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URBCO COMMITTED TO BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG

THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING A BETTER CITY OF HONG KONG THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIRST-CLASS MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR ITS FOUR MILLION URBAN RESIDENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, MR SO SAID THIS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT A CRUCIAL TIME WHEN THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE TERRITORY DEPENDED ON THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF ITS PEOPLE.

"ONE OF THE PRIME OBJECTIVES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO IMPROVE THE LIFESTYLE OF THE URBAN DWELLERS BY PROVIDING MODERN FACILITIES AND VENUES ON ALL FRONTS UNDER ITS CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME," MR SO SAID.

"THESE FACILITIES RANGE FROM THE VERY BASIC SUCH AS REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, MARKETS AND COOKED-FOOD CENTRES TO THE FINER THING OF LIFE LIKE PARKS AND GARDENS, SWIMMING POOLS, PERFORMING VENUES, MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND EVEN A ZOO," HE ADDED.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE COUNCIL SPENTS \$1.33 BILLION ON MORE THAN 100 PROJECTS INCLUDING THE MAGNIFICENT HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, THE FIRST URBAN HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN LEI YUE MUN PARK, CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND AND THE FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX.

"OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE COUNCIL WILL SPEND ANOTHER \$3 BILLION ON 300 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS AND SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT ONES ARE THE HONG KONG PARK AT THE FORMER VICTORIA BARRACKS IN CENTRAL, THE FIRST EVER UC LEISURE POOL IN HAMMER HILL ROAD AND THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN TSIM SHA TSUI," MR SO NOTED.

WHILE PLANNING THESE FACILITIES, MR SO POINTED OUT, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO MAXIMISE USAGE OF THE LIMITED LAND RESOURCES.

"A UNIQUE EXAMPLE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-PURPOSE MARKET COMPLEXES WHERE WE HAVE MARKET, COOKED-FOOD CENTRE, REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, INDOOR GAMES HALL, LIBRARY AND EVEN A CIVIC CENTRE, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF," HE SAID.

MR SO SAID THAT TO TACKLE AT SOURCE THE PROBLEM OF ACUTE LAND SHORTAGE, THE COUNCIL WAS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO SEEK MORE LAND FOR OPEN SPACE, MODERN TOILET FACILITIES, OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND MARKETS.

"THE COUNCIL PROVIDES FUNDS FOR ALMOST ALL ITS PROJECTS BUT ALSO WELCOMES SPONSORSHIP FROM PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND TWO FINE EXAMPLES ARE THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE REDEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON PARK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG PARK," HE POINTED OUT.

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ADDITIONALLY, OTHER PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES SUCH AS THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO HENG FA CHUEN, THE HUTCHISON PARK AND SOME OF THE FASCINATING EXHIBITS IN THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"THIS GENEROSITY IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE STRONG COMMITMENT BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHARE IN BUILDING A BETTER CITY OF HONG KONG," MR SO SAID.

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE TALKS OF DANGER OF BILATERALISM

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HONG KONG BELIEVES THAT IF BILATERALISM AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL OR PRODUCT LEVEL IS PERMITTED TO PROPAGATE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE OUTSIDE THE GATT FRAMEWORK, IT WILL MEAN THE DEMISE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) IN SEATTLE.

MR SZE HEADS THE HONG KONG DELEGATION ATTENDING THE SEATTLE PACIFIC SUMMIT AND SYMPOSIA (FROM AUGUST 7 TO 11), AN OFFICIAL EVENT WHICH IS BEING HELD AS PART OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMIT AND SYMPOSIA INCLUDE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS FROM ABOUT 20 PACIFIC COUNTRIES.

IN A PRESENTATION ON "THE FUTURE OF MULTILATERAL TRADE CO-OPERATION" AT THE PACIFIC SUMMIT, MR SZE SAID HE FELT THAT THE GREATEST DANGER CAME FROM BILATERAL SECTORAL AGREEMENTS KNOWN EUPHEMISTICALLY AS VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS, ORDERLY MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS OR INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO NOTIFICATIONS TO THE GATT BY CONTRACTING PARTIES, THERE WERE 232 "GREY AREA" MEASURES IN EXISTENCE IN 1988.

"THESE GREY AREA MEASURES ARE BILATERALLY CONCLUDED OUTSIDE THE GATT AND NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND RULES OF THE GATT.

"MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IS THE ONLY WAY TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH OFFERS STABILITY, CERTAINTY, PREDICTABILITY IN TRADING RELATIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE NOT AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THIRD PARTIES," MR SZE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT, IN HONG KONG'S VIEW, INFORMAL DIALOGUE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL SUCH AS THE SEATTLE PACIFIC SUMMIT SHOULD COMPLEMENT THE FORMAL MULTILATERAL PROCESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND.

HONG KONG IS ALSO REPRESENTED AT THE SYMPOSIA BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR THOMAS YIP, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ERNEST EVANS.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR JACK CHAN.

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FS VISITS PRINTING PLANT IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PRINTING PLANT RUN BY A SINGAPORE AND SWITZERLAND JOINT-VENTURE IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY VISITED TIMES-RINGIER (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME OF MAKING FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO FACTORIES.

OCCUPYING A PURPOSE-BUILT PLANT WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 7,400 SQUARE METRES, TIMES-RINGIER POSSESSES THE COMBINED EXPERTISE OF TWO OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRINTING COMPANIES, TIMES PUBLISHING LIMITED AND RINGIER AG.

THROUGH THE USE OF ADVANCED TECHNIQUES, MODERN EQUIPMENT, SYSTEM MANGAGEMENT AND QUALITY PRODUCTION SKILLS, THE COMPANY NOW EMPLOYED FEWER THAN 100 STAFF MEMBERS, SIR PIERS WAS TOLD.

HE ALSO LEARNT THAT TIMES-RINGIER WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WAS STILL PLENTY OF SCOPE FOR BUSINESS AS NEW PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED TO BE LAUNCHED, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY CORPORATE LITERATURE GREW IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

TIMES-RINGIER IS A SPECIALIST IN PRODUCING MAGAZINES, CATALOGUES, BOOKS AND DIRECTORIES FOR MARKETS IN THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA AND ASIA, AS WELL AS IN HONG KONG.

SIR PIERS WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY HAD ALREADY BEEN PRINTING MORE THAN HALF A MILLION MAGAZINES A MONTH AND WOULD ADVANCE ITS EXPANSION PLANS VERY SOON.

HONG KONG IS NOW THE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF QUALITY PRINTING WORK IN ASIA, AFTER JAPAN. THE VALUE OF THE GROSS OUTPUT OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY WAS \$6,752 MILLION IN 1986 AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 30 PER CENT OF THE GROSS OUTPUT IS FOR EXPORT.

ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S 1988 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 21 PRINTING COMPANIES EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY OWNED BY OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

TOTAL INVESTMENT AT ORIGINAL COST BY THESE COMPANIES WAS \$1,276 MILLION, REPRESENTING SIX PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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CSD SETS UP SPECIAL RECRUITMENT COUNTER

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAS SET UP A SPECIAL COUNTER AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS RECRUITMENT CENTRE TO ASSIST SCHOOL LEAVERS TO APPLY FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT OFFICER.

A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT EXPERIENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLYING TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS WAS GREAT.

"THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIAL COUNTER IS TO FACILITATE THEM IN MAKING APPLICATIONS WITHOUT ANY DELAY," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR RESULTS SLIPS, IDENTITY CARDS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO THE RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT 23RD FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE SCHOOL LEAVERS THAT THEY CAN ALSO GO TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRES:

- * CHUK YUEN RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT CHUK YUEN SHOPPING ARCADE, CHUK YUEN ESTATE;
- * LOK FU RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT LOK FU SHOPPING ARCADE, LOK FU ESTATE;
- * WO CHE RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT WO CHE SHOPPING ARCADE, WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN;
- * LEI TUNG RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT LEI TUNG SHOPPING ARCADE, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU, ABERDEEN;
- * TSUEN WAN RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE AT 5 BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, LAI CHI KOK.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-275951.

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DB WORKING GROUP TO PRESENT HOUSING PROBLEM REPORT

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A WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLETONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL PRESENT A REPORT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 11).

FORMED UNDER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE, THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES SIX MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND TWO CO-OPTED MEMBERS FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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IT STARTED WORK IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO STUDY THE ACCOMMODATION PROBLEMS OF SINGLE AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN BOTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS. THE GROUP ALSO EXAMINED PROBLEMS RELATING TO STREET SLEEPERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLETONS AND TWO-PERSON FAMILIES IN SHAM SHUI PO TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 11) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ORGANISING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER PLANS TO PROVIDE SITTING-OUT FACILITIES AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD, AND TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL WELCOME SIGNS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING, SOME MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING SEWAGE BLOCKAGE AND NOISE CAUSED BY VEHICLES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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LONG DISTANCE RUNNING PROGRAMME IN SOUTHERN

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TRACK AND FIELD ENTHUSIASTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A TRAINING PROGRAMME IN LONG DISTANCE RUNNING ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SPORT.

THE TRAINING WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS PROFESSIONAL AND COMPREHENSIVE COACHING, AND ALSO GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN MANY OF THE TERRITORY'S OPEN COMPETITIONS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HARRIERS WAS FORMED IN 1987 AND IS MANAGED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL (SDRSC) AND ASSISTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE. IT IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HKAAA).

ALTHOUGH THE CLUB AT PRESENT PLACES EMPHASIS ON LONG DISTANCE RUNNING, IT IS PLANNING TO EXTEND ITS AMBIT TO SPRINTING AND OTHER TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS.

ANY PERSON AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WHO LIVES, STUDIES OR WORKS IN THE DISTRICT, OR IS AFFILIATED TO ANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, CAN JOIN THE CLUB AND TAKE PART IN THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNING PROGRAMME.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, STARTING IN MID-AUGUST, WILL LAST FOR ONE YEAR. SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

PARTICIPANTS WHO SHOW POTENTIAL DURING TRAINING WILL BE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN HKAAA'S CROSS COUNTRY RACE LEAGUE AND OTHER OPEN EVENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENROLMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SDRSC'S OFFICE AT LEI CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS AUGUST 16.

MEANWHILE, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLUB AND LONG DISTANCE RUNNING IS WELCOME TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 11) AT AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 6.30 PM.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE SEMINAR AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT ENROLMENT CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-540271 OR 5-550626.

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GOVT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A 6,550-SQUARE-METRE LOT AT AREA 45C, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, NEW TERRITORIES FOR A PUBLIC CARPARK FOR THE PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES, CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE LEASE IS FOR TWO YEARS AND IS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

MEANWHILE, A 800-SQUARE-METRE LOT AT CHUNG HAU STREET, KOWLOON IS ALSO BEING OFFERED TO LET BY TENDER.

IT IS TO BE USED FOR OPEN STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS EXCLUDING CONTAINERS, CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH THEIR TRAILERS/CHASSIS ATTACHED, SAND, CEMENT AND AGGREGATE.

THE INITIAL AGREEMENT IS FOR THREE YEARS AFTER WHICH THE TENANCY CAN BE RENEWED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH LOTS IS NOON ON AUGUST 25.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, 19TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR SAN TIN WAI ESTATE IN SHA TIN, ONE TRAFFIC LANE SECTION (ABOUT 700 METRES IN LENGTH) ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM NEXT MORNING FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 11) TO AUGUST 19.

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WEIGHT LIMIT ON ROAD IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 11), THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION AREA IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE FOR VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES.

ALL VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OVER 5.5 TONNES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ABOVE BAN ZONE, 24 HOURS DAILY.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF TUNNEL EXIT ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EXIT ROAD LEADING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 11) TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY BAY MAY TRAVEL VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND, TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER, HARBOUR ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

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