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GOVT COMMITTED TO UPGRADING MEDICAL SERVICES: SIR DAVID

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING AND UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN PUBLIC AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RISING EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE THIS OBJECTIVE CLEAR, WHEN SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF AN EXTENSION AT UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

"THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN JUST OVER TWO WEEKS THAT I HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR A MAJOR NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT -- IN FACT THE THIRD TIME OVER THE LAST FOUR MONTHS.

"THIS SHOWS THE EFFORT THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PUT INTO UPGRADING BOTH THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY," SIR DAVID SAID.

HONG KONG HAD BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS A SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE IN WHICH EVERYONE WAS ASSURED OF SUBSIDISED MEDICAL TREATMENT AT A NOMINAL FEE, HE SAID, AND NO-ONE WAS TURNED AWAY.

HOWEVER, THIS OBJECTIVE HAD ADDED TO THE STRESS AND PRESSURE ON HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS ON THE MEDICAL STAFF, WHO HAD RESPONDED WITH DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION EVEN THOUGH THEIR TASK HAD NOT BEEN EASY.

"THE CONCERNS THEY HAVE EXPRESSED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS ARE ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERNS," HE STRESSED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT URGENT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STAFF, TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE.

"WHILE THESE CONSULTATIONS PROCEED, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT PATIENTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PROPER ATTENTION AND ARE NOT INCONVENIENCED OR PUT AT RISK IN ANY WAY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT THAT IN THE LONGER TERM A MORE COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WAS NEEDED.

"WHAT IS BEING DONE IS TO STREAMLINE THE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF OUR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, AND ESTABLISH A STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

"THIS WILL INEVITABLY TAKE TIME, JUST AS IT TAKES TIME TO BUILD AND EQUIP HOSPITALS AND TO PROVIDE THE TRAINED STAFF TO OPERATE THEM," HE SAID.

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IN LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE RUN RUN SHAW BUILDING OF THE HOSPITAL, SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE PROJECT AS THE SINGLE LARGEST EXPANSION EVER UNDERTAKEN BY A MEDICAL SUBVENTED ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG.

THE \$1.1 BILLION PROJECT WILL PROVIDE 24 NEW HOSPITAL WARDS AND A FULL ARRAY OF SUPPORT FACILITIES.

"THIS MEANS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS WILL BE MORE THAN DOUBLED: FROM 640 TO 1,400. THE PROJECT WILL IN THIS WAY INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PROVISION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN EASTERN KOWLOON," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHEN HE VISITED THE HOSPITAL LAST JUNE, HE WAS ABLE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE EXCELLENT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE STAFF.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE HOSPITAL'S CONCEPT OF HEALTH CARE.

"THIS EXTENDS WELL BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE HOSPITAL AND EMBRACES THE TOTAL WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THE HOSPITAL HAD EXPANDED THE SCOPE OF ITS SERVICES THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAMMES, COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

"THE HOSPITAL IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON ITS PIONEERING APPROACH IN THESE MATTERS. THESE NEW ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WILL ALLOW THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL TO EXPAND STILL FURTHER ITS SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF KWUN TONG," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD HELPED AND CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS BRINGING THE EXTENSION PROJECT TO FRUITION.

HE ESPECIALLY THANKED SIR RUN RUN FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION AT THE OUTSET OF THE HOSPITAL'S FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN WHICH HAD MADE THE PROJECT POSSIBLE.

"IT IS RIGHT THAT, IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION, THE NEW BUILDING SHOULD BEAR YOUR NAME," SIR DAVID SAID.

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GOVT SHARES OBJECTIVE TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE: GOVERNOR  
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THE GOVERNMENT SHARES THE SAME OBJECTIVE OF MEDICAL STAFF TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF AN EXTENSION AT THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD SPOKEN AT A RECEPTION TO A GROUP OF VERY IMPRESSIVE YOUNG DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL STAFF WHO EXPRESSED THEIR OBJECTIVES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

"THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE NOW HAVE TO IMPROVE. SOMETHING FROM THE PAST WE HAVE TO PUT RIGHT," HE SAID.

"THE PROCESS WILL TAKE TIME. SOMETHING WE CAN DO STRAIGHTAWAY, SOME WILL TAKE LONGER," HE ADDED.

"WE MUST DO IT THROUGH CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE MEDICAL STAFF AND THE GOVERNMENT.

"THAT'S THE ATTITUDE THE GOVERNMENT HAS, I BELIEVE IT IS THE ATTITUDE THAT THE MEDICAL STAFF AND THE DOCTORS WILL ALSO HAVE," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR REITERATED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HOSPITAL PROJECTS WERE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THERE MUST BE MORE RESOURCES PUT IN TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A REQUEST FROM SUBVENTED HOSPITAL STAFF FOR REPRESENTATIONS AT HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEES, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WERE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT DOCTORS, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD LOOK AT OTHER WAYS OF ENSURING THAT THERE WERE ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SUBVENTED SECTOR.

"THE IMPORTANT POINT I THINK IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE PROPER CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

"WITH THE SUBVENTED SECTOR, YOU ALSO HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE WISH OF THE SUBVENTED SECTOR TO HAVE A DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO NOTED THAT THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE DIALOGUE -- DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

"THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE DIALOGUE AND THAT MEANS THE BEST WAY AS SEEN BY BOTH SIDES.

"THEN, IF THEY'RE NOT ADEQUATE, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE IMPROVED AND THAT THEY ARE ADEQUATE," HE EMPHASISED.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE STAFF CHANGES ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE STAFF CHANGES WHICH WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT:

- \* MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, TO TAKE UP THE DUTIES OF SECRETARY FOR WORKS (DESIGNATE);
- \* DR NIP KAM-FAN, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, TO SUCCEED MR KWOK AS DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT;
- \* DR E. W. BRAND, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, TO FILL THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES VICE DR NIP; AND
- \* MR C. R. SAUNDERS, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER, TO UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES (DESIGNATE).

MR KWOK WILL HEAD THE NEW WORKS BRANCH WHEN IT IS SET UP IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AS SECRETARY FOR WORKS.

AT THAT TIME, MR GRAHAM BARNES WILL BECOME SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LAND. UNTIL THEN HE WILL REMAIN IN HIS PRESENT POST OF SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

THE APPOINTMENTS FOLLOW ORGANISATION CHANGES PROPOSED AS A RESULT OF AN INTERNAL GOVERNMENT STUDY TO CONSIDER THE REGROUPING OF THE FUNCTIONS PRESENTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY OF LANDS AND WORKS.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI

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AGED 57. MR KWOK JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ENGINEER IN APRIL 1960.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT IN JUNE 1983 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY 1986.

DR NIP KAM-FAN

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AGED 56. DR NIP JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN AUGUST 1956.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN FEBRUARY 1981 AND TO DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IN OCTOBER 1984. HE HAS BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES SINCE JUNE 1986.

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DR E. W. BRAND  
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AGED 50. DR BRAND JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER IN MAY 1978.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER IN SEPTEMBER 1979. HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR C. R. SAUNDERS  
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AGED 57. MR SAUNDERS JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ENGINEER IN MAY 1963.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN NOVEMBER 1981 AND TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN JUNE 1984. HE HAS BEEN A DEPUTY SECRETARY (LANDS AND WORKS) IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SINCE JULY 1987.

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ANNUAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON HK 1988

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY (MONDAY) THE ANNUAL REPORT ON HONG KONG 1988. THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A WHITE PAPER IN LONDON ON THE SAME DAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AGREED IN 1985, DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON THE HONG KONG BILL, TO PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS ON HONG KONG AND TO LAY THEM BEFORE PARLIAMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES OF REPORTS IS TO KEEP PARLIAMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG."

HE SAID THE REPORT, THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES, CONTAINED A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE MAIN EVENTS IN HONG KONG DURING THE YEAR 1988.

IT COVERS VISITS TO HONG KONG BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS; VISITS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG; THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION; THE FURTHER PROGRESS MADE DURING THE YEAR IN IMPLEMENTING THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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IT ALSO COVERS MATTERS CONCERNING THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE; EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION; THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY; CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS; AND THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT; SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ORDER.

THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY) AND WILL BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE REPORT, AVAILABLE BILINGUALLY, FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES SECTION AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, CENTRAL.

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INTENSIVE PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE QUALITY AWARENESS

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SHOULD HONG KONG FALL BEHIND IN THE WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT TOWARDS QUALITY ASSURANCE, ITS EXPORTS COULD BE PLACED AT A DISADVANTAGE VIS-A-VIS ITS COMPETITORS IN THE NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE SPRING DINNER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES LTD.

WITH OVER 90 PER CENT OF ITS MANUFACTURING OUTPUT BEING EXPORTED, HONG KONG SHOULD PROTECT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ITS ACCESS RIGHTS AGAINST TECHNICAL BARRIERS BUILT ON GROUNDS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, MR LEUNG SAID.

IN FACT, CONSULTANTS HAD POINTED OUT THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENT CONFORMITY TO QUALITY STANDARDS THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, IF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS WERE TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN WORLD MARKET.

MR LEUNG OUTLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE IN THIS FIELD.

THE PROGRAMME OF WORK, WHICH WAS BEING CO-ORDINATED BY A NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT SET UP WITHIN THE QUALITY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, INVOLVED SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN THREE MAIN AREAS, HE SAID.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SERVICES INCLUDED FURTHER EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRODUCTS STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU; DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEASUREMENT CAPABILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY; AND EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE HONG KONG LABORATORIES ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS).

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SECONDLY, MR LEUNG SAID A QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WAS UNDER ACTIVE PLANNING AND WAS SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCHING EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"THE CAMPAIGN WILL PRIMARILY BE TARGETTED AT DECISION MAKERS IN MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AS WELL AS THEIR EMPLOYEES.

"THE PRINCIPAL MESSAGE WOULD BE THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A PROPER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WOULD HELP REDUCE COSTS, IMPROVE OUTPUT AND SECURE MARKETS," HE SAID.

THIRDLY, A VOLUNTARY SCHEME OF ACCREDITATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OF COMPANIES CONFORMING WITH STANDARDS BASED ON THE APPROPRIATE PARTS OF THE ISO 9000 SERIES OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO), WAS ESSENTIAL.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT PLANNING HAD STARTED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT SPONSORED AGENCY WHOSE PRIME FUNCTION WAS TO ASSESS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN FACTORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION. THE AGENCY WAS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL LATER THIS YEAR.

"ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRST GROUP OF FACTORIES IS TARGETTED FOR MID-1990 AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ACCREDITATION OF A NUMBER OF THESE WILL BE ACHIEVED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

"WHERE NECESSARY, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MANUFACTURERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG EXPECTED THAT THE SCHEME WOULD EXPAND CONSIDERABLY AS THE QUALITY MESSAGE BECAME MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND BETTER APPRECIATED.

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#### NEW WATER RATES FROM APRIL 1

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NEW WATER RATES ARE TO BE INTRODUCED FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO REFLECT MORE REALISTICALLY OPERATING COSTS AND INFLATION ON VARIOUS ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE, A WATER AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ANNUAL REVIEW WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS MORNING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE NEW RATES ABOUT 222,000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY A FREE SUPPLY OF WATER WHILE 720,000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL NEED TO PAY NO MORE THAN AN EXTRA 80 CENTS PER WEEK.

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THE BALANCE OF ABOUT 444,000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL PAY JUST OVER ONE DOLLAR EXTRA PER WEEK.

HE ADDED THAT THE INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE TERM CAME TO ABOUT 11.5 PER CENT, BUT IN TERMS OF DOLLARS AND CENTS IT WAS STILL SMALL BECAUSE OF THE LOW BASIC RATE.

"CHARGES FOR CONNECTION AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES WILL ALSO BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN MATERIAL AND STAFF COSTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NUMBER OF UNITS IN EACH TIER WILL ALSO BE REDUCED IN LINE WITH THE LEVEL OF REDUCTION IN THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE, FROM 5.5 PERSONS IN 1979 TO 4.1 PERSONS AS AT THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988.

ON THIS BASIS, THE WATER AUTHORITY WILL RESTRUCTURE THE TIER SYSTEM ACCORDINGLY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AS FOLLOWS:

TIER	EXISTING UNITS	UNITS			
		1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93
FIRST TIER	18	17	16	15	14
SECOND TIER	18	17	16	15	14
THIRD TIER	28	26	25	23	21
FOURTH TIER	28	26	25	23	21
FIFTH TIER	OVER 92	OVER 86	OVER 82	OVER 76	OVER 70

THE NEW TARIFF RATE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1 IS TABULATED BELOW:

WATER AMOUNT	\$ PER UNIT
(A) FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, PER 4 MONTH PERIOD -	
(I) 0 - 17 UNITS	FREE
(II) 18 - 34 UNITS	1.47
(III) 35 - 60 UNITS	2.66
(IV) 61 - 86 UNITS	4.13
(V) FOR THE REMAINDER	5.79
(B) FOR TRADE PURPOSES	2.66

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THE EXISTING WATER RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WATER AMOUNT -----	\$ PER UNIT -----
(A) FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, PER 4 MONTH PERIOD -	
(I)     0 - 18 UNITS	FREE
(II)    19 - 36 UNITS	1.32
(III)   37 - 64 UNITS	2.39
(IV)    65 - 92 UNITS	3.70
(V)     FOR THE REMAINDER	5.19
 (B) FOR TRADE PURPOSES	 2.39

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14 QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA  
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 14 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

SECOND READING DEBATES ON THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE RESUMED, AFTER WHICH EACH BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL MOVE ONE UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 18) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DY148	DZ128	DY1	AA728
DZ1686	CK55	DY843	AB132
6779	DZ884	AZ690	DZ659
BY988	AZ786	AA2881	HK389
DX7	BB8	DZ168	8317
DZ1088	DZ5251	DZ9899	DZ8886
DZ381	DZ3888	BC6687	DZ795
AY161	CE182	DZ3	DY515
DZ8980	AR903	DY8302	DZ7555
AC938	DY887	AK47	DY9394

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 136TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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## TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TARGETTED FOR IMPROVEMENT

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SIX INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS TARGET BUILDINGS FOR IMPROVEMENT BY THE NEWLY FORMED TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (IBMCC).

THE TSUEN WAN IBMCC WAS FORMED TO SPEED UP CO-ORDINATION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACTION SPECIFICALLY TO UPGRADE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE TARGETTED BUILDINGS AND THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF NEARBY DOMESTIC DWELLINGS.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, WHO HEADS THE TEAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE SIX BUILDINGS WERE SELECTED BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE AS WELL AS COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS.

THE IMPROVEMENT ACTION WAS ENDORSED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD LAST WEEK.

THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM (IBMCT) CONSISTS OF A HOUSING MANAGER, AN ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER AND TWO HOUSING ASSISTANTS SECONDED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR SHIU SAID THAT THE IBMCT HAD CARRIED OUT DETAILED SURVEYS ON THE SIX INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND SOME MAJOR PROBLEMS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED.

"THESE INCLUDED ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CAUSED BY PUNCTURED CHIMNEYS, BROKEN PIPES OR CHOKAGE OF UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE, UNAUTHORISED DRAINAGE WORKS, STRUCTURAL DEFECTS, POOR SANITATION AND OBSTRUCTIONS TO FIRE ESCAPES," HE SAID.

THE IBMCT HAS BEEN LIAISING WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF THE OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF THE BUILDINGS TO IMPRESS UPON THEM THE NEED FOR EFFECTING IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIRS, REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS BLOCKING THE FIRE ESCAPES AND UPGRADING SANITARY CONDITION.

THE ROLE OF THE IBMCT IS BASICALLY ADVISORY AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE TARGET BUILDINGS DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON THE CO-OPERATION AND EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL OWNERS.

"THE IBMCT WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE ASSISTANCE TO HELP STIMULATE A MORE EFFECTIVE SELF-HELP PROCESS AMONG THE OWNERS," MR SHIU EXPLAINED.

"I AM SURE THAT WITH CONCERTED EFFORTS FROM ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE TARGET BUILDINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED."

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INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE FOR TUEN MUN

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A MODERN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WILL BE BUILT IN AREA 16 OF TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE MORE SPORT FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MAJOR FACILITIES IN THE 4,000 SQUARE METRE CENTRE WILL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL WHICH CAN PROVIDE EITHER TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, OR TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS, TWO GAMES ROOMS AND CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES.

THE CENTRE WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT UPON ITS COMPLETION.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF UNITED CONTINENTAL FINANCE LTD. AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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INFORMATION KIT FOR EASTERN DISTRICT NEW RESIDENTS

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NEW RESIDENTS OF EASTERN DISTRICT CAN GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR HOME DISTRICT AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD FROM A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION KIT PREPARED BY THE BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SAID 10,000 COPIES OF THE INFORMATION KIT HAD BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION FREE-OF-CHARGE TO RESIDENTS RECENTLY MOVED INTO THE DISTRICT.

"AS SEVERAL LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT IS NECESSARY TO HELP NEW RESIDENTS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE BASIC COMMUNITY FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

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"THE INFORMATION KIT WOULD ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT BY PROVIDING A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO ITS GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT, THE RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A STRONGER SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

THE INFORMATION KIT, ENTITLED "LIVING IN EASTERN DISTRICT", TAKES THE SHAPE OF A HOUSE BUILT OF BRICKS BEARING THE LOGO OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

IT CONTAINS SIX LEAFLETS OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE LEAFLETS WAS TAILOR-MADE FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN THREE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT, NAMELY, CAUSEWAY BAY/NORTH POINT, QUARRY BAY/SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

THIS LEAFLET PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE MEDICAL SERVICES, LIBRARY SERVICES, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE IN THESE SPECIFIC AREAS.

"PLANS ARE IN HAND TO DISTRIBUTE THE KITS TO RESIDENTS THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF THE NEW HOUSING ESTATES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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KWUN TONG DB TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVE TO UC  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY (MARCH 17) TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL.

AT THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS ON MARCH 10, TWO MEMBERS -- MR HAU SHUI-PUI AND MR PANG KAM-FAI -- HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE SEAT.

THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4.15 PM.

PRIOR TO THAT, A FORUM WILL BE HELD FROM 2.30 PM TO 4 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO ENABLE BOARD MEMBERS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH THE ELECTION FORUM AND THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AND ELECTION FORUM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AND THE MEETING AT 4.15 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

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THE HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AND SQUATTERS AREAS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 16).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN SHUN TIN ESTATE UPON THE COMPLETION OF THREE ADDITIONAL HOUSING BLOCKS WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 7,000 PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S HOUSING COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 16), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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HEALTH EXHIBITION AT TUEN MUN

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THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A WEEK-LONG HEALTH EXHIBITION AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA STARTING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE EXHIBITION, ENTITLED "HEALTH FOR ALL, ALL FOR HEALTH", AIMS TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AS THE KEY TO GOOD HEALTH.

IN ADDITION TO DISPLAY MATERIALS, THERE WILL BE SLIDE AND VIDEO SHOWS. EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM TOMORROW. IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THE OTHER DAYS EXCEPT ON THE FINAL DAY ON MARCH 21 WHEN IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM.

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JAPANESE BAND GIVES CONCERTS IN HONG KONG

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THE HAKATA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL WIND BAND FROM FUKUOKA, JAPAN GAVE A LUNCH-TIME CONCERT AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE JAPANESE BAND ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

TOMORROW, THE BAND WILL GIVE CONCERTS AT BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL AND CHEN ZAO MEN SECONDARY SCHOOL. IT WILL ALSO HAVE MUSIC EXCHANGE WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE 60-MEMBER BAND IS VERY POPULAR IN JAPAN AND RECEIVES REGULAR INVITATIONS TO PERFORM IN SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND CULTURAL CENTRES AS WELL AS MUSIC FESTIVALS.

IT WAS AWARDED THE SILVER PRIZE IN THE KYUSHU BAND CONTEST IN 1981, 1982, 1983 AND 1985.

THE BAND WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON THURSDAY (MARCH 16).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON, HK ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 17).

PO LOI STREET IN HUNG HOM BETWEEN BAKER STREET AND HUNG HOM WAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM HUNG HOM WAN STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN WHAMPOA STREET AND PO LOI STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, SHUNG YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN FU YAN STREET AND HONG NING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

IN ADDITION, THE LEFT-TURN FROM HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO SHUNG YAN STREET; AND THE RIGHT-TURN FROM HONG NING ROAD NORTHBOUND TO SHUNG YAN STREET WILL BE BANNED.

IN SHEUNG WAN, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM WING KUT STREET, FROM THE SAME TIME.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CHEUNG SHAN AREA, TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHEUNG SHAN AREA, TSUEN WAN, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 17) FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LO WAI ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LO WAI ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD HEADING FOR CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST OR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

REGARDING BUS SERVICES, CHEUNG SHAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST WITH CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD EAST.

KMB ROUTES 32B AND 32M WILL TERMINATE AT THE NEW TERMINUS AND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST ON JOURNEYS TO CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE.

KMB ROUTE 32 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING ON JOURNEYS TO TAI KOK TSUI FERRY.

FOR GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, GMB ROUTES 81 AND 81M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND OMIT CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE.

MOREOVER, GMB ROUTES 82, 82M AND 94 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS ON JOURNEYS TO SHING MUN RESERVOIR OR KWAI SHING.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN MONG KOK, TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN MONG KOK WILL BE DESIGNATED PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 17):

- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FLOWER MARKET ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN PO STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 165 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FLOWER MARKET ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN NGAI STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 16 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUEN NGAI STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUEN PO STREET BETWEEN FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN TUEN MUN, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HO PONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE 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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