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NATIONALITY PACKAGE AIMS AT KEEPING PEOPLE IN HK

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THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE IS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR PEOPLE TO STAY IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR FIVE WEEKS' LEAVE IN SCOTLAND.

HE SAID HE DID HOPE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT COULD UNDERSTAND THIS AS MR MAUDE HAD EXPLAINED TO THEM IN PEKING.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE WAS VERY MUCH WHAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SAYING BEFORE AND HE DID NOT THINK THERE WERE ANY PARTICULAR NEW POINTS IN IT.

THE KEY THING ABOUT A BRITISH PASSPORT UNDER THAT PACKAGE WAS THAT IT WOULD GIVE THE PERSON THE TOTAL RIGHT TO GO AND SETTLE IN BRITAIN AND THE HOPE WAS, WITH THAT SECURITY, PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO STAY IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID.

"I HOPE IT WILL GIVE THEM THAT SENSE OF SECURITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THE PASSPORTS WOULD ACTUALLY WANT TO STAY IN HONG KONG BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT IF NECESSARY THEY COULD GO AND SETTLE ELSEWHERE.

"THEY WILL ALSO REALISE THAT HONG KONG IS A PLACE WHICH IS VERY WORTH STAYING IN IT, A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A SUCCESS OF YOUR OWN LIFE. THIS PLACE IS WHERE, AFTER ALL, MOST HONG KONG PEOPLE WANT TO STAY IF THEY POSSIBLY CAN."

ON THE QUESTION WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO STOP PEOPLE USING THE BRITISH PASSPORTS, SIR DAVID SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION DID MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE FREEDOM TO MOVE IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG.

IT ALSO SAID QUITE CLEARLY THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO MEET THE NEW MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS IN OXFORDSHIRE AT THE END OF HIS LEAVE.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD BRIEF HIM ON THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND TO ASK HIM TO VISIT HONG KONG AS SOON AS HE COULD SO THAT HE COULD GET UP-TO-DATE PERSONALLY ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

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INCREMENTAL POINT FOR WARD STEWARDS APPROVED  
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PROPOSAL FOR WARD STEWARDS TO PROCEED ONE SALARY POINT ON COMPLETION OF ONE YEAR'S SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID WARD STEWARDS WERE CURRENTLY RENUMERATED AT A FIXED SALARY PEGGED AT POINT 5 OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE (\$5,515).

"AFTER THE APPROVAL GIVEN BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE SALARY OF WARD STEWARDS WILL PROCEED TO POINT 6 (\$5,875) ON COMPLETION OF ONE YEAR'S SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

"THIS WILL SERVE AS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY."

THE WARD STEWARD SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST AUGUST INTO BUSY WARDS IN MAJOR HOSPITALS TO HELP RELIEVE WARD STAFF OF THEIR NON-CLINICAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL DUTIES.

"THE SCHEME HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING WELL TO MAXIMISE PROFESSIONAL STAFF RESOURCES SO AS TO ACHIEVE BETTER PATIENT CARE.

"THE SCHEME HAS BEEN CLOSELY MONITORED AND REVIEWED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES NURSES, DOCTORS AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RECEIVING POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING FEEDBACKS. DOCTORS AND NURSES APPRECIATE THE HELP OF WARD STEWARDS. THEY CAN NOW BETTER CONCENTRATE ON THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL DUTIES AND PROVIDE BETTER CARE FOR PATIENTS."

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 110 WARD STEWARDS WORKING IN THE FOUR REGIONAL HOSPITALS: QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL. THEY ALSO WORK IN THE TWO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL AND KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED ANOTHER ROUND OF RECRUITMENT EXERCISES TO EMPLOY ABOUT 70 MORE WARD STEWARDS. THE NEW RECRUITS WILL BE POSTED TO THE SIX MAJOR HOSPITALS.

"OUR PLAN IS THAT EVENTUALLY ALL BUSY WARDS WITH 34 BEDS OR MORE IN MAJOR HOSPITALS WILL EACH BE SERVED BY ONE WARD STEWARD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/WARD STEWARDS .....

WARD STEWARDS WORK A FIVE-AND-A-HALF-DAY WEEK FOR EIGHT HOURS A DAY BETWEEN 8 AM - 6 PM.

"NEW RECRUITS GO THROUGH A SIX-DAY INDUCTION PROGRAMME BEFORE THEY START TO WORK IN THE WARDS. THE PROGRAMME AIMS TO BRIEF THEM ON THEIR DUTIES AND TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE WARD SITUATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL PERSONS BELOW 45 YEARS OF AGE WHO HOLD A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH FIVE PASSES AND SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE CAN APPLY FOR THE JOB. THE FIVE PASSES INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS A).

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT INACCURATE WEIGHING  
AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS INCREASED

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS PROSECUTED 27 TRADERS FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1989.

A TOTAL FINE OF \$63,050 WAS IMPOSED. WRITTEN WARNINGS WERE ALSO SERVED ON 37 TRADERS.

PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID CUSTOMERS HAD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHT TO REPORT MALPRACTICES CONCERNING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HE SAID THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRADERS USING INACCURATE WEIGHING AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS OR GIVING SHORT WEIGHT, WHICH HAS GONE UP FROM SIX IN JANUARY TO 22 IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

"WE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 106 COMPLAINTS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED TO ONLY 47 DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SO FAR RECEIVED 200 COMPLAINTS SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1989.

"OF THESE COMPLAINTS, 64 WERE SUBSTANTIATED, 93 WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED AND THE OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION."

APART FROM CONDUCTING ENQUIRIES INTO COMPLAINTS, THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 343 SPOT CHECKS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS IN THE SAME PERIOD.

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THE LATEST CASES INVOLVED A SEAFOOD RETAILER, A FRUIT HAWKER AND AN OPERATOR OF A ROAST MEAT RESTAURANT, WHO WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$6,000 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THE DEFENDANTS, WHO ALL PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES, WERE MR LAU MAN, A SEAFOOD RETAILER OF LUEN HING FISH STALL AT YUE KWONG MARKET, YUE KWONG ROAD, ABERDEEN; MR CHAM KAM-MAN, A FRUIT HAWKER OF A STALL IN FA YUEN STREET, MONG KOK; AND MR YIU TAI-HO, THE MANAGING PARTNER OF TAK CHEONG ROASTER MEAT RESTAURANT ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 21 TAI WING LANE, TAI PO HUI, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ALL THESE CASES, THE DEFENDANTS' WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON PRELIMINARY CHECKS.

TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY LATER REVEALED THAT THE HIGHEST ERRORS OF THEIR WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS RANGED FROM 9.4 PER CENT TO 28.13 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ANY PERSON WANTING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 714 6146 OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

HE SAID COMPLAINTS COULD ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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POLICE ARRESTED 1,113 PEOPLE IN 3,519 RAIDS IN JUNE

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,113 PEOPLE IN 3,519 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 131 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 309 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 699 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 2,952 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 269 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 225 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED 14 PEOPLE IN 33 ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 123 PEOPLE IN 2,709 RAIDS AND SEIZED 533 PRONOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES AND NINE OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 86 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 473 PEOPLE, SEIZING \$163,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$525,000.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 724 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 517 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IN JUNE. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 8.93 KILOGRAMS OF NO.3 HEROIN, 8.5 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 237 GRAMS OF OPIUM, 342 GRAMS OF CANNABIS, AND 5.12 GRAMS OF MORPHINE.

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FINALE CONCERT TO CLOSE THE YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

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A GRAND FINALE CONCERT TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE TWO-WEEK 1990 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WAS HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

MORE THAN 200 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES TOOK PART IN THE CONCERT.

THE FINALE CONCERT REPRESENTED THE CULMINATION OF HARD WORK BY THE INSTRUCTORS AND PARTICIPANTS AT THE MUSIC CAMP HELD AT LEI YUE MUN PARK.

IT ALSO PROVIDED THE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE IN PUBLIC THE INTENSIVE TRAINING THEY HAD RECEIVED IN THE CAMP.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT FEATURED CHINESE AND WESTERN PIECES INCLUDING 'GENERAL'S COMMAND', 'THE FIVE HEROES OF LANG YA MOUNTAIN', AND 'THEMES FROM 007'.

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CLEAN BEACH SHOW AT REPULSE BAY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY BEACH-GOERS, WERE URGED TO KEEP HONG KONG BEACHES CLEAN IN A SHOW HELD AT REPULSE BAY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

"TO ACHIEVE A CLEANER AND THUS, A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, KEEPING BEACHES CLEAN MUST NOT BE NEGLECTED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

"HOWEVER, INDISCRIMINATE LITTERING CAN STILL BE COMMONLY SEEN ON MANY BEACHES, MANY OF WHICH ARE FACING SERIOUS POLLUTION PROBLEMS," HE ADDED.

FOR THE PAST 17 MONTHS ENDING THIS MAY, THERE WERE ALREADY 87 REPORTED CASES OF LITTERING ON BEACHES IN THE URBAN AREAS WHILE THERE WERE 184 SUCH CASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS NOT SOLELY THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY BUT ALSO THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WAS NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM AND BETTER THE ENVIRONMENT.

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THE ONE-AND-HALF HOUR SHOW, FEATURING A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS, WAS PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO II.

DURING THE SHOW, THE NEED TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE PROPERLY IN THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED ON BEACHES WAS EMPHASISED AND BEACH-GOERS WERE ASKED TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE BEACHES CLEAN AFTER ENJOYING THE FACILITIES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG AND MR LAI KWOK-IU, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MR DAVID LEUNG.

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AIDS EDUCATION CAMP FOR YOUTH - A SUCCESS  
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THE SUCCESS OF AN AIDS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN REQUIRES NOT ONLY A CONCERTED EFFORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES BUT ALSO THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS, THE REV ALFRED J. DEIGNAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE END OF A TWO-DAY AIDS EDUCATION CAMP FOR YOUTH, HE SAID IN THE ABSENCE OF A CURE FOR THE DISEASE, THE ONLY AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO TACKLE THE ISSUE WAS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.

THE AIMS OF THE CAMP, HE ADDED, WERE TO AROUSE AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION ABOUT THE RISK OF HIV INFECTION AND ITS RELATION TO SEXUAL PRACTICES; TO EDUCATE THEM THAT AIDS CAN BE PREVENTED BY RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOURS; TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO STOP HIV INFECTION BY TAKING PART IN AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND TO FOSTER A SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE AMONG THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS.

"ALTHOUGH THE AIDS PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT IS COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING NOT SERIOUS, WE SHOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT," REV DEIGNAN SAID. "PREVENTIVE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN AND TAKEN EARLY. OTHERWISE, THE SITUATION MIGHT DETERIORATE TO WHAT CAN BE SEEN IN OTHER CONTINENTS."

HE CALLED ON THOSE, WHO PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP, TO HELP SPREAD THE HEALTH MESSAGES OR WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED IN THE PAST TWO DAYS TO ECHO THE THEME OF THE CAMP -- "OUR LIVES, OUR WORLD -- LET'S TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER".

REV DEIGNAN THANKED THOSE ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PRAISED THE YOUTHS FOR THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND TEAM WORK WHICH MADE THE EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS.

SOME 70 YOUTHS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25, TOOK PART IN THE CAMP, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMP, HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, INCLUDED TALKS ON AIDS, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DR T.A. SAW, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS. ALSO PRESENT WAS MR DAVID LEE OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES.

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OVER 267,000 HIGHER OLD AGE ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS

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VETERAN MOVIE AND TELEVISION ARTISTE SHEK KIN HAS BEEN DONATING HIS OLD AGE ALLOWANCE FOR CHARITY PURPOSE DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS, DESPITE HIS RENOWNED "VILLAINY" ON THE SCREEN.

UNCLE KIN, AGED 78, AND HIS WIFE, ARE AMONG MORE THAN 267,000 SENIOR CITIZENS RECEIVING THE HIGHER OLD AGE ALLOWANCE - \$393 PER MONTH.

LIVING IN A WELL-FURNISHED FLAT, UNCLE KIN SAID: "THOUGH THE AMOUNT IS NOT FOUND TO BE A NEED TO US, WE TREAT IT AS AN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR RIPE AGE AND OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST.

"MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN DONATING OUR ALLOWANCE TO CHARITY ORGANISATIONS, KNOWING THAT IT WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL TO OTHERS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE," UNCLE KIN ADDED.

ON THE EXISTING ELDERLY SERVICE, HE SAID A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PAST DECADE, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) POINTED OUT THAT ANY PERSON, AGED 70 OR ABOVE, IS ELIGIBLE FOR A HIGHER OLD AGE ALLOWANCE WITHOUT ANY MEANS TEST.

"THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN LOWERED TO 67 SINCE APRIL 1989 AND WILL BE FURTHER LOWERED TO 65 BY PHASES IN 1991," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT PAID OUT MORE THAN \$1,124 MILLION LAST FINANCIAL YEAR FOR HIGHER OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AND THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS ABOUT \$1,324 MILLION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANYONE, WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ON THE MATTER, COULD APPROACH THE 34 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, OR CALL THE SWD HOTLINE 343 2255.

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SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISED TO BE CAUTIOUS OF BOGUS SWD STAFF

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SENIOR CITIZENS, TO BE CAUTIOUS OF PEOPLE WHO IMPERSONATED OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN BECAUSE SWD RECENTLY RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS IN WHICH SENIOR CITIZENS WHO WERE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WERE BEING CHEATED OF MONEY BY UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES IN MAKING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ARE ENTIRELY FREE OF CHARGE.

"TO PROTECT YOUR INTEREST, YOU SHOULD NOT HAND OVER ANY MONEY TO OUR STAFF, NOR ANY CASH COUPONS OR BANK PASSBOOKS TO ANY STRANGERS," HE EMPHASISED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL SWD STAFF CARRIED DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS. "AND IN CASE OF DOUBT, YOU SHOULD ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THESE CARDS TO PROVE THEIR IDENTITY, OR ENQUIRE AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT WHERE YOUR CASE IS REGISTERED."

"REMEMBER THAT IT IS ALWAYS SAFE TO DEAL WITH PAYMENT MATTERS IN OUR OFFICES OR IN FRONT OF A WITNESS WHO IS WELL FAMILIAR TO YOU," HE ADDED.

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VARIETY SHOW PUTS ACROSS FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT ATTENDED A 'FIGHT CRIME' VARIETY SHOW AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE SHOW, WITH THE THEME "JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND FAMILY EDUCATION TO COMBAT YOUTH CRIMES AND HOME SECURITY", MARKED THE OPENING OF THE 1990-91 YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR YANG TZE-KIANG, SAID A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED TO PUT ACROSS ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES.

"ONE OF THESE WILL BE A CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY IN SEPTEMBER.

"THIS WILL BE CONDUCTED AMONG JEWELLERY SHOPS, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND KARAOKES IN THE DISTRICT TO LOOK INTO AREAS WHERE CRIME PREVENTION CAN BE IMPROVED," MR YANG SAID.

POSTERS WITH FIGHT CRIME THEMES IN RELATION TO PICKPOCKETING AND INDECENT ASSAULT CASES WOULD BE PUT UP IN MTR STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, MR YANG ADDED.

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MR YANG NOTED THAT A LARGE-SCALE FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WOULD BE HELD IN DECEMBER.

TODAY'S SHOW FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY A SILVER BAND AND POPULAR SINGERS AND THE APPEARANCE OF A "ROBOTCOP".

IT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER, KOWLOON, MR PETER LEE LAM-CHUEN; AND ACTING POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, YAU TSIM, MR HARRY BLUD.

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'SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE' CONTEST

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COMMUNITY CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ENTER TEAMS IN A LOCAL AFFAIRS STUDY CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE" CASE STUDY CONTEST AIMS AT ENHANCING LOCAL PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AND KNOWLEDGE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT ARE ALSO WELCOME TO FORM TEAMS, EACH OF WHICH SHOULD COMPRISE AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS, TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST.

CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT A RESEARCH PROJECT ON AN ISSUE RELATED TO THE DISTRICT, SUCH AS HOUSING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMMES, CIVIC AWARENESS, LAW AND ORDER AS WELL AS TRADES.

AN ADJUDICATING PANEL WILL SELECT 10 TEAMS FOR THE FINALS.

THE FINALISTS WILL EACH BE GIVEN A SUBSIDY OF \$500 FOR PRODUCING A SLIDE SHOW TO PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS AT AN OPEN SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2 SO AS TO TIE IN WITH THE TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WHILE THE OTHER FINALISTS WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS.

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ENTRY FORMS FOR THE CONTEST ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 10.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 552 1006.

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PHOTO CONTEST ON TAI PO ENVIRONMENT

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PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN TAI PO ARE INVITED TO JOIN A PHOTO COMPETITION ON THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, AIMS AT AROUSING PEOPLE'S CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THE STUDENT AND OPEN SECTIONS. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CAMERAS AND TROPHIES.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE COLOUR PICTURES MEASURING 20 CM X 25 CM (8 INCH X 10 INCH). THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 14. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 657 7111 EXT. 247.

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DRUG ADDICT PROBLEM ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) THE ABUSE OF DRUGS BY ADDICTS NEAR THE ROBERT BLACK METHADONE CLINIC AND UNDERNEATH THE CHOI HUNG ROAD FLYOVER IN SAN PO KONG.

THEY WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW ITS METHADONE SERVICE WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO MANAGEMENT PROBLEM.

THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN HONG KONG WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL DISCUSS THE PREPARATION OF A LIST OF TOURIST SPOTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FOR OMELCO'S STANDING PANEL ON COMMUNITY AND NEW TERRITORIES AFFAIRS.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND PROVISION OF A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AT TAI HOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) AT FUNG MING HALL, SIK SIK YUEN, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE FUNDS, TOTALLING ABOUT \$83,000, WILL BE USED FOR SINGING, DANCING AND SWIMMING CLASSES; AN ATHLETIC MEET; A SOCCER MATCH; A SWIMMING GALA AND A BADMINTON COMPETITION.

THE LATEST FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION TO EXTEND SERVICE HOURS

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THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS OPENING HOURS FROM AUGUST 7 TO 10 FOR SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS WISHING TO SEEK COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE ON THEIR CHOICE OF CAREERS AND STUDIES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

STUDENTS CAN GET ACCESS TO MATERIALS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES AND TRAINING, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PROFESSIONS AT THE SECTION IN ROOM 405, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HE SAID.

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NORMAL OPENING HOURS OF THE SECTION ARE: 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND 9.30 AM TO 11.45 AM ON SATURDAYS.

FROM NEXT TUESDAY TO AUGUST 10 THE SECTION WILL BE OPEN WITHOUT A BREAK FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM.

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TEN NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES AWARDED

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TEN NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES (GMB) SERVING DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL COME INTO OPERATION BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE ROUTES IS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE GMB SERVICES CAN USEFULLY BE INTRODUCED SO AS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE 10 ROUTES FORMED PART OF THE 11 PACKAGES COMPRISING 15 NEW PROPOSED GMB ROUTES ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY. THEY WILL SERVE SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK, YAU TSIM DISTRICT, SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN AND NORTH DISTRICT. APPLICATIONS TO OPERATE THESE ROUTES WERE INVITED ON FEBRUARY 16 AND A TOTAL OF 19 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE INVITATION CLOSED ON MARCH 6.

NO APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR FIVE ROUTE PACKAGES SERVING YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CURRENT SELECTION PROCESS ALLOWED APPLICANTS TO ASSESS THE VIABILITY OF ANY NEW GMB ROUTES. THIS LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNPROFITABLE ROUTES WOULD BE INTRODUCED.

THE GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS SELECTION BOARD HAS JUST COMPLETED THE SELECTION AND HAS CHOSEN OPERATORS FOR SIX PACKAGES COMPRISING THE 10 ROUTES.

WHEN MAKING ITS SELECTION, THE BOARD HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE APPLICANTS' EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS OPERATION, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THE APPLICANT'S MANAGEMENT RIGHTS OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES, THE AGE OF THE VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED AND ANY PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT LOCAL FACTORS.

"AS ONLY ONE OPERATOR CAN BE SELECTED FOR ANY PARTICULAR PACKAGE OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE, THE FACT THAT AN APPLICANT IS UNSUCCESSFUL MERELY IMPLIES THAT, ON THIS OCCASION, ANOTHER APPLICANT IS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD TO BE MORE SUITABLE. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO OPERATE A GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE OR WOULD IT AFFECT HIS FUTURE APPLICATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

/ALL APPLICANTS .....

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ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS AND UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SUCCESSFUL ONES. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW TIME FOR UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SELECTION BOARD, HE ADDED.

IF AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CONSIDERS THERE IS NEW EVIDENCE WHICH MERITS THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER HIS APPLICATION, HE SHOULD SEND HIS LETTER BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS SELECTION BOARD, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT 28TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 3, 1990.

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#### CAR TESTING CENTRES FOR LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES CAN BE INSPECTED AT 14 OF THE 17 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES FOR PRIVATE VEHICLES FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THREE CAR TESTING CENTRES WOULD NOT PROVIDE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT SPACE.

THE THREE CAR TESTING CENTRES ARE DAH CHONG HONG (MOTOR SERVICE CENTRE) LTD. AT QUARRY BAY; BMW CONCESSIONARIES (HK) LTD. AT TO KWA WAN AND M.D. MOTORS LTD. AT ABERDEEN.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, OWNERS OF ALL LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES SIX YEARS OLD OR MORE, WHO REQUIRE A NEW LICENCE COMMENCING ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1990, ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR VEHICLES FOR INSPECTION AT ANY DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL.

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#### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT THE FOLLOWING PERIODS OF TIME TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND PEI HOI STREET:

- \* LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM FROM TUESDAY (JULY 31) TO SATURDAY (AUGUST 4).

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- \* LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 2) TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 3).

DURING THE ABOVE PERIODS, MOTORISTS FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND EAST OF NAM CHEONG STREET HEADING FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND WEST OF NAM CHEONG STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND, NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND AND YEE KUK STREET WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WEST OF YEN CHOW STREET HEADING FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND EAST OF YEN CHOW STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND, YEN CHOW STREET SOUTHBOUND, TUNG CHAU STREET EASTBOUND, NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND AND REJOIN LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF DUNDAS STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DUNDAS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT OF ABOUT 17 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DUNDAS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE SECTION OF DUNDAS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT OF ABOUT 43 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

CONCURRENTLY, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY FOR GOODS VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY AT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF DUNDAS STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DUNDAS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT OF ABOUT 17 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DUNDAS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT OF ABOUT 43 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE TUEN MUN BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 9.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) TO 6 AM ON AUGUST 2 TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

CLOSURE OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 9.30 PM TO 6 AM OF THE FOLLOWING DAY WHILE ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE PERIOD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF SHING MUN TUNNELS ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE ROAD INSPECTION:

- \* THE TSUEN WAN BOUND SLOW LANE NEAR PAK TIN FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 200 METRES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) TO 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1).
- \* THE SHA TIN BOUND SLOW LANE NEAR PAK TIN FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 200 METRES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 2) TO 4.30 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 3).
- \* THE SHA TIN BOUND SLOW LANE NEAR MEI LAM ESTATE FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 200 METRES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 6) TO 4.30 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 7).

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT TING KOK ROAD.

THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM DAI FAT STREET NORTHBOUND TO TING KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TING KOK ROAD WESTBOUND TO DAI FAT STREET SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS ON TING KOK ROAD WESTBOUND FOR TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ARE ADVISED TO USE DAI KWAI STREET.

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