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70 NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN PIPELINE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS BUILDING OR PLANNING TO BUILD 70 STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

THE SCHOOLS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BETWEEN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND 1993-94.

THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE SCHOOLS ARE LISTED UNDER THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME.

THE REMAINING 33 COME UNDER THE REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME.

THROUGH THIS PROGRAMME SUB-STANDARD GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MAINLY IN URBAN AREAS WHERE THERE IS A SURPLUS OF PLACES, WILL BE REPROVISIONED TO AREAS WHERE THERE IS A SHORTFALL.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE 70 SCHOOLS IS AS FOLLOWS:

SHA TIN	17
TUEN MUN	14
YUEN LONG	13
TAI PO	7
NORTH	4
SAI KUNG AND JUNK BAY	4
TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING	3
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID 10 NEW GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THREE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, WOULD COME ON STREAM NEXT MONTH.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THESE SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 11,000 PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES.

THREE OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED IN TUEN MUN AND TWO IN KWUN TONG. THE REMAINING FIVE ARE IN YUEN LONG, FANLING, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND JUNK BAY.

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STARTING FROM NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, TUEN MUN STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENROL AT THE SOUTH TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE KA CHI SECONDARY SCHOOL AT AREA 44, AND AT THE SAN WUI COMMERCIAL SOCIETY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHAN KING ESTATE.

IN KWUN TONG, THE NEW SCHOOLS ARE THE KO LUI SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION HO MAN KAM PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

OTHER NEW SCHOOLS ARE THE CARITAS CHAN CHUN HA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN FANLING; CARITAS CHAN CHUN HA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG; HONG KONG TAOIST ASSOCIATION YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE NO. 2 SECONDARY SCHOOL AT FU SHIU ESTATE IN TAI PO; AND THE HELEN LIANG MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN.

THE SCHOOL SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JUNK BAY IS THE JUNK BAY GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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CONTROL ON WORKED IVORY COMES INTO FORCE

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THE NEW MEASURE TO CONTROL THE IMPORT INTO HONG KONG OF ALL FORMS OF WORKED IVORY BECAME EFFECTIVE TODAY (FRIDAY) FOLLOWING A NOTIFICATION IN THE GAZETTE.

FROM TODAY, NO SHIPMENT OF WORKED IVORY WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE TERRITORY UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID IMPORT LICENCE WHICH MUST BE APPLIED FOR, AND OBTAINED IN ADVANCE, FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY VALID DOCUMENTS INCLUDING LEGITIMATE EXPORT PERMITS FROM THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND OTHER DOCUMENTAL PROOFS OF THEIR ACQUISITION FROM SOURCES APPROVED BY THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

EXPLAINING THE NEW MEASURE, THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID THE CONTROL AIMED AT MEETING HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN SAVING ELEPHANTS FROM EXTINCTION BY PREVENTING ANY WORKED OR SEMI-WORKED IVORY ITEMS OF DUBIOUS ORIGIN FROM ENTERING THE TERRITORY.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE NEW MEASURE WOULD BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND THE ISSUE OF AN IMPORT LICENCE WAS BY NO MEANS AUTOMATIC.

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"IN PRINCIPLE, THE IMPORT OF IVORY, WHETHER WORKED OR UNWORKED, FROM COUNTRIES NOT RECOGNISED BY CITES WILL NOT BE APPROVED," HE SAID.

"LIKEWISE, APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF IVORY WHICH ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CITES SECRETARIAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED."

MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION, AN EXPORT PERMIT SHOULD STIPULATE THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, ITS PERMIT NUMBER AND THE QUANTITIES, AND SHOULD SPECIFY WHETHER THE IVORY HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE CITES SECRETARIAT.

"AN IMPORT LICENCE WILL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE EXPORT PERMIT IS FOUND NOT IN ORDER OR IF THE DOCUMENTAL PROOF OF ITS ACQUISITION IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITES SECRETARIAT RECORD," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT MORE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE AS FROM TODAY.

THESE INCLUDED PAMPAS FOX, FENNEC, BLACK MUNTJAC, TAKIN, PECCARIES, ALL CRANES, HUMMINGBIRDS, BUSTARDS, GIANT CLAMS, FRUIT BATS, POISON DART FROGS, CORALS AND LITTLE AGATE SNAILS.

IN ADDITION, CARVED PRODUCTS OF RHINO HORN, WHALE TEETH, SEA TURTLE SHELL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF A NUMBER OF HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES SUCH AS FUR COATS OF THE CATS FAMILY AND SEA TURTLE SPECTACLE FRAMES WERE ADDED TO THE CONTROL LIST.

"PRODUCTS OF THE HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG WHILE THOSE LESS ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING CONTROL," MR CHEUNG SAID.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OR TRADER WHO HAS ACQUIRED ANY OF THESE SPECIES OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS OR ITS PRODUCT IN HONG KONG BEFORE TODAY HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 5 THIS YEAR TO OBTAIN A VALID POSSESSION LICENCE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE CONTROL MEASURE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIES INVOLVED WILL BE CONFISCATED, HE SAID.

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CIVIL SERVICE SECRETARY VISITS HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, VISITED THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TODAY (FRIDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, MR GREWAL MET SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DISCUSSED THEIR WORK.

HE ALSO VISITED THE SURVEY DIVISION WHERE HE WAS TOLD ABOUT THE SURVEY AUTOMATION SYSTEM, DEVELOPED IN-HOUSE, FOR COLLECTING AND PROCESSING FIELD DATA.

THIS SYSTEM IS FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE MODELLING SYSTEMS (MOSS) WHICH IS ALSO BEING USED BY THE DIVISION.

THE MOSS, A HIGHWAY ENGINEERING SOFTWARE PACKAGE, ENABLES THE DIVISION TO IMPROVE THE SPEED OF HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT DESIGN.

THIS SYSTEM ALSO PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY FOR CHANGING THE DESIGN WHEN REQUIRED.

LATER, MR GREWAL WENT TO THE SITE OFFICE OF THE \$60 MILLION PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THAT THE EXISTING FLYOVER HAS TO BE KEPT OPEN TO TRAFFIC WHILE IT IS BEING DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED SECTION BY SECTION BY THE NEW ONE.

THE PROJECT IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE INNOVATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN AREAS WHERE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS LEAVE LITTLE SCOPE FOR HIGHWAY ENGINEERING WORKS.

MR GREWAL ENDED HIS VISIT BY MEETING STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, CLERICAL, AND WORKER GRADES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

TOPICS SUCH AS HOUSING AND FRINGE BENEFITS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL STAFF WELFARE WERE DISCUSSED.

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INCREASED ALLOWANCES FOR OMELCO, DB MEMBERS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED INCREASES IN THE MONTHLY MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES FOR OMELCO AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

FOR OMELCO MEMBERS, THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$21,300 BY \$2,300 TO \$23,600.

FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE RAISED FROM \$6,400 BY \$700 TO \$7,100.

THE INCREASES WEREPROPOSED TO REFLECT INCREASES IN COSTS BETWEEN JUNE LAST YEAR AND MAY.

THESE INCREASES INVOLVED SUCH ITEMS AS OFFICE RENTAL, SECRETARIAL, CLERICAL AND OFFICE EXPENSES, AND TRAVELLING AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES.

THE INCREASE IN ALLOWANCES WILL LEAD TO AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF \$5,048,400 -- \$1,407,600 FOR OMELCO MEMBERS AND \$3,640,800 FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE MONTHLY MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES FOR OMELCO AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE LAST REVISED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

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BOARD OF PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE MEETS

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THE HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE COMPANY LIMITED HELD ITS FIRST BOARD MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) AND ELECTED MR DAVID DA SILVA AS ITS FIRST CHAIRMAN.

DR JOHN CLARK, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, BECOMES THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING, MR DA SILVA EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD AIM TO HELP THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY MEET THE CHALLENGES POSED BY RAPIDLY EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY AND INCREASED COMPETITION FROM OVERSEAS.

THE BOARD DECIDED TO OFFER APPOINTMENT TO DR FRANCIS CHAN AS THE CENTRE'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

/DR CHAN

DR CHAN WAS BORN IN HONG KONG AND HAS DEGREES IN CHEMISTRY AND POLYMER SCIENCE FROM THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

HE HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE BOTH IN PLASTICS-RELATED RESEARCH AND IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

DR CHAN WILL JOIN THE CENTRE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR PLASTICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS, LEADING ACADEMICS, MEMBERS OF THE PLASTIC INDUSTRY AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL BE APPOINTED A DIRECTOR AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS, A BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG PO-YAN, COMMENDED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CHEN HSONG MACHINERY COMPANY LIMITED FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE CENTRE.

HE PLEDGED THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE ASSOCIATIONS IN MAKING THE CENTRE A SUCCESS.

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DRAFT KENNEDY TOWN, MOUNT DAVIS OZP AMENDED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WERE PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

TWO SITES HAVE BEEN REZONED FROM "OPEN SPACE" AND "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA".

ONE SITE IS BOUNDED BY KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, CADOGAN STREET, CATCHICK STREET AND DAVIS STREET.

THE OTHER IS ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF CATCHICK STREET BETWEEN CADOGAN STREET AND DAVIS STREET, INCLUDING THE KIN MAN STREET AREA.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE AREA CONSISTED OF OLD BUILDINGS WITH LITTLE OPEN SPACE.

COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA WILL PROVIDE BETTER HOUSING AND MORE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.

THE NEW ZONING REQUIRES THAT ANY DEVELOPER FIRST OBTAIN PERMISSION IN THE FORM OF A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH A PROPOSAL.

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THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY HAS INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN INCLUDES REZONING OF A SITE AT KA WAI MAN ROAD NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH VICTORIA ROAD FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" USE TO "OPEN SPACE" TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL AREA IN KENNEDY TOWN.

A NOTICE ON THE AMENDMENTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY AUGUST 26.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE ON SALE AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; OR 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO WAN CHAI DB

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MR WARREN CHOW YUM-WAH, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI HANG/SO KON PO AREA COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD FROM AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1991.

MR CHOW TAKES UP A VACANT SEAT IN THE BOARD LEFT BY THE LATE MR LO WAI-MAN WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.

MR CHOW, 48, IS A BUSINESSMAN AND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

HE HAS SERVED AS A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE SINCE 1984 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

MR CHOW IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE 1988 WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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TSUEN WAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO TOUR SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA

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FOURTEEN NEWLY SELECTED YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF TSUEN WAN WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) FOR A GOODWILL VISIT TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS, COMPRISING EIGHT GIRLS AND SIX BOYS, ARE OUTSTANDING YOUNGSTERS CHOSEN BY A SELECTION BOARD AMONG STUDENTS RECOMMENDED BY SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DELEGATION WILL PAY COURTESY CALLS ON VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA DURING THEIR EIGHT-DAY TOUR.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON (FRIDAY), THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, CALLED ON THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO SHARE WITH THEIR PEERS IN THOSE COUNTRIES THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO PROJECT THE IMAGE OF YOUTH IN HONG KONG TODAY.

"THE YOUNGSTERS WILL HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIFE AND CULTURE IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA," MR SHIU SAID.

"NO DOUBT, THE EXPERIENCE THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS GAINED IN THE TRIP WILL EQUIP THEM ALL THE BETTER FOR FUTURE VENTURES IN LIFE AND HELP THEM DEVELOP A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY," HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAID THE 14 YOUTH AMBASSADORS WOULD REPORT TO THE MAJOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT UPON THEIR RETURN, AND SHARE WITH OTHER STUDENTS THE EXPERIENCE THEY GAINED FROM THEIR TOUR.

MR SHIU RECALLED THAT THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH AMBASSADOR SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1985 IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE SCHEME WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND HAS WON CONTINUED SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP FROM ORGANISATIONS AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY.

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MR SHIU PRESENTED A BANNER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE DELEGATION, MR NORMAN SIN, TO SIGNIFY THE DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATION.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE ENDED WITH THE 14 YOUNGSTERS SINGING THEIR THEME SONG - "THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS" - FOR THEIR GUESTS.

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YIN NGAI SOCIETY GROUP ON STUDY TOUR

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FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI (NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS) YIN NGAI SOCIETY WILL DEPART TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR A FIVE-DAY TOUR IN HAWAII.

THEY WILL VISIT THE ASSOCIATED CHINESE UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB OF HONOLULU TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE PALOLO CHINESE HOME AND A HANDICRAFT CENTRE.

MEMBERS PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRIP WHILE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ASSISTED IN ORGANISING THE TOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) PRIOR TO THE DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE OUTSIDE THE BOWATER RESTAURANT, FIRST FLOOR, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR ELDERLY

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A FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL BE CARRIED OUT THIS WEEKEND.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY.

QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL MEASURE THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF THE ELDERLY AND CONDUCT A CHECK-UP ON DIABETES AND BLOOD PRESSURE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. THEY WILL THEN EXPLAIN THE TEST RESULTS TO THE ELDERLY AND ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.

IF NECESSARY, MORE THOROUGH PHYSICAL CHECK-UPS MAY BE ARRANGED FOR THE PARTICIPANTS FREE OF CHARGE.

AN EXHIBITION ON DAY-TO-DAY HEALTH CARE WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE VENUE.

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THE FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP PROGRAMME AND HEALTH EXHIBITION ARE ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEDICAL CHECK-UP PROGRAMME AND HEALTH EXHIBITION TO BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 7) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

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STAMP BOOKLETS ON SALE ON AUGUST 25

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PRESTIGE STAMP BOOKLETS TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$26 EACH ON AUGUST 25, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED.

THESE BOOKLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING 21 POST OFFICES:-

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE, TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE.

KOWLOON

AIRPORT POST OFFICE, CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, MONG KOK POST OFFICE, KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, KWUN TONG POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE, TAI PO POST OFFICE, SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE, TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE, TUEN MUN SAN HUI POST OFFICE, YUEN LONG POST OFFICE.

EACH STAMP BOOKLET CONTAINS THREE SOUVENIR SHEETS ON THE NEWLY ISSUED SPECIAL STAMPS, "CENTENARY OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY".

THERE WILL BE A SALES RESTRICTION OF FIVE BOOKLETS PER CUSTOMER AT A TIME ON THE DAY OF ISSUE, THE POST OFFICE SAID.

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EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENCE REVOKED

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OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE IN RUNNING THEIR BUSINESS.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT GAVE THIS REMINDER TODAY (FRIDAY) FOLLOWING THE REVOCATION OF A LICENCE OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY. NOTICE OF THE LICENCE REVOCATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE COURT CASE INVOLVED A LICENCEE OF THE SANG CHEONG ESTATE AGENCY WHO WAS CONVICTED OF LENDING MONEY WITHOUT A LICENCE, ACCEPTING PROHIBITED SECURITY FOR A LOAN AND MISLEADING A POLICE OFFICER BY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MIGHT REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENCE, OR REVOKE A LICENCE IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

"THIS INCLUDE WHEN THE NAME OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS IDENTICAL WITH OR RESEMBLES THE NAME OF ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, OR WHEN THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS BEING OR LIKELY TO BE USED FOR UNLAWFUL OR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

"IT ALSO APPLIES TO A PERSON OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WHO HAS, WITHIN THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS, BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE INVOLVING FRAUD, DISHONESTY OR EXTORTION," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SOME EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES WERE ALSO LICENSED MONEY LENDERS.

HE CAUTIONED JOB-SEEKERS TO GUARD AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS OPERATORS WHO MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND RESORT TO MALPRACTICES, SUCH AS CHARGING MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEES.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MAY BE MADE TO THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8523535 OR 5-8523537.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF HARBOUR FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER SECTION 31(1)(A)(I) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE ON THE GROUND THAT THE COMPANY HAS CEASED TO CARRY ON A BUSINESS OF TAKING DEPOSITS.

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LONGER SERVICE HOURS ON CAREERS EDUCATION

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THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS OPENING HOURS BETWEEN TUESDAY (AUGUST 9) AND SATURDAY (AUGUST 13) TO PROVIDE SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS WITH COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE ON THEIR CHOICE OF CAREERS AND STUDIES.

THE SECTION IS AT ROOM 405, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

NORMAL OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 11.45 AM ON SATURDAYS.

HOWEVER, FROM NEXT TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 12) THE SECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM, WITHOUT A LUNCH BREAK. ON THE SATURDAY THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED TO KIMBERLEY

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE EXTENDED TO KIMBERLEY FROM AUGUST 8 (MONDAY), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY WILL THEN COVERS BLOEMFONTEIN, CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, JOHANNESBURG, KIMBERLEY, PORT ELIZABETH AND PRETORIA.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES, AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS. A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868.

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PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS INVITED FOR ROAD PROJECTS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS FROM APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS RELATING TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS WOULD BE INVITED TO SUBMIT TENDERS FOR THE TWO ROAD PROJECTS IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND ELEVATED RAMPS LINKING THE TUNNEL'S SHA TIN APPROACHES WITH THE EXISTING SHA TIN ROAD AND THE ROAD SYSTEM IN SHA TIN.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 800 METRES OF DUAL TWO-LANE ELEVATED ROAD, 560 METRES OF TWO-LANE LOCAL ACCESS ROAD AND 800 METRES OF ASSOCIATED ELEVATED RAMPS.

THE SECOND PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND INTERCHANGES TO CONNECT THE TUNNEL'S SHA TIN APPROACHES TO THE TOLO HIGHWAY AND MA ON SHAN.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF DUAL THREE-LANE TRUNK ROAD, 2.1 KILOMETRES OF THREE-LANE TRUNK ROAD SECOND CARRIAGEWAY FOR MA ON SHAN ROAD, AND 1.6 KILOMETRES OF TWO-LANE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD.

ALSO TO BE BUILT ARE TWO GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGES, A BRIDGE OVER THE TAI SHUI NULLAH AND TWO VEHICULAR SUBWAYS.

CONTRACTORS ON EITHER:

* THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS: BUILDINGS, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATERWORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE; OR

* THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS: BUILDINGS, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATERWORKS LIST II FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE

ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

COMPLETED REQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 2 THIS YEAR. JOINT VENTURES WITH OTHER COMPANIES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS TO IMPROVE THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CONSTRUCT THE TUNG CHAU STREET EXTENSION.

ANCILLARY WORKS INVOLVING SLOPE DRAINAGE, STORMWATER DRAINS AND LANDSCAPING WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD WORKS.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID EXTENSIVE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN TAI WO PING, NORTH OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAS GENERATED ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON LUNG PING ROAD AND THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THIS TRAFFIC WILL INCREASE FURTHER WHEN A NEW TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND ADDITIONAL PERMANENT HOUSING AT LUNG PING ROAD ARE OPENED.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW VEHICLES COMING FROM LUNG PING ROAD TO MERGE SAFELY ONTO THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, AN ACCELERATION LANE WILL BE PROVIDED IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO FOOTWAY ALONG THE NORTHERN SIDE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN LUNG PING ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO PHOENIX HOUSE.

THE PROVISION OF A FOOTWAY ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD WILL ALLOW PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WEST OF PHOENIX HOUSE.

AS FOR THE TUNG CHAU STREET EXTENSION, A TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE BUILT ALONG THE EXTENSION SECTION BETWEEN FAT TSEUNG STREET AND TONKIN STREET, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THIS NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION AREA WITH A MORE DIRECT ROUTE TO MONG KOK DISTRICT.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 11 MONTHS. THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF THE WORKS.

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FOOTBRIDGE TO BE BUILT AT GRANVILLE ROAD/CHATHAM ROAD JUNCTION

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF GRANVILLE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH TO CATER FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST INCLUDING THE SCIENCE MUSEUM.

THE PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE IN 1983; BUT THE LAYOUT HAS SINCE BEEN REVISED TO COPE WITH CHANGES IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO CANCEL THE PREVIOUS NOTICE AND REPUBLISH THE PROJECT IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AND MINOR REALIGNMENT OF KERBLINES AT THE JUNCTION.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE 3.5 METRES WIDE, FULLY ROOFED WITH ASCENDING ESCALATORS AT THE TWO LANDINGS SOUTH OF GRANVILLE ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT 14 MONTHS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BEEN SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING; MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND, SECOND TO FIFTH FLOORS, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 4 THIS YEAR.

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WIDENING OF BUS BAY TO FACILITATE BUS OPERATIONS

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THE BUS BAY AT THE KOWLOON PORTAL OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, CURRENTLY USED BY CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUSES BOUND FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL BE WIDENED TO FACILITATE BUS OPERATIONS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE WIDTH OF THE BUS BAY WILL BE WIDENED BY ABOUT HALF A METRE BY CUTTING BACK PART OF THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT. WORKS WILL START FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 7) AND ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

TO MINIMISE DISTURBANCE TO BUS PASSENGERS WAITING AT THE BUS STOPS, THE WORK SITE WILL BE SURROUNDED BY TEMPORARY HOARDINGS.

AT THE SAME TIME, QUEUE RAILINGS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE BUS STOPS TO FACILITATE ORDERLY QUEUING OF PASSENGERS, WHILE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS, BARRIERS AND FLASHING LANTERNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE BUS DRIVERS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN TUEN MUN

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN TUEN MUN HAVE BEEN MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SECTIONS OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YAU OI ESTATE, ROAD P2, ROAD D7, ROAD D6 AND ROAD LD6 ARE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS.

IN ADDITION, SOME ROAD SECTIONS BECOME URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT.

THESE INCLUDE SECTIONS OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YAU OI ESTATE, LUNG MUN ROAD, ROAD 31D, ROAD D4 SOUTH, ROAD LD3 WEST, ROAD 3A, ROAD D7 AND ROAD LD6.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE ALSO MADE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS: SECTIONS OF ROAD 44K, WU KING ROAD, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SIU HEI COURT, SHEK PAI TAU ROAD, MING KUM ROAD, ROAD D7, ROAD D6, ROAD LD6, THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO LEUNG KING ESTATE, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF LEUNG KING ESTATE, ROAD LD3 WEST, ROAD 2A1, ROAD 3E, ROAD 2A4 AND ROAD 3A1.

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THE EXTENT AND OPERATING HOURS OF THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS ARE INDICATED BY APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR SUCH DIRECTIONS AND NOT TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR CABLE-LAYING WORKS.

THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANES OF EASTERN STREET AND WESTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THESE TWO ROAD SECTIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BUS TERMINUS FOR ROUTE NO. 91 ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CENTRE STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EASTERN STREET.

AS A RESULT, THIS BUS ROUTE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

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