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SIR JACK: SCOPE FOR MORAL EDUCATION

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY THE CONTENT AND QUALITY OF WHAT IS TAUGHT IN SCHOOL IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND SHOULD BE AIMED AT PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME FUTURE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG.

IN AN ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE SPEECH DAY AND OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW EXTENSION OF ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, SIR JACK SAID HONG KONG HAD TOO MANY PEOPLE +WHO ARE SWEEPED UP IN THE MATERIALISM OF THIS MOST MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY+, WHO ONLY HAD CONCERN FOR MAKING MONEY AND NONE FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

+IT IS A FAILING OF OUR SOCIETY AND PERHAPS PARTICULARLY OF OUR EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

TO DEVELOP GOOD CITIZENS, HE SAID, THERE MUST BE ROUNDED DEVELOPMENT: +THAT MEANS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AND BY THE MANY ASPECTS OF EDUCATION: AND OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IS MORAL AND SPIRITUAL EDUCATION.+

HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNWISE AND UNFAIR TO PUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY TOO LARGELY ON SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS AS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT A COMPREHENSIVE SYLLABUS IN MORAL EDUCATION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL SCHOOLS.

HONG KONG IS A PLURALIST SOCIETY AND MANY PEOPLE ARE GENUINELY AGNOSTIC, UNCERTAIN ABOUT QUESTIONS SUCH AS ABSOLUTE STANDARDS AND THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF LIFE, HE SAID.

+YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE VERY PERCEPTIVE AND CRITICAL, AND IF TEACHERS WERE EXPECTED TO INCULCATE A CODE OF MORAL CONDUCT ABOUT WHICH THEY THEMSELVES MIGHT BE DOUBTFUL, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MORE HARM THAN GOOD MIGHT RESULT,+ HE EXPLAINED.

SIR JACK FELT THAT THE FAMILY, WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, SHOULD FIRST AND FOREMOST PROVIDE SUCH EDUCATION.

+IT IS PARENTS WHO ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE, BY THEIR EXAMPLE AND PRECEPTS, FOR ENDEAVOURING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN DEVELOP A SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG, A RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE, AND FRANKNESS AND HONESTY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.+

HOWEVER, SIR JACK SAID, HE WAS NOT SAYING THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD STAND ASIDE FROM THIS QUESTION AND SIMPLY CONCENTRATE ON ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL STANDARDS.

/+WHETHER OR

+WHETHER OR NOT A SCHOOL ADOPTS A MORAL EDUCATION SYLLABUS, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF, THROUGH THE ETHOS, TRADITION AND ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL, SHOULD AIM AT CREATING A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED ON MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE, OF RIGHT AND WRONG- AND WHO ARE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS: WHO ARE, IN ESSENCE, A CARING COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

TEACHERS SHOULD PROCEED BY WAY OF EXAMPLE: A PERSONAL EXAMPLE WHICH CAN AND SHOULD BE THERE ALL THE TIME WHATEVER THE SUBJECT THAT IS BEING TAUGHT, WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

SCHOOLS TOO, SIR JACK ADDED, SHOULD TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE PUPILS ARE EXPOSED AT SOME STAGE TO THE SPIRITUAL HERITAGE OF THE PAST, INCLUDING THE RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS AND THE OLD CHINESE VIRTUES.

SIR JACK PRAISED THE BOARDING SCHOOL SYSTEM, ADOPTED BY ST STEPHEN'S, WHICH, HE SAID, ALLOWS THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF TO HAVE MORE TIME AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO ORGANISE A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TO INSTIL A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG THE PUPILS.

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LACK OF GOVERNMENT-VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNERSHIP REFUTED
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TODAY REFUTED RECENT ACCUSATIONS THAT THERE WAS LACK OF CONSULTATION AND GENUINE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN WELFARE SERVICES.

SPEAKING ON +GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR+ AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, SHE SAID THAT ON THE WHOLE, THE GOVERNMENT ENJOYED A SATISFACTORY WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MOST VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALTHOUGH THERE WERE BOUND TO BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IN A FIELD AS DISPARATE AS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

SHE SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THIS RELATIONSHIP AND SHE WELCOMED CLOSER CONTACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES.

REFERRING TO THE CRITICISMS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER, MRS CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT BELIEVE THIS REFLECTED THE MAJORITY VIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AS ITS MANY CONTACTS WITH AGENCIES SUGGESTED OTHERWISE.

SHE NOTED THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISED MAINLY UNOFFICIALS INCLUDING AGENCY HEADS, HAD REFUTED THE CRITICISMS AS +UNFOUNDED AND PRESENTING A DISTORTED PICTURE+ AND HAD STRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT +THERE HAS BEEN A GENUINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ON WELFARE MATTERS+.

MRS CHAN ILLUSTRATED THE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN WELFARE SERVICES BY CITING THE THREE PROGRAMME PLANS AND FIVE GREEN AND WHITE PAPERS DRAWN UP IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS WITH THE CLOSE INVOLVEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

+OUR STAFF SIT ON NEARLY 60 EXECUTIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE COMMITTEES OF AGENCIES, AND ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THEM ON OVER 130 WORKING GROUPS, STEERING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES ON SPECIFIC WELFARE ISSUES,+ SHE SAID.

A FURTHER PROOF OF CLOSE COOPERATION IS THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE-YEAR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SHE ADDED.

THIS REVIEW, SHE EXPLAINED, EXTENDS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND MEETINGS ARE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW PROGRESS, DETERMINE FUTURE TARGETS AND SEEK SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS.

+ALTHOUGH THE FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND TARGETS MAY NOT REPRESENT WHAT IDEALLY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR WOULD WISH TO SEE PROVIDED IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD, THERE IS A COMMON APPRECIATION OF THE CONSTRAINTS THAT EXIST AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE IN THE INTEREST OF MOVING FORWARD,+ SHE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT VALUES THESE REVIEW MEETINGS AND BELIEVES THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SHARE THIS FEELING, SHE ADDED.

MRS CHAN EMPHASISED THAT CONSULTATION DID NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY TOTAL AGREEMENT.

SHE SAID ALL CONSULTATION HAD TO COME TO AN END SOONER OR LATER, AND WHERE AGREEMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE A FINAL DECISION BASED ON ITS BEST JUDGEMENT AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

THIS, SHE ADDED, IS USUALLY DONE ON THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE WHERE REHABILITATION SERVICES ARE CONCERNED.

MRS CHAN SAID THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROVIDED A RIPE GROUND FOR ARGUMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

A GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUBVENTION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO OVERCOME EXISTING SHORTCOMINGS AND TO PROVIDE A MORE SECURE BASIS ON WHICH AGENCIES CAN PLAN SERVICES AND RECRUIT STAFF, SHE SAID.

/SHE EXPLAINED

SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED SYSTEM ENVISAGED THE GOVERNMENT MEETING THE FULL COST OF ALL ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES, UP TO A PRE-DETERMINED STANDARD.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM, TO BE KNOWN AS THE +BASIC COST SUBVENTION SYSTEM+, WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AN AGENCY'S OTHER INCOME, APART FROM FEE INCOME.

+AGENCIES SHOULD THEREFORE HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING USE OF SUCH INCOME TO IMPROVE SERVICES OR TO FINANCE NEW INITIATIVES,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WAS NOW STUDYING THE WORKING PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT SOME FIRM CONCLUSIONS BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SHE BELIEVED A CODIFICATION OF PRACTICES AND SUBVENTION STANDARDS SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS CEMENTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

SHE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR NEEDED THE GOVERNMENT.

+WE MUST THEREFORE LEARN TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER= CONSIDERING ALL THE FORCES AT PLAY, I THINK WE HAVEN'T DONE AT ALL BADLY,+ SHE SAID.

PARTNERSHIP IS TWO-WAY, SHE SAID, AND IT CAN ONLY WORK IF BOTH PARTIES STRIVE TO FIND COMMON GROUND RATHER THAN DIG IN THEIR HEELS ON ENTRENCHED VIEWS, AND IF BOTH PARTIES ARE PREPARED TO FOREGO POLITICAL KUDOS AND TO TOLERATE, IF NOT TO RESPECT, DIFFERENCES OF OPINION GENUINELY HELD.

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ABORTION LAW AMENDMENT BILLS REPUBLISHED
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TWO BILLS AMENDING THE EXISTING LAW PERTAINING TO ABORTION AND RELATED OFFENCES, AND SUPPRESSING THE PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO ILLEGAL ABORTIONS, WERE REPUBLISHED WITHOUT CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

THEY ARE THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

BOTH BILLS WERE FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST APRIL FOR GENERAL INFORMATION WHEN IT WAS STATED THAT THE VIEWS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WOULD BE SOUGHT ON CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, NAMELY THE TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL ABORTION AND THE NEW OFFENCE OF CHILD DESTRUCTION. THESE PROVISIONS WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS CONSULTED AND, AS A RESULT, NO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE BILLS.

THE AIM OF THE TWO BILLS IS TO TIDY UP THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND TO SPECIFY CERTAIN OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN ABORTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT LEGALLY. IN ADDITION, NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE PROPOSED TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN THE LATER STAGES OF A PREGNANCY.

UNDER THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) BILL, IT IS PROPOSED THAT A LEGAL ABORTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT IF TWO DOCTORS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF THE CHILD, UPON BIRTH, BEING SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED THROUGH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ABNORMALITY.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT A LEGAL ABORTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT WHEN THE PREGNANT WOMAN IS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS.

A THIRD PROVISION ALLOWS FOR A LEGAL ABORTION TO BE PERFORMED IN CASES WHERE PREGNANCY HAS RESULTED FROM INCEST, RAPE OR RAPE-RELATED OFFENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE WOMAN CONCERNED HAS MADE A REPORT TO THE POLICE WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE ALLEGED OFFENCE.

UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, AN ABORTION MAY BE PERFORMED AT ANY STAGE OF A PREGNANCY. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR A VIABLE FOETUS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT NO ABORTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WHERE A PREGNANCY IS OF MORE THAN 24 WEEKS DURATION, EXCEPT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER.

A NEW PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE IN THE BILL FOR AN OFFENCE OF CHILD DESTRUCTION. THE AIM IS TO PROTECT AN UNBORN CHILD CAPABLE OF BEING BORN ALIVE, BUT BEFORE IT HAS AN EXISTENCE INDEPENDENT OF ITS MOTHER. FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PROSECUTION FOR CHILD DESTRUCTION, A WOMAN PREGNANT FOR 28 WEEKS OR MORE IS CONSIDERED AS BEING PREGNANT WITH A CHILD CAPABLE OF BEING BORN ALIVE.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO REVISE THE LEVEL OF PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ABORTION. THE BILL EMPOWERS A COURT TO IMPOSE MONETARY PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ABORTIONS IN ADDITION TO TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT. IT ALSO ENSURES THAT A PERSON PERFORMING AN ILLEGAL ABORTION IS SUBJECT TO A HEAVIER TERM OF IMPRISONMENT THAN THE PREGNANT WOMAN INVOLVED.

THE PURPOSE OF THE UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL IS TO PROHIBIT ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ABORTION FACILITIES, EXCEPT WHEN PUBLISHED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. WITH GREATER PUBLICITY ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES FOR LEGAL ABORTION, IT IS HOPED THAT WOMEN GENUINELY IN NEED WILL BE PERSUADED TO SEEK SAFE ABORTION IN GOVERNMENT OR APPROVED HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THE TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19.

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PERMISSION FOR OVERNIGHT PILING

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO FOSTER ASSOCIATES TO CARRY OUT PILING WORK OUTSIDE THE NON-RESTRICTED HOURS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ANNEXE IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

AN EXEMPTION ORDER TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY. IT WILL BE IN FORCE FROM DECEMBER 1, 1980 TO MARCH 1, 1981.

UNDER THE ORDER, THE COMPANY CAN CARRY OUT PILING WORK BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7 AM ON WEEKDAYS AND 24 HOURS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALL-NIGHT PILING HAD BEEN PERMITTED BECAUSE OF THE PARTICULARLY QUIET PILING TECHNIQUE INVOLVED AND THE VARIOUS MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF NOISE FROM THE PREMISES.

REGULAR CHECKS ON NOISE FROM THE SITE WILL ALSO BE MADE BY ACOUSTICS CONSULTANTS.

HE SAID: +THE NATURE OF WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN IS MICRO-PILING WHICH IS NON-PERCUSSIVE AND WILL TAKE PLACE INSIDE THE ANNEXE BUILDING.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK IS TO ANCHOR THE ANNEXE STRUCTURE TO SOLID BEDROCK. THIS WILL SECURE THE BUILDING MORE FIRMLY TO THE GROUND SO THAT IT WILL BETTER WITHSTAND THE EFFECT OF WORK ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MAIN BANK BUILDING.+

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE EXEMPTION WAS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS MIGHT ORDER PILING TO BE STOPPED IF HE CONSIDERED THAT THE NOISE CREATED WAS CAUSING UNNECESSARY DISTURBANCE AND ANNOYANCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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CLOSE WATCH ON PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WARNED TODAY THAT ITS OFFICERS WOULD BE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON SCHOOL PROCEDURES REGARDING ADMISSION OF PRIMARY 1 PUPILS FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 1981.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT ALL CHILDREN OF SUITABLE AGE WHO APPLY FOR ENTRY TO PRIMARY 1 CLASSES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY EXAMINATION IN ATTAINMENT.

+IT IS EDUCATIONALLY UNDESIRABLE THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO AN EXAMINATION PROCEDURE AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOLING.

+FURTHERMORE, ATTAINMENT TESTS AT AROUND THE AGE OF SIX HAVE LITTLE OR NO VALUE ON FUTURE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE WHILE THEY ARE UNDESIRABLE ON SOCIAL GROUNDS SINCE THEY CLEARLY FAVOUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE HAD FORMAL PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH USE ATTAINMENT TESTS AS A MEANS OF SELECTING CHILDREN FOR ENTRY TO PRIMARY 1 TO ADOPT SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES.

THE SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED AS GUIDELINE THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND EIGHT WHO LIVE CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL AND WHO HAVE BROTHERS OR SISTERS STUDYING IN THE SCHOOL.

A RANDOM SELECTION AMONG CHILDREN WITH EQUAL CLAIMS IS ANOTHER ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF DECIDING ON THOSE WHO SHOULD BE ADMITTED IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS VERY LARGE.

SOME SCHOOLS FAVOUR PERSONAL INTERVIEWS AND THIS TOO IS TO BE RECOMMENDED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO DREW THE ATTENTION OF SCHOOL HEADS TO THE REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY PROMINENTLY A NOTICE INDICATING CLEARLY THE PERIOD FOR DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION FORMS, AND DATES OF INTERVIEW OR OTHER INFORMAL SELECTION PROCEDURES.

+IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS ON THE NOTICE THAT ALL CHILDREN IN THE SIX TO TWELVE AGE GROUP WHO ARE NOT IN SCHOOL SHOULD APPLY FOR ADMISSION,+ HE SAID.

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YUEN LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN CLOSES TOMORROW
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT YUEN LONG STADIUM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S MONTH-LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

A CAPACITY CROWD OF 5 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE SHOW.

INCLUDED IN THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME WILL BE POPULAR SONGS AND ANTI-DRUG DRAMAS PRESENTED BY WELL-KNOWN TELEVISION PERSONALITIES.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, AND THE DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, MR DAVID GALLOWAY, WILL BE GUESTS OF HONOUR.

TOMORROW'S VARIETY SHOW WILL BE THE LAST OF 30 ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER 18. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED AN ATHLETICS DEMONSTRATION, A CONCERT, A CHILDREN'S FUNFAIR, VARIETY SHOWS, FILM SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, CANTONESE OPERAS, SEMINARS AND TALKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN ESTIMATED THAT 45 000 LOCAL PEOPLE, MOSTLY YOUNGSTERS, TOOK PART IN THE ACTIVITIES.

THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS PROVIDED \$100 000 TOWARDS CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, WHILE LOCAL BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ALSO DONATED MONEY.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES. MR WONG KAM-YIP WAS CHAIRMAN.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN KING'S ROAD AREA
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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES IN KING'S ROAD AREA FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AND WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 19) TO PREPARE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE KING'S ROAD BUS AND TRAM PRIORITY SCHEME IN LATE DECEMBER.

FROM MONDAY, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAYS DURING THE HOURS OF 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY WILL BE EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 993 AND A POINT 10 METRES EAST OF SHIPYARD LANE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE EAST BY 85 METRES.

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- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD BETWEEN KAM WA STREET AND TAI ON STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO A POINT ON KING'S ROAD 107 METRES WEST OF TAIKOO SHING ROAD.
- * THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND KING'S ROAD BETWEEN KAM WA STREET AND A POINT ON KING'S ROAD 35 METRES WEST OF TAIKOO SHING ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED TO A POINT ON KING'S ROAD 200 METRES WEST OF TAIKOO SHING ROAD- AND
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN FUK YUEN STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE EAST BY 43 METRES.

WITHIN THESE CLEARWAYS, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

ALSO FROM MONDAY, ALL VEHICLES FROM KING'S ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING RIGHT TURNS INTO MOUNT PARKER ROAD. HOWEVER, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON KING'S ROAD CAN ENTER MOUNT PARKER ROAD VIA SHIPYARD LANE.

FROM WEDNESDAY, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * JAVA ROAD SECTION BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD (BOTH DIRECTIONS)-
- * JAVA ROAD SECTION BETWEEN TIN CHONG STREET AND NORTH POINT ROAD (BOTH DIRECTIONS)-
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD-
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN TONG SHUI ROAD AND A POINT 78 METRES WEST OF TONG SHUI ROAD-
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND A POINT 21 METRES EAST OF NORTH POINT ROAD-
- * ELECTRIC ROAD SECTION BETWEEN TIN CHONG STREET AND GORDON ROAD (BOTH DIRECTIONS)-
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN MERCURY STREET AND HING FAT STREET-
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND LAU SIN STREET-
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAU SIN STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND KING'S ROAD-

- * THE NORTHEAST BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GORDON ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND ELECTRIC ROAD- AND
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WING HING STREET BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND KING'S ROAD.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT MORE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE SCHEME WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

+PRINTED HANDOUTS SHOWING DETAILS OF THE BUS AND TRAM PRIORITY LANES AND THE ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AREA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COLLECTION AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE/EASTERN AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN EARLY DECEMBER, + HE SAID.

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FOURTEEN NT SITES FOR TENDER

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR 14 SITES IN SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG NEW TOWNS.

DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SITES, TOTALLING MORE THAN FIVE HECTARES, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

TEN ARE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND THE REMAINING FOUR ARE IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

FIVE OF THE SHA TIN SITES, WHICH OVERLOOK THE RACE COURSE, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY MEASURE BETWEEN 1 330 SQUARE METRES AND 9 451 SQUARE METRES AND HAVE A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4.

ANOTHER THREE SHA TIN SITES AND FOUR YUEN LONG SITES, MEASURING BETWEEN 420 SQUARE METRES AND 5 283 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE REMAINING TWO SHA TIN SITES, AT FO TAN, ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY ARE 5 085 SQUARE METRES AND 6 114 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, 5TH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 12.

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KOWLOON BAY LAND LOTS FOR SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL ON DECEMBER 18 AT 2.30 PM.

ONE LOT MEASURING ABOUT 4 293 SQUARE METRES IS INTENDED FOR DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN USES.

THE REMAINING LOTS MEASURING ABOUT 2 520, 2 612 AND 1 508 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

IN THE SAME AUCTION, TWO FLATS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

THE PREMISES, MEASURING ABOUT 103 AND 86 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, ARE AT 37 AND 37B CHATHAM ROAD, SECOND FLOOR.

THE FLATS MAY BE INSPECTED ON NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 3 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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AMS CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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FOUR PAST AND PRESENT DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WILL GATHER ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE (AMS).

TOGETHER, THE FOUR DOCTORS HAVE BEEN AT THE HELM OF HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES, AT THE SAME TIME CHARTING THE COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE AMS VOLUNTEERS.

THEY ARE DR D.J.M. MACKENZIE, WHO LED THE DEPARTMENT IN THE LATE 50'S AND EARLY 60'S, DR P.H. TENG, WHO WAS DIRECTOR FOR THE GREATER PART OF THE 60'S, DR G.H. CHOA, WHO STEERED THE DEPARTMENT IN THE EARLY 70'S UNTIL 1977, AND THE PRESENT DIRECTOR, DR K.L. THONG.

DR MACKENZIE HAS FLOWN IN FROM SOUTH AFRICA SPECIALLY TO ATTEND THIS HISTORICAL OCCASION AND WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL GUEST OF HONOUR AT A DINNER ON MONDAY.

OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS ATTENDING THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND LADY TANG.

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MORE THAN 100 AMS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB FOR THE OCCASION WHEN DR THONG WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF LONG SERVICE TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ALL THIS TIME.

IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, MEMBERSHIP OF THE SERVICE HAS GROWN FROM 1 200 TO MORE THAN 6 000 AND THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN RENDERING VALUABLE SUPPORTING SERVICES TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTICULARLY IN TIMES OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, REPULSE BAY, AT 7 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

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LESS FIRES ON LANTAU

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A GOOD START HAS BEEN MADE TO THE DRY SEASON WITH FAR FEWER HILLFIRES ON LANTAU.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, SAID THIS TODAY DURING THE DISTRICT'S FIRE PREVENTION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT TUNG CHUNG.

MR LO SAID SINCE OCTOBER ONLY NINE FIRES HAD BEEN REPORTED, COMPARED WITH 28 DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

+THIS IS A GOOD START AND IS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL VILLAGERS,+ MR LO SAID.

+HOWEVER, THE DRY SEASON HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN AND IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR COMPLACENCY.

+I THEREFORE HOPE VILLAGERS AND VISITORS WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO PROTECT THE LANTAU COUNTRYSIDE FROM THE SCOURGE OF FIRE.+

HE SAID TO PREVENT HILLFIRES THE GOVERNMENT HAD BANNED THE RELEASE OF HUNG MING BALLOONS AND URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOT TO LIGHT FIRES OR DISCARD CIGARETTE ENDS INDISCRIMINATELY IN COUNTRY PARKS. STAFF HAD ALSO BEEN DEPLOYED ON FIRE-PREVENTION DUTIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

MR LO ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE FIRE WATCH PATROL AND VILLAGERS OF TUNG CHUNG, WHO HAD HELPED FIREMEN PUT OUT A HILLFIRE AT MA WAN CHUNG AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

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THE WINNERS OF DRAWING, ESSAY, SLOGAN AND SPEECH COMPETITIONS WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY. THE COMPETITIONS WERE HELD LAST MONTH AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN FIRE PREVENTION AMONG ISLANDS RESIDENTS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF ISLANDS DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR CHONG CHU-CHOY, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TSANG LIN.

HILLFIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING FIRE-BEATERS, WATER PUMPS, FIELD TELEPHONE AND RADIO SETS, WAS DISPLAYED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER PRESENTS
PAPER AT FIRE CHIEFS CONFERENCE

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THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HEADQUARTERS), MR ROBERT HOLMES, WILL LEAVE FOR NEW DELHI TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ATTEND THE 11TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION OF ASIA.

THE FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE STARTING ON MONDAY WILL DISCUSS TOPICS SUCH AS THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FIRE PREVENTION, THE NEED FOR HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FIRE SERVICES OF THE FUTURE, AND PARA-MEDICAL WORK AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, MR HOLMES WILL SUBMIT A PAPER OUTLINING THE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES, ITS WORK IN THIS HIGH DENSITY TERRITORY AND ITS FUTURE NEEDS.

ONE OF THE SUBJECTS IN THE PAPER DESCRIBES THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN RELATION TO THE TRAINING OF FIRE FIGHTERS.

+WE HAVE CONSIDERED FOR SOME TIME NOW THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING THE BASIC OR INITIAL TRAINING CONCEPT IN BOTH DURATION AND CONTENT,+ MR HOLMES SAID.

+TECHNOLOGY IS BECOMING SO SOPHISTICATED THAT WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS NOT EQUITABLE TO A FIREMAN HIMSELF, OR THE PUBLIC WHOM HE SERVES, TO BE EXPECTED TO HANDLE WITH EFFICIENCY AND EASE SAY A PORTO POWER OR AIR BAG ONE MOMENT AND NEXT TURN HIS HANDS TO OPERATING SUB-SURFACE FOAM INJECTION APPARATUS WITH THE SAME EASE AND EFFICIENCY -- BEARING IN MIND THAT DUTY HOURS ARE GRADUALLY DECREASING.

+WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY PLANNING A REVISED TRAINING SCHEME WHICH, BRIEFLY, WILL TRAIN A PROBATIONARY OR RECRUIT FIREMAN IN THE PRINCIPLES OF FIRST ATTENDING NECESSITIES AND DELETING MUCH OF THE SUPERFLUOUS PARADE GROUND REGIME ALTHOUGH RETAINING A MODICUM.

+THE FIREMAN WILL RETURN TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT INTERVALS, AS AND WHEN NECESSARY, AND DICTATED BY THE NEEDS OF THE SERVICE BE FURTHER TRAINED,+ HE ADDED.

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PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT BONDS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRINCIPAL MONEYS AND INTEREST DUE THEREON UP TO NOVEMBER 24, 1980 WILL BE PAID ON THAT DATE ON THE SURRENDER OF THE GOVERNMENT BONDS TOGETHER WITH INTEREST COUPONS AT THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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TRAINING SCHEME FOR HANDBALL PLAYERS

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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A HANDBALL TRAINING SCHEME TO PROMOTE THE SPORT IN HONG KONG.

COURSES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 29 UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER AT FIVE VENUES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSS SAID THAT AT THE END OF THE TRAINING COURSES, THE TRAINEES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A HANDBALL NOVICE TOURNAMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE AND SKILL.

+THOSE TRAINEES WHO SHOW OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE SELECTED TO JOIN THE HONG KONG YOUTH TEAM FOR LONG-TERM TRAINING AND TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE HONG KONG AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION SENT A TEAM TO THE YOUTH HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN TAIPEI LAST APRIL, SOME OF THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE TRAINEES IN LAST YEAR'S TRAINING SCHEME.

THIS YEAR'S TRAINING COURSES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS, AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY EXPERIENCED COACHES FROM THE HONG KONG AMATEUR HANDBALL ASSOCIATION.

ALL YOUTHS AGED 15 AND ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RSS.

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QUARRY BAY PLB RESTRICTED ZONE EXTENDED
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THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON KING'S ROAD IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE EXISTING RESTRICTION IMPOSED ALONG THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 865 AND SHIPYARD LANE WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS BY 80 METRES.

WITHIN THIS ZONE, PLB DRIVERS WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORISATION ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THE EXTENT OF THE EXTENDED ZONE WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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