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CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT TO GO AHEAD : THE GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THAT WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND HE IS SURE THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WOULD UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THAT AIRPORT IS FOR THE FUTURE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG AND THE FUTURE OF SOUTHERN CHINA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AFTER FIVE-WEEKS' LEAVE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT A LOT OF RESEARCH AND VERY DETAILED ANALYSIS HAD BEEN DONE BEFORE REACHING A DECISION TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT AND THE CHOICE OF CHEK LAP KOK SITE.

ASKED TO COMMENT THAT CHINA HAD YET TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BACK THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "I WOULD LIKE THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE DOING IT AND THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. I WOULD LIKE THEM TO LOOK FAVORABLY AT IT.

"BUT THE DECISION ON THIS AND GOING AHEAD ARE HONG KONG DECISIONS AND THEREFORE THEY DON'T DEPEND ON WAITING FOR A FORMAL APPROVAL FROM ELSEWHERE.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO THE CHINESE WHY IT IS IMPORTANT. WE LIKE THEM TO HAVE A BENEVOLENT INTEREST IN ITS SUCCESS. AND I AM SURE OVER TIME WE WILL GET THAT."

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILST IN LONDON HE HAD MET LORD CAITHNESS, THE NEW MINISTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG; AND MR MARK LENNOX-BOYD, A JUNIOR MINISTER IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHO WOULD BE COVERING SOME OF HONG KONG'S BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

HE NOTED THAT LORD CAITHNESS WAS VERY KEEN ON THE JOB AND WAS MAKING AN IMMENSE EFFORT TO GET HIMSELF UP TO DATE ABOUT HONG KONG.

"I AM VERY PLEASED THAT HE IS COMING OUT HERE FOR AN EARLY VISIT, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY HE STARTS WORKING IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE."

ASKED HOW THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD AFFECT HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS GOING TO AFFECT THE ECONOMY OF ALL THE WORLD.

"WE HAVE TO ADJUST OUR ANTICIPATED RATE OF GROWTH. WHAT WE WILL HAVE TO SEE NOW IS WHAT THE EFFECT IT HAS ON THE MAJOR ECONOMIES, LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY."

NOTING THAT OIL PRICES HAD GONE UP, HE SAID THAT WE WERE ACTUALLY RELATIVELY WELL PLACED BECAUSE WE DEPENDED MOSTLY ON COAL FOR GENERATION OF POWER.

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ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER THE POLICY ON IMPORTATION OF LABOUR IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE IMPORT THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF LABOUR AND THAT WE ADJUST THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE ECONOMY.

"WE STILL HAVE A QUITE SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF LABOUR AND THAT HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENT OR THE SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THE ANTICIPATED RATE OF GROWTH.

"BUT WE WILL WATCH IT VERY CAREFULLY THE WHOLE TIME SO THAT AS WE IMPORT LABOUR WE GET THE FIGURE RIGHT AND THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE LOCAL LABOUR FORCE."

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ACTIVE PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT

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THE WHOLE COMMUNITY MUST ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS IF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION - "THE WAY AHEAD" - AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE THIS MORNING, SIR DAVID SAID THE 1990S WOULD BE A MOST CRUCIAL AND CHALLENGING PERIOD FOR HONG KONG.

"WE WILL NEED HIGH QUALITY LEADERS WHO HAVE THE VISION, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO LEAD HONG KONG THROUGH THE CHALLENGES AHEAD, AND WE MUST NOW LOOK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A POOL OF EXPERIENCED POLITICAL LEADERS TO TAKE UP THE TASK," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID TOLD THE 300 PROFESSIONALS ATTENDING THE SEMINAR THAT THE ACUMEN, INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS THEY HAD SHOWN IN BUSINESS AND IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS WERE THE VERY SAME QUALITY WHICH COULD HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

NOTING THAT STRONG POLITICAL LEADERS WILL NEED THE FIRM BACKING OF THOSE WHO VOTE FOR THEM, HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT IN THE LAST 17 DAYS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED 120,000 NEW VOTER-REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.

HE SAID: "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND THE WAY THIS PLACE IS TO BE GOVERNED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

"I URGE ALL THOSE ELIGIBLE TO STAKE THEIR CLAIM IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR."

/SIR DAVID

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SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT ENHANCED PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS AND MADE THEM KNOW HOW TO EXERCISE THESE RIGHTS IN A PERIOD OF RAPID POLITICAL CHANGE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, CALLED ON HONG KONG PEOPLE TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN TAKING UP THE CHALLENGES AHEAD SO AS TO BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES.

"I AM CONVINCED THAT IF HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN PLAY THEIR PART AND MAKE FULL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND MAXIMISE THE TERRITORY'S ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, IT WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN ENSURING THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW WILL BE FULFILLED," HE SAID.

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG; THE DIRECTOR OF JONES LANG WOOTTON, MR LEUNG CHUN-YING; AND CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR, DR LO CHI-KIN.

THEY SPOKE ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING POLITICS, OVERSEAS RELATIONS, ECONOMY AND CULTURE.

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425 VRS LEFT HK FOR OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT
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A TOTAL OF 425 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES LEFT HONG KONG FOR RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS LAST MONTH (AUGUST).

OF THOSE WHO LEFT FOR OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT, 152 DEPARTED FOR AUSTRALIA, 139 FOR CANADA, 16 FOR FINLAND, 43 FOR UNITED KINGDOM, 53 FOR USA AND THE REMAINING 22 REFUGEES LEFT FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO AWAIT RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS.

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON TONG TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES AT 13 KENT ROAD, KOWLOON TONG SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 28 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (SATURDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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RESUMPTION OF FLAG DAY ACTIVITIES

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A TOTAL OF 15 ORGANISATIONS WILL HOLD FUND-RAISING FLAG DAYS ON SATURDAYS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR, STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 15, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD CALL THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 576 5922 OR ITS HOTLINE 343 2255 FOR DETAILS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO FLAG DAY ORGANISERS TO ADOPT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO EXERCISE GREATER EFFORTS TO MONITOR THEIR FLAG SELLING ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

THE ORGANISERS ARE ADVISED TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO SELL THE FLAGS, THE FLAG-SELLING TIME AND THE COLLECTION POINTS WHERE DONATION BAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED.

"FLAG DAY ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF FLAGS OR COLLECTION BAGS AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE SAID.

A LIST SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF FLAG DAYS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SEPTEMBER 15	THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION
22	PO LEUNG KUK
29	SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED
OCTOBER 6	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
13	HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
20	THE CHESHIRE HOME
27	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS
NOVEMBER 3	HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
10	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
17	HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION
24	THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN
DECEMBER 1	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH
8	ARTS WITH THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG
15	THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG
22	THE H.K. TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST, AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SEAWALL EXTENSION AT SAI KUNG
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PHASE II WORKS OF A SEAWALL EXTENSION PROJECT AT SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WILL COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF PITCHED SLOPE SEAWALL, A SEAFRONT PROMENADE AND RECLAMATION WITH ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY DRAINAGE BEHIND THE SEAWALL.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 21.

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YOUTH URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS
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ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MS MELODY WONG, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING URGED YOUNGSTERS AGED OVER 21 TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, MS WONG SAID IN DOING SO, THEY WOULD BE SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THEIR PEERS.

AS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES, MS WONG NOTED THAT THERE WAS A GREATER VARIETY AND THE PARTICIPATION RATE HAD INCREASED.

"THE SYP OBJECTIVE OF HAVING THE YOUNGSTERS TO 'SHARE THE FUN AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY' HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AS JUDGED BY THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO THE MORE THAN 120 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES," SHE SAID.

SHE ATTRIBUTED THE PROGRAMME'S SUCCESS TO THE WORK OF THE 200 VOLUNTEERS WHO ATTENDED TODAY'S CEREMONY AS WELL AS THE AGENCIES THEY REPRESENTED.

TWENTY VOLUNTEERS WERE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN ORGANISING THE ACTIVITIES.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE DISTRICT'S SYP COORDINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS CHAN YUEN YIN-HUNG.

THE CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A PARTY WITH A SOCIAL DANCE PERFORMANCE. VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS AND SOUVENIRS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS.

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19 CSD STAFF COMPLETED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE TRAINING

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SIXTEEN OFFICERS AND THREE PRISON CHAPLAINS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED AN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT AND WERE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CSD AND THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, IS DESIGNED TO EQUIP CSD OFFICERS WITH BOTH PSYCHOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL COUNSELLING TECHNIQUES FOR BETTER HANDLING OF INMATES WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

THE CSD PROVIDES PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO HELP INMATES ADJUST AND ENHANCE THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF INSIGHT.

APART FROM THE COURSE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE, THE CSD REGULARLY HOLDS SPECIALIST TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSES FOR STAFF WITH SUITABLE IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CSD'S HEADQUARTERS THIS MORNING, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE RECIPIENTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 3), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE PHASE VI IN WONG TAI SIN:

THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD BETWEEN WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD AND FU MEI STREET, AND THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED.

FU YUE STREET, AND THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FU YUE STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES EAST OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, THE SECTION OF WESTBOUND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST IN THE VICINITY OF CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF SOUTHBOUND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING), SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE AT LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ONE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11.30 PM TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE TUNNEL MAINTENANCE WORKS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF THE TRAFFIC LANES OF TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN) SOUTHBOUND, NEAR SHA TIN RACECOURSE, WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 3) TO 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 11 TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TWO LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY AND ONE LANE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE REST OF THE PERIOD.

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