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GOVERNOR HOPES DRAFTERS WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF HK'S VIEWS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT HE HOPED WHEN THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE HOLDS ITS PLENARY SESSION IN FEBRUARY, THE DRAFTERS WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT TO THE VIEWS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED STRONGLY IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TODAY'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FOLLOWING THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING PROCESS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST.

"THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE UPSHOT SO FAR OF THE DRAFTING ON THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE HAS BEEN A DISAPPOINTMENT TO MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

"BUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IS AFTER ALL A SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AND THERE WILL BE A PLENARY SESSION OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY," HE SAID.

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GOVT LAND SOLD FOR \$466M

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FOUR PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$466 MILLION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

TOPPING THE LIST IS A LOT AT WANG HOI ROAD, KOWLOON BAY, WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY SOLANA LIMITED FOR \$238 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$200 MILLION.

THE LOT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, CINEMA AND GODOWN) PURPOSES AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,941 SQUARE METRES.

THE SECOND LOT IS A GODOWN SITE LOCATED IN MAN LOK STREET, HUNG HOM, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,220 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS SOLD AT THE OFFSET PRICE OF \$200 MILLION TO VIEW SUCCESS INVESTMENTS LIMITED.

THE THIRD LOT IS LOCATED IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,382 SQUARE METRES. IT IS DESIGNATED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY CHINTA REALTY LIMITED AT THE OFFSET PRICE OF \$20 MILLION.

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THE FOURTH LOT IS A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE LOCATED IN SHA HA, SAI KUNG, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,282 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$5 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY MAIN CONCEPT LIMITED FOR \$8 MILLION.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR TIM MILLS.

MR MILLS SAID HE WAS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THE PRICES.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER PUBLISHED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1989.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR DECEMBER 1989 WERE 133.5 AND 133.3 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 9.7 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER DECEMBER 1988.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE RECORDED FOR NOVEMBER 1989, BUT WERE LOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED FOR THE SIX MONTHS PRECEDING NOVEMBER.

COMPARING DECEMBER WITH NOVEMBER 1989, THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1989, AT 129.4 AND 129.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 10.1 PER CENT AND 9.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THAT IN 1988.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 1989, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

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CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1989 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989 AND DECEMBER 1988, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR DEC.89	% CHANGE OVER NOV.89	% CHANGE OVER DEC.88	INDEX FOR DEC.89	% CHANGE OVER NOV.89	% CHANGE OVER DEC.88
FOODSTUFFS	133.8	+0.3	+11.2	135.6	+0.4	+11.7
HOUSING	125.5	+0.5	+7.1	120.2	+0.5	+6.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	98.2	+1.7	+5.8	98.2	+1.6	+5.1
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	141.8	+6.0	+13.0	142.5	+5.5	+12.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	141.5	+0.8	+6.7	144.1	+0.6	+6.5
DURABLE GOODS	122.9	-0.0*	+2.5	121.8	-0.1	+2.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	136.2	+1.0	+4.0	135.9	+1.0	+4.5
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	139.6	+0.0*	+14.1	138.8	+0.1	+13.9
SERVICES	151.1	+0.6	+13.3	151.0	+1.0	+13.2
ALL ITEMS	133.5	+0.6	+9.7	133.3	+0.6	+9.5

\* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND LIVE POULTRY, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES.

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THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND TOWNGAS AND THE FULL EFFECT OF THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY 6.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 5.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S OUTER CLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND ADMISSION TO NIGHT CLUBS AND DISCOTHEQUES AROUND THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ALL FIGURES REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR DECEMBER 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 142.1 IN DECEMBER 1989, UP BY 0.7 PER CENT OVER NOVEMBER 1989 AND UP BY 11.1 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1988.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-\$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

SECOND BRIDGE AT LOK MA CHAU CROSSING

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND BRIDGE OVER SHAM CHUN RIVER AT LOK MA CHAU AND ROAD WIDENING WORKS FOR A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO SAN TIN.

THE \$110 MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/NEW TERRITORIES, MR KWONG HON-SANG AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANKI KIER LIMITED, MR J.L. HOLLAND.

MR KWONG SAID THE STAGE I OF THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK PROJECT, WHICH COMPRISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.8-KILOMETRE DUAL-TWO-LANE HIGHWAY TOGETHER WITH A BRIDGE OVER SHAM CHUN RIVER CARRYING TWO TRAFFIC LANES, HAD BEEN OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN DECEMBER.

TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, A SECOND BRIDGE CARRYING TWO ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANES WOULD BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE FIRST BRIDGE.

UPON ITS COMPLETION, A DUAL-TWO-LANE ROAD LINK WOULD BE PROVIDED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN AT LOK MA CHAU.

UNDER THE SAME CONTRACT, A SECTION OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO SAN TIN WILL BE WIDENED.

MR KWONG NOTED THAT THE 12-KILOMETRE-LONG NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD FROM AU TAU TO FAN KAM ROAD WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN FOUR PHASES.

PHASE 1 FROM PAK SHEK AU TO FAN KAM ROAD AND PHASE 2 FROM MAI PO TO PAK SHEK AU WERE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN APRIL 1987 AND DECEMBER 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

PHASE 3 (FAIRVIEW PARK TO MAI PO) AND PHASE 4 (AU TAU TO FAIRVIEW PARK) WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WERE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

THE ROAD WAS DESIGNED AS A DUAL-TWO-LANE HIGHWAY WITH PROVISION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION TO DUAL-THREE-LANE.

"TO CATER FOR THE FUTURE TRAFFIC GROWTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE WIDENING WORKS SO THAT A DUAL-THREE-LANE HIGHWAY WOULD BE PROVIDED BETWEEN AU TAU AND SHEUNG SHUI IN 1991," MR KWONG SAID.

HE ADDED THAT OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDED A FOOTBRIDGE NEAR SHEK WU WAI VILLAGE AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT CHAU TAU, MAI PO, HA SAN WAI AND POK WAI VILLAGES.

WORKS WOULD COMMENCE IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND BE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY BINNIE CONSULTANT LIMITED, WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES AND HARRIS AND SUTHERLAND (FAR EAST) FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

HK CONTINUES TO BE RESILIENT, ADAPTABLE  
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HONG KONG CONTINUES TO SHOW ITS "IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY", THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID IN CANADA TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN A SPEECH ENTITLED "THE EVER SHINING PEARL OF THE ORIENT" TO THE MANDARIN CLUB OF TORONTO, MR LAN SAID THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS SERVED TO ILLUSTRATE THE TERRITORY'S ABILITY OF TIDING OVER ADVERSITIES:

- \* IN JULY LAST YEAR, A SITE IN CENTRAL WAS BOUGHT BY A COMPANY FOR US\$350 MILLION;
- \* SHORTLY AFTER THAT, THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS ARRANGED A SYNDICATED LOAN FOR US\$1.35 BILLION. THE SYNDICATE INCLUDED U.S. JAPANESE AND LOCAL INTERESTS, AND THE LOAN PERIOD EXTENDS BEYOND 1997; AND
- \* ON AUGUST 1, THE GOVERNMENT LET THE FRANCHISE FOR THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM TO A CONSORTIUM FORMED BY U.S., BELGIUM AND LOCAL INTERESTS. THE CONSORTIUM HAS PLEDGED US\$700 MILLION TOWARDS COMPLETION OF THIS MASSIVE PROJECT.

"THESE ARE THE DECISIONS OF RATIONAL, PRUDENT BUSINESSMEN. IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG'S DYNAMIC ECONOMY WILL BE CARRIED THROUGH INTO THE 21ST CENTURY," MR LAN SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT FOUR YEARS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG REMAINED A "THRIVING BUSINESS HUB" IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC RIM.

"THE JOINT DECLARATION PROVIDES THE BLUEPRINT FOR OUR FUTURE. MUCH DETAILED WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE. BUT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING," HE NOTED.

IN 1988, HONG KONG'S PER CAPITA GDP HAD REACHED US\$9,600, SECOND ONLY TO JAPAN IN EAST ASIA, HE ADDED.

MR LAN ALSO SAID THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL CONTINUE TO GROW.

THERE HAD BEEN INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF WESTERN CORPORATIONS SETTING UP OFFICES IN HONG KONG, AND INTERNATIONAL BANKS HAD ALSO SHOWN KEEN INTEREST IN SETTING UP BRANCHES IN THE TERRITORY.

"SOME 75 PER CENT OF THE TOP 100 BANKS IN THE WORLD ARE ALREADY IN HONG KONG.

"ALTHOUGH WE ALREADY HAVE 166 LICENSED BANKS, OF WHICH 134 ARE FROM OVERSEAS, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LACK OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF POTENTIAL NEWCOMERS.

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"ELEVEN LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO FOREIGN BANKS LAST YEAR, SEVEN OF THEM SINCE JUNE," MR LAN SAID.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ALSO MAKING SUBSTANTIAL INFRASTRUCTURAL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

THESE INCLUDED THE \$3 BILLION EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE \$2 BILLION TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE \$7.5 BILLION CONTAINER TERMINAL 7.

"THESE ARE LARGE INVESTMENT PROJECTS BY ANY STANDARD AND ILLUSTRATE THE LONG-TERM CONFIDENCE OF THE FOREIGN INVESTORS IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG," MR LAN SAID.

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EXPANSION AND REMOVAL OF IMMIGRATION OFFICES

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE WEST KOWLOON RE-ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE AT FIRST FLOOR, 789 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON WILL BE RENAMED THE WEST KOWLOON OFFICE FROM FEBRUARY 5.

"FROM THAT DAY, THE OFFICE WILL ALSO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH PASSPORTS, HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, EXTENSIONS OF STAY, RE-ENTRY VISAS AND OTHER IMMIGRATION FACILITIES IN ADDITION TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ALSO FROM FEBRUARY 5, THE MACAU VISIT PERMIT OFFICE CURRENTLY SITUATED AT SECOND FLOOR, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY AND THE CROSS BORDER PERMIT OFFICE AT SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN WILL BE REPROVISIONED TO THE NEW IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS AT 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WANCHAI TOWER II, HONG KONG.

"FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL 8246111," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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RETAILERS, HAWKER FINED FOR USING INACCURATE INSTRUMENTS

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A POULTRY RETAILER, A MOBILE HAWKER AND TWO ROAST MEAT RETAILERS HAVE BEEN FINED A TOTAL OF \$11,500 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THEY HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR.

THE FOUR DEFENDANTS ARE WONG TONG-MING OF TAI SANG LUNG MEAT COMPANY; YIU HON-PING OF CHUI YIU ROASTED MEAT; LEE SHU-KWAN, A MOBILE HAWKER SELLING FRUIT; AND HO KWAI-MUI OF HO CHUN KEE ROAST MEAT STALL.

AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, WONG TONG-MING ADMITTED THE CHARGE ON JANUARY 19 AND WAS FINED \$3,000.

THE COURT HEARD THAT OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, ACTING ON COMPLAINT, CARRIED OUT AN INSPECTION IN TAI SANG LUNG MEAT COMPANY AT GROUND FLOOR, 72 PEI HO STREET ON JUNE 6 LAST YEAR.

A PRELIMINARY CHECK ON A CHINESE STEELYARD USED IN THE SELLING OF POULTRY SHOWED THAT THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT WAS INACCURATE.

THE STEELYARD WAS LATER SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION AND TEST RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE HIGHEST ERROR OF THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT WAS 18.75 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

IN THE SECOND CASE, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT VISITED CHUI YIU ROASTED MEAT AT CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, TSING YI ON AUGUST 3 LAST YEAR AND DISCOVERED TWO CHINESE STEELYARDS WHICH WERE FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON A PRELIMINARY CHECK.

TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY LATER SHOWED THAT THE HIGHEST ERROR OF THE TWO STEELYARDS WAS 12.5 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

THE MANAGER OF THE ROAST MEAT STALL, YIU HONG-PING, PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY ON JANUARY 3 AND WAS FINED \$2,500.

IN THE THIRD CASE, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, ACTING ON INFORMATION, INSPECTED THE WEIGHING INSTRUMENT OF THE FRUIT HAWKER, LEE SHU-KWAN, ON AUGUST 18 LAST YEAR.

THE MOBILE HAWKER WAS THEN SELLING GRAPES AT THE JUNCTION OF MARBLE ROAD AND SHU KUK STREET, NORTH POINT.

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A PRELIMINARY CHECK ON THE BALANCE SHOWED THAT THE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT WAS INACCURATE AND A SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOUND THAT THE HIGHEST ERROR WAS 68 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL WEIGHT.

LEE WAS FINED \$3,000 AT THE WESTERN MAGISTRACY ON JANUARY 16 AFTER HE PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE.

THE FOURTH CASE WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AFTER A COMPLAINT ON THE HO CHUN KEE ROAST MEAT STALL IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE MARKET, SHEUNG SHUI HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC.

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT VISITED THE DEFENDANT'S MEAT STALL ON SEPTEMBER 11 LAST YEAR. A STEELYARD USED IN THE SELLING OF ROAST MEAT WAS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON A PRELIMINARY CHECK.

THE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT WAS LATER TESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY AND A HIGHEST ERROR OF 31.25 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT WAS FOUND.

HO KWAI-MUI, PROPRIETOR OF THE STALL, PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE AT THE FANLING MAGISTRACY TODAY (TUESDAY) AND WAS FINED \$3,000.

THE CHIEF TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 94 COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 45 ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, 33 ARE SUBSTANTIATED AND 16 OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

"AS FOR THE COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIATED, WRITTEN WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO 20 TRADERS, 10 TRADERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED AND THREE OTHER CASES ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT TO COURT SHORTLY.

"THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," MR WONG SAID.

IF ANY PERSON WANTS TO MAKE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, HE MAY CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 7146146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO THE DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 8523185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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45 PASS LICENTIATE EXAMINATION

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT 45 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

A TOTAL OF 132 CANDIDATES SAT THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON JANUARY 3.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6 AND MAY 1.

IN ADDITION TO THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FROM PART I, A FURTHER THREE CANDIDATES WHO FAILED PART II IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL BE SITTING THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE PART II LICENTIATE EXAMINATION ON EITHER DATE.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS TO HERALD YEAR OF THE HORSE

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EASTERN DISTRICT WILL USHER IN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH THE LIGHTING UP OF A DECORATIVE "PAI LAU" IN VICTORIA PARK TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

MEASURING 48 FEET BY 36 FEET, THE "PAI LAU" IS BEING PUT UP BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF ABOUT \$72,000.

THE LIGHTS TAKE THE DESIGN OF TWO VIGOROUS HORSES WITH NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. THEY WILL BE TURNED ON DAILY FROM 6 PM TO 11 PM UNTIL FEBRUARY 12.

ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FRIDAY, JANUARY 26), THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON OVERNIGHT UNTIL 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 6 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCH NO. 6.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DB WORKING GROUP ON LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING, MR LAM TAK-ON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCH NO. 6 (NEAR THE HING FAT STREET ENTRANCE). THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM.

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LANGUAGE LABORATORY TO OPEN AT CSD INSTITUTION  
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A LANGUAGE LABORATORY AT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PROVIDED \$137,000 TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SETTING UP THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY.

A STEWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, SIR OSWALD CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM. HE WILL ALSO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO 18 INMATES WHO HAVE PASSED PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY AT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO GATHER AT THE GROUND FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 1.30 PM.

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STUDENT SINGING CONTEST IN SSP  
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SINGING CONTEST JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DB SPONSORED CONTEST AIMS AT FOSTERING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG STUDENTS AND PROMOTING THEIR SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY.

CONTESTANTS ARE THEREFORE REQUIRED TO CHOOSE SONGS WITH A POSITIVE THEME.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO SOLO AND GROUP SECTIONS. A PRELIMINARY ROUND WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24 AT THE NAM CHEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE WHILE THE FINAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10 AT THE SAME VENUE.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, AT TONKIN STREET, AND ITS FOUR SUB-OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 9.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 7294959.

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TAI PO ROAD WIDENED

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THE FINAL STAGE OF THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE ROAD FROM TWO LANES TO THREE LANES HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ENTIRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COVERED THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD FROM SHA TIN TO TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE, WHICH WAS FIVE KILOMETRES IN LENGTH.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FINAL STAGE, THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST THREE TRAFFIC LANES THROUGHOUT -- ONE LANE FOR NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TRAFFIC AND TWO FOR KOWLOON-BOUND.

IN ADDITION, A CLIMBING LANE IS PROVIDED FOR THE STEEP GRADE SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE AND CALDECOTT ROAD TO ALLOW FAST MOVING VEHICLES TO OVERTAKE.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, FOUR CARPARKS WERE BUILT ALONG THE ROAD. THREE OF THEM ARE NEAR THE KOWLOON RESERVOIR AND SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY VISITORS TO THE GOLDEN HILL AND LION ROCK COUNTRY PARKS.

LANDSCAPE WORKS WERE ALSO CARRIED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WAS IMPLEMENTED IN THREE STAGES, WITH THE FIRST TWO COMPLETED AND OPENED TO TRAFFIC LAST YEAR.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT TOOK ABOUT 46 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, AT A COST OF \$150 MILLION.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT AND THE OPENING OF ROUTE 5 IN APRIL, SOME RELIEF TO THE CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE OPENING OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PUBLIC REMINDED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING CHINA AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK WITH THEM ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY): "BOTH THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE STEPPED UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

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"ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ILLEGALLY BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS DERIVATIVES, WILL BE PROSECUTED."

DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1989, MR CHEUNG SAID, 70 SEIZURES WERE MADE AT CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ILLEGAL IMPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS INVOLVED WERE MAINLY PARROTS, OWLS AND OTHER BIRDS OF PREY. OTHER SPECIES INCLUDED SEA TURTLE SPECIMENS AND EGGS, PANGOLIN, MONITOR LIZARD AND CROCODILE STUFFED SPECIMENS AND SKIN AS WELL AS IVORY.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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#### LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA HARBOUR ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 28). THE DISPLAY WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### CMB BUS SERVICES

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FROM 6.30 PM, ROUTES 8, 11A AND 40 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM WAN CHAI WILL OMIT WAN CHAI FERRY AND OPERATE ON A CIRCULAR BASIS.

THE FREQUENCY OF ROUTE 15 WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO ABOUT 10 MINUTES SUBJECT TO PASSENGER DEMAND.

ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED ON ROUTES 8, 38, 40, 40M, 70, 72, 90, 92, 96, AND 97.

ROUTE 780 WILL BE CURTAILED AT 6 PM IN CHAI WAN EAST AND AT 6.40 PM IN CENTRAL.

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EMPTY BUSES WILL BE DEPLOYED AT NORTH POINT FERRY, MORETON TERRACE, ADMIRALTY MTR STATION, CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) AND THE PEAK TERMINI TO CATER FOR PASSENGER DEMANDS AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

FROM 7 PM, THE BUS STOP FOR ROUTES 20, 21, \*80, 81M, 102 AND 106 ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE EXCELSIOR HOTEL WILL BE SUSPENDED.

CMB BUS SERVICES WILL RESUME NORMAL ROUTEING WHEN CLOSED ROADS ARE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

KMB BUS SERVICES

TEMPORARY DIVERSIONS, CHANGE OF TERMINAL POINTS AND CURTAILMENT OF KMB BUSES SERVICES IN TSIM SHA TSUI AREA WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

ROUTES 1, 1A, 1K, 2, 2K, 6, 6A, 7, 8A, 9, 26 AND A1 WILL BE DIVERTED.

ROUTES 2C AND 28 WILL BE TEMPORARILY TERMINATED AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS IN SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.

ROUTES 5, 5C AND 8 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED FROM STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS TO TEMINATE AT THE GRANVILLE ROAD TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ROUTE 81C WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO TERMINATE AT THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL.

ROUTE 202 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE FROM 6 PM.

ROUTE 5A WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE FROM 6 PM AT KOWLOON CITY AND FROM 5.25 PM AT STAR FERRY.

ROUTE 208 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE FROM 5.30 PM AT BROADCAST DRIVE AND FROM 6 PM AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES

ADDITIONAL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED ON CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND.

FROM 6.30 PM, ROUTE 110 ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, ROUTES 104, 105 AND A2 ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD. THEIR BUS STOP ON HARBOUR ROAD OPPOSITE HARBOUR VIEW CENTRE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

ROUTES 103 AND 601 ON JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD AND ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (EAST) RESPECTIVELY WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI.

FERRY SERVICES  
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HYF HOVERFERRY SERVICE FROM CENTRAL TO TSIM SHA TSUI (EAST) WILL BE TRUNCATED. THE LAST SAILINGS FROM CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI (EAST) WILL BE ADVANCED TO 7.20 PM AND 7.30 PM RESPECTIVELY.

ADDITIONAL HYF FERRY SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED AS NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON PASSENGER DEMAND.

STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON POINT AND WAN CHAI FERRY WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9.10 PM. ADDITIONAL SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES  
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ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND AT HMS TAMAR WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6.30 PM.

ROUTES 1, 2, AND 3 ON JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO TERMINATE AT A TEMPORARY STAND OUTSIDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CENTRAL.

FROM 6.30 PM, ROUTES 6, 7, 11, 24A, 24M, 25, 25A, 31 AND 36 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED.

IN KOWLOON, THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMB WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6.30 PM TO ABOUT 11 PM.

ROUTE 1 (STAR FERRY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND ROUTE 1M (TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE.

THE EXISTING TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 3 (TSIM SHA TSUI TO TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN) IN HANKOW ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE SERVICE WILL BE REVISED TO OPERATE FROM LOCK ROAD.

ROUTE 6 (WHAMPOA GARDENS TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE LINKING WHAMPOA GARDENS WITH JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE.

ROUTE 7 (KOWLOON CITY TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) AND ROUTE 31M (MONG KOK MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST) WILL BE DIVERTED.

ROUTE 8 (HO MAN TIN ESTATE TO TSIM SHA TSUI) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE.

PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED AS NECESSARY, DEPENDING ON PASSENGER DEMAND.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS WILL LAY ON ADDITIONAL SERVICE FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET AND ALSO FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO SHAU KEI WAN AFTER THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO COPE WITH THE PASSENGER DEMAND.

THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ACCORDING TO NORMAL SUNDAY TIMETABLE. PASSENGERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE STATION RE-ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, JORDAN AND WAN CHAI.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SERVICES WILL OPERATE SIX ADDITIONAL TRIPS TO SHEUNG SHUI DEPARTING AT 8.43 PM, 9 PM, 9.20 PM, 9.52 PM, 10.13 PM AND 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT AT KOWLOON STATION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAIR IN SAN PO KONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAN PO KONG TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN FLOW DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 26) TO 8 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 27): THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND SZE MEI STREET BETWEEN NG FONG STREET AND LUK HOP STREET; LUK HOP STREET; THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET; THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF SZE MEI STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND KING FUK STREET; KING FUK STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN SZE MEI STREET AND KING HONG STREET; TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET; AND THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN PAT TAT STREET AND SAM CHUK STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD, ONE TEMPORARY TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF KING FUK STREET OUTSIDE SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE BLOCK V.

ON-STREET METERED PARKING SPACES IN CERTAIN STREETS WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 25) TO 8 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 27).

THESE ARE IN NG FONG STREET, SZE MEI STREET, LUK HOP STREET, TSAT PO STREET, PAT TAT STREET, KING FUK STREET BETWEEN SAM CHUK STREET AND SZE MEI STREET, AND SAM CHUK STREET BETWEEN TAI YAU STREET AND KING FUK STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NEW AIRPORT BUS SERVICE TO MONG KOK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW AIRPORT BUS ROUTE TO MONG KOK WILL BE INTRODUCED BY KMB TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE AIRBUS ROUTE A4 WILL PLY BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE MONG KOK KCR STATION FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 PM DAILY.

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES EXCEPT FROM 9.50 AM TO 10.50 AM AND FROM 6.40 PM TO 7.40 PM WHEN IT WILL OPERATE AT 20-MINUTE INTERVALS.

THE FARE WILL BE \$5 PER SINGLE JOURNEYS.

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE AS A CIRCULAR ROUTE VIA OLYMPIC AVENUE, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, SAI YEE STREET, ARGYLE STREET, LUEN WAN ROAD, BUTE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, A FLYOVER, DEPARTURES CIRCUIT, CONCORDE ROAD AND AIRPORT TRANSPORT TERMINUS.

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PLB BAN ZONES, URBAN CLEARWAY IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 25), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN ZONES:

- THE SECTION OF RUMSEY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL; AND
- THE SECTION OF WING WO STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF RUMSEY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA, DRIVERS OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN SHAM SHUI PO TO BE LIFTED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 25), VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM WOH CHAI STREET EASTBOUND ONTO NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND IN SHAM SHUI PO FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB BUSES ON ROUTES 2B, 2F, 86 AND 86A, ON JOURNEYS TO WONG TAI SIN OR SHA TIN, WILL OPERATE VIA WOH CHAI STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN SHEUNG WAN TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON THE ROOF OVER 9 AND 10 WAH IN FONG EAST, SHEUNG WAN, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED AND THE ROOF SLAB BE REINSTATED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON MARCH 14 LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROOF SLAB.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 5 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

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

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