



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WORK ON PLANETARIUM TO BEGIN THIS MONTH
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THE MAIN BUILDING WORKS FOR HONG KONG'S NEW PLANETARIUM WILL BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A \$13.2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WAS SIGNED TODAY IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING.

CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, MR. JOSEPH LEI, WHO FORMALLY SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, SAID HE EXPECTED THE COMPLEX TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE PLANETARIUM, WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE PROPOSED TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL CENTRE, IS BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, WHICH IS FINANCING THE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE SEMI-CIRCULAR SKY THEATRE AND A TWO-STOREY ANNEX.

IT WAS AWARDED TO THE TECHNIC CONSTRUCTION CO., WHICH WON THE CONTRACT IN COMPETITION WITH 11 OTHER LOCAL FIRMS.

MR. LEI SAID FOUNDATION WORKS COSTING NEARLY \$2 MILLION HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED ON THE 7,600 SQUARE METRE PLANETARIUM SITE WHICH IS ON PART OF THE FORMER KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY TERMINUS AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

+THIS IS THE FIRST PROJECT OF ITS KIND EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE P.W.D.,+ HE SAID, +AND IT HAS REQUIRED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK.

+WE HAVE HAD TO DO DETAILED STUDIES OF SOME 15 PLANETARIA IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, BRITAIN AND GERMANY TO MAKE SURE WE WERE ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD.+

THE DOMINANT FEATURE OF THE BUILDING WOULD BE THE LARGE, EGG-SHAPED DOME STRUCTURE HOUSING THE SKY THEATRE, WHERE AUDIENCES OF BETWEEN 350 AND 400 WOULD MAKE IMAGINARY TRIPS TO THE PLANETS.

+ONE INTERESTING FEATURE HAS BEEN ADDED BY SETTING THIS RATHER STRIKING DOME WITHIN A SHALLOW POOL, TO GIVE A PLEASANT 'FLOATING' EFFECT TO THE WHOLE STRUCTURE,+ HE SAID.

FORMING THE 'YOLK' OF THE EGG-SHAPED STRUCTURE WOULD BE THE SKY THEATRE ITSELF, IN THE SHAPE OF A CIRCULAR DOME WITH A 23-METRE DIAMETER PROJECTION SCREEN ON WHICH PLANETS AND CONSTELLATIONS WOULD BE SHOWN IN THEIR NATURAL CONFIGURATIONS.

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THE THEATRE WOULD BE LOCATED ON AN UPPER LEVEL, SURROUNDED BY A GALLERY OVERLOOKING A LARGE EXHIBITION AREA FOR DISPLAYS ON ASTRONOMY, EARTH SCIENCES AND ASTRO-NAVIGATION.

DIRECTLY UNDER THE SKY THEATRE WOULD BE THE CONTROL ROOM STUDIOS, WORKSHOPS AND OFFICES.

MR. LEI SAID THE OTHER MAIN FEATURE OF THE PLANETARIUM WOULD BE A TWO-STOREY RECTANGULAR BUILDING EMBRACING THE EGG-SHAPED DOME, WITH SUCH FACILITIES AS A LARGE FIRST-FLOOR RESTAURANT AND A LECTURE HALL WITH SEATS FOR AN AUDIENCE OF 200 ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

ORDERS HAD ALREADY BEEN PLACED WITH A GERMAN FIRM FOR THE MAJOR PART OF THE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A SOPHISTICATED PLANETARIUM STAR-PROJECTOR, THE PROJECTION DOME AND VARIOUS SPECIAL-EFFECTS PROJECTORS.

THESE WOULD BE DELIVERED FOR INSTALLATION WHEN THE BUILDING WORKS HAD REACHED AN **ADVANCED** STAGE.

MR. LEI SAID THE PLANETARIUM WOULD FILL AN IMPORTANT RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEED.

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TELEPHONE LINK FOR REMOTE NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES
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THE COMMUNICATIONS GAP FOR A REMOTE NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGE WAS CLOSED A LITTLE FURTHER TODAY WHEN THE FIRST TELEPHONES BEGAN OPERATING IN TAI LONG, THE EASTERN MOST VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG.

ONE OF THE FIRST CALLS FROM TAI LONG WAS MADE BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR. LEO KWAN, WHO WAS MAKING A REGULAR VISIT TO THE AREA.

THE THREE TELEPHONES IN TAI LONG, WHICH ARE OPERATED THROUGH THE JUST OPENED TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT KO TONG, WENT INTO ACTION AT 2 P.M.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ROBERT UPTON, SAID LATER, +APART FROM THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES FOR THE VILLAGERS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEPHONE SERVICE IN TAI LONG WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE MANY WEEKEND TRIPPERS AND HOLIDAY MAKERS WHO FLOCK TO THE AREA FOR HIKING AND PICNICKING.

+IN THE PAST, WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN MISHAPS, THERE WAS A FORTY MINUTE WALK TO THE NEAREST TELEPHONE TO SUMMON HELP.

+WITH TAI LONG AND SAI WAN NOW BOTH CONNECTED TO THE NEW EXCHANGE, THIS PROBLEM WILL NO LONGER EXIST.+

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OVER FIVE MILLION VEHICLES USE LION ROCK TUNNEL
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A RECORD 5.18 MILLION VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTED A 17.4 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1975 AND BROUGHT THE OVERALL TOTAL SINCE THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL IN 1967 TO 34.75 MILLION.

PRIVATE CARS MADE UP 70.59 PER CENT OF LAST YEAR'S TRAFFIC, WITH HEAVY AND MEDIUM VEHICLES CONSITUTING 15.68 AND 13.73 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE UPSURGE IN THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THIS IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN URBAN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WAS CAUSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEK YUEN ESTATE AND OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS AS WELL AS RECLAMATION WORK FOR THE NEW RACE COURSE IN SHA TIN.

MORE LORRIES ARE USING THE TUNNEL, BRINGING EARTH EXCAVATED FROM MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SITES TO THE DUMPING AREA IN SHA TIN.

AT THE SAME TIME, FOUR MORE NEW TERRITORIES RURAL BUS ROUTES VIA THE TUNNEL WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE YEAR. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BUS TRIPS THROUGH THE TUNNEL STOOD AT 185,922, AN INCREASE OF 163 PER CENT OVER 1975.

THE TOTAL REVENUE FROM TUNNEL TOLL LAST YEAR WAS \$6.14 MILLION COMPARED WITH \$4.29 MILLION IN 1975.

1976 WAS ALSO A BUSY YEAR FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, WITH 18,218,000 VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH IT, REGISTERING A 19.1 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR.

REVENUE FROM THE TOLLS, WHICH RANGE FROM TWO TO 20 DOLLARS A VEHICLE, AMOUNTED TO \$113,854,000.

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WORKINGS OF PERSONAL ALLOWANCES FOR SALARIES TAX EXPLAINED
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED HOW A SALARIES TAX ASSESSMENT (AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT) IS ARRIVED AT AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROPOSED NEW SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE.

IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH ON MARCH 2, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY PROPOSED, AMONG OTHER TAX CONCESSIONS, A SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500 FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND \$5,000 FOR A MARRIED PERSON WHICH WILL BE REDUCED AS THEIR INCOME RISES.

THIS MEANS THAT A SINGLE PERSON EARNING UP TO \$12,500 OR A MARRIED PERSON EARNING UP TO \$25,000 A YEAR WILL NO LONGER PAY SALARIES TAX.

HOWEVER, FOR EVERY DOLLAR OF INCOME IN EXCESS OF THE \$12,500 IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE PERSON AND \$25,000 IN THE CASE OF A MARRIED PERSON, THE SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE WILL BE REDUCED BY 20 CENTS UNTIL THE ALLOWANCE IS ELIMINATED AND THE TAXPAYER SIMPLY RECEIVES THE BASIC PERSONAL ALLOWANCE OF \$10,000 OR \$20,000 AS THE CASE MAY BE.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE WILL BECOME NIL WHEN A SINGLE PERSON'S YEARLY INCOME REACHES \$25,000 AND WHEN A MARRIED PERSON'S YEARLY INCOME REACHES \$50,000.

TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND BETTER THE ARITHMETIC OF THE ASSESSMENT, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT GAVE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES :

EXAMPLES OF THE CALCULATION OF SALARIES TAX

WITH THE INCREASED ALLOWANCES

EXAMPLE 1.	SINGLE PERSON EARNING \$22,000 A YEAR	
	SALARY :	\$22,000
	LESS : SINGLE ALLOWANCE	12,500
	(BASIC + SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES)	-----
		\$ 9,500
	ADD : REDUCTION (20 PER CENT OF \$9,500)	\$ 1,900

	NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	\$11,400

	TAX THEREON	\$ 640

NOTE : (ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE IS THEREFORE \$2,500 - \$1,900 = \$600)

EXAMPLE 2. MARRIED PERSON, WITH NO CHILDREN, EARNING \$40,000 A YEAR

SALARY :	\$40,000
LESS : MARRIED ALLOWANCE (BASIC + SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES)	<u>\$25,000</u>
	\$15,000
ADD : REDUCTION (20 PER CENT OF \$15,000)	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	<u>\$18,000</u>

TAX THEREON	<u>\$ 1,300</u>

NOTE : (ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE
IS THEREFORE \$5,000 - \$3,000 = \$2,000)

EXAMPLE 3. MARRIED PERSON, WITH ONE CHILD, EARNING \$45,000 A YEAR

SALARY :	\$45,000
LESS : MARRIED ALLOWANCE (BASIC + SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES)	<u>\$25,000</u>
	\$20,000
ADD : REDUCTION (20 PER CENT OF \$20,000)	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
	\$24,000
LESS : CHILD ALLOWANCE (AS INCREASED)	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	<u>\$20,000</u>

TAX THEREON	<u>\$ 1,500</u>

NOTE : (ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE
IS THEREFORE \$5,000 - \$4,000 = \$1,000)

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TECHNIQUES OF PASSING CAREERS INFORMATION TO YOUTHS

THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING A WIDER RANGE OF TECHNIQUES TO PUT ACROSS INFORMATION ON CAREERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE WAS STRESSED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA LUNCHEON AT THE FURAMA HOTEL WHERE HE RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE A DONATION OF A SET OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, COMPRISING TWO PORTABLE OVERHEAD PROJECTORS, A TRANSPARENCY MAKER AND OTHER ACCESSORIES.

MR. HENDERSON SAID: +THE BASIC INTENTION IN ANY CAREERS INFORMATION SERVICE IS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE THE AVAILABLE CHOICES OF LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT. THIS CHOICE IS BECOMING BEWILDERINGLY WIDER, MORE SPECIALISED, AND INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED.

AS A RESULT, HE ADDED, IT WAS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT THAT +WE DEVELOP A MORE VARIED AND WIDER RANGE OF TECHNIQUES TO PUT ACROSS THIS VITAL INFORMATION.+

SPEAKING OF THE WORK OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, MR. HENDERSON SAID IT HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN A PROGRAMME TO CONVEY UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION TO STUDENTS AND HELP THEM MAKE OCCUPATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS AND TO UNDERSTAND THE WORLD OF WORK.

+THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE,+ MR. HENDERSON EXPLAINED, +WAS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR PERSONALITY, INTERESTS AND TALENTS.+

REFERRING TO THE VISUAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, MR. HENDERSON SAID IT WOULD BECOME AN INVALUABLE PART OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE'S INFORMATION DISSEMINATION EQUIPMENT.

WITH THIS DONATION, HE ADDED, THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CAREERS INFORMATION IN VISUAL FORM TO STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES.

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VALUATION LISTS FOR 1977-78 ON DISPLAY UNTIL FRIDAY

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE DISPLAY PERIOD OF THE NEW VALUATION LISTS FOR 1977-78, WHICH HAVE BEEN ON DISPLAY AT THE TREASURY SINCE MARCH 5, WILL EXPIRE ON FRIDAY (MARCH 25).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE, THE COLLECTOR OF RATES MUST MAKE THE LISTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR A PERIOD OF 21 DAYS, DURING WHICH ANY PERSON MAY TAKE AN EXTRACT THEREFROM.

HE ADDED: +DURING THIS PERIOD ANY PERSON WHO DISAGREES WITH AN ENTRY OR OMISSION OF A TENEMENT IN OR FROM A LIST, OR THE ASSESSED RATEABLE VALUE, MAY SERVE ON THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION A PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE LIST.

+THE PROPOSAL MUST BE MADE IN THE SPECIFIED FORM (R20A), COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AND AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO LODGE THEIR PROPOSALS SHOULD DO SO PROMPTLY AND WITHIN THE STIPULATED 21-DAY PERIOD AS NO EXTENSION OF TIME WOULD BE ALLOWED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 25 WOULD NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 24), STARTING AT 3 P.M.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. J.B. HAWTHORNE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING. TV CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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TWO U.K. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS CONDUCT SEMINARS
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TWO VISITING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ADDRESS NEARLY 160 HEADS OF SCHOOLS, MEMBERS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE LECTURE THEATRE OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY ARE PROFESSOR P.H. TAYLOR, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION OF BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY, AND MR. R.H.F. DALTON, SENIOR LECTURER IN CHARGE, COMMONWEALTH COURSES, OF THE SAME UNIVERSITY.

PROFESSOR TAYLOR WILL SPEAK ON +CURRICULUM INNOVATION AND THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL+ - THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL AS A CURRICULUM INNOVATOR WILL BE EXPLORED, ALONG WITH THE CONTRADICTIONS THAT ARE INHERENT IN INNOVATING IN ANY INSTITUTIONAL SETTING= SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES WILL BE ENUMERATED AND THEIR STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS EXAMINED.

THE OTHER LECTURE TO BE GIVEN BY MR. DALTON WILL BE ON +QUALITY IN THE CLASSROOM - THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL+. INCLUDED IN HIS TALK WILL BE A BRIEF SURVEY OF CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT= EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AS A REFLECTION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY= THE ROLE AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL= THE PRINCIPAL AS AN ADMINISTRATOR= RELATIONS WITH TEACHERS= QUALITY IN THE CLASSROOM= THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS COMMUNITY= AND THE PRINCIPAL AS A THINKER AND PHILOSOPHER.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT, WHICH IS AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, IS TO CONDUCT AN EIGHT-DAY SEMINAR ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTORS AND MEMBERS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THIS SEMINAR WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 23) AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 100 INSPECTORS AND SOME STAFF FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

THE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE +CURRICULUM AND THE SCHOOL: INFLUENCES AND CONSTRAINTS=+ +DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CURRICULA=+ +THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE INSPECTOR=+ AND +IN-SERVICE EDUCATION: TOWARDS A NEW APPRAISAL.+

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE TWO LECTURES TO SCHOOL HEADS TOMORROW AND THE EIGHT-DAY SEMINAR BEGINNING ON MARCH 23 COVERED. (BOTH OF THESE FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION).

ON ALL NINE DAYS THE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 9.15 A.M. AND END AT 1 P.M.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED BETWEEN 11.55 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND 5.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 23), TO FACILITATE THE WORKS ON THE DOUBLE TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS BOUNDARY STREET.

IN ADDITION, SAI YEE STREET BETWEEN FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET, AND BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD WILL BE REROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY.

AS A RESULT OF THE ROAD CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD, YUEN NGAI STREET, EMBANKMENT ROAD AND THEN BOUNDARY STREET WHILE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD GOING TO TAI HANG TUNG MAY TURN INTO TUNG CHAU STREET FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THEN TO TAI HANG TUNG ROAD VIA BOUNDARY STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC FROM TAI HANG TUNG ROAD GOING TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD MAY GO WESTBOUND ON BOUNDARY STREET AND THEN TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD VIA SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND YUEN NGAI STREET.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE AREA AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO INDICATE THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LEARNER DRIVERS WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING KWAI HOP STREET, KWAI CHUNG, FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 23).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITION.

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