ROAD AND CHIK WAN STREET.

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