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TAI KOO SHING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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IN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENTS OF TAIKOO SHING ESTATE ON THE QUESTION OF INADEQUATE PROVISION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AS A RESULT OF THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAIKOO SHING ESTATE HAVE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE ASPECTS OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. THESE INCLUDED:

- (A) THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHORT LENGTH OF A TEMPORARY ROAD SKIRTING THE ESTATE SO THAT TRAFFIC TO SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN CAN BYPASS THE ESTATE'S ROADS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- (B) MAKING THE EASTERN SECTION OF TAI KOO WAN ROAD ONE WAY.
- (C) THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN TAI KOO WAN ROAD AND TAI FUNG AVENUE, INCLUDING A TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ACROSS TAI KOO WAN ROAD, AND
- (D) THE PROVISION OF A ZEBRA CROSSING ACROSS TAI KOO WAN ROAD, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WING AVENUE.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ACHIEVE THE EFFECT OF:

- (I) PROVIDING RESIDENTS OF TAI KOO SHING WITH A CHOICE OF EITHER CROSSING TAI KOO WAN ROAD AT THE ZEBRA CROSSING, OR WALKING ABOUT 130 METRES WESTWARDS TO THE SIGNAL CONTROLLED CROSSING AT TAI FUNG AVENUE.
- (II) SLOWING DOWN THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC ENTERING THE ESTATE FROM THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND
- (III) REDUCING THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CARS AND PEDESTRIANS AS PEDESTRIANS WOULD ONLY NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC FROM ONE DIRECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AT LEAST AS GOOD AS, AND PROBABLY BETTER THAN, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PEDESTRIANS IN OTHER POPULATED AREAS IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS WHERE THERE IS A LIKELY CONFLICT BETWEEN HEAVY TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THE GENERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOO SHING, TOGETHER WITH OTHER TRAFFIC PROPOSALS RESULTING FROM THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO AND ENDORSED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING IN MAY. THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE DEVELOPER OF THE ESTATE.

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHEN THE COMPLAINT OF TAI KOO SHING RESIDENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AWAITS DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER WITH THE COMMITTEE. ONE ASPECT WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL NEED TO CONSIDER IS THAT, IF TRAFFIC LIGHTS ARE INSTALLED TO REPLACE THE ZEBRA CROSSING, THEY MAY HAMPER THE SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC ALONG TAI KOO WAN ROAD, WHICH MAY IN TURN LEAD TO CONGESTION DURING PEAK HOURS.

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IDEAL LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN SIU HONG COURT
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MOVING TO SIU HONG COURT IN TUEN MUN MEANS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENT FOR MANY PEOPLE.

+WE USED TO SHARE A WAN CHAI FLAT WITH ANOTHER FAMILY BEFORE HERE ONE AND A HALF YEARS AGO,+ MRS LAU LAI PO-LING SAID. THE FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY - THE PARENTS AND THEIR TWO KIDS - OCCUPIED THE LIVING ROOM AND ONE BEDROOM.

THEY PAID \$1 500 AS RENT THEN. NOW IT IS A MONTHLY INSTALMENT OF \$1 700 FOR THEIR TWO-BEDROOM PROPERTY AT SIU HONG COURT STAGE I.

+EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE LIVING IN WAN CHAI,+ SHE ADDED. +THE PLACE IS ALWAYS DUSTY, NOISY AND CONGESTED. MORE IMPORTANT, I COULD ONLY TAKE MY KIDS TO VICTORIA PARK IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WHICH IS A MAJOR TRIP FOR A BUSY HOUSEWIFE.+

THE 10-YEAR-OLD MISS LAU WAS QUICK TO AGREE WITH HER MOTHER, WHO NOW ALLOWS HER TO PLAY IN THE COURT'S PLAYGROUND WITH SOME YOUNG NEIGHBOURS.

MRS LAU EXPLAINED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS NOT TOO KEEN ON MOVING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT SHE THOUGHT AN HOS FLAT WAS THE BEST BUY FOR THE FAMILY.

MR LAU YU, MANAGER OF THE CLOTHES DEPARTMENT OF A DEPARTMENT STORE IN MONGKOK, IS NOW SATISFIED WITH THE MOVE.

ANOTHER FAMILY, A GREEN FORM APPLICANT, NOW ENJOYS LIVING IN A FLAT TWICE AS BIG AS THEIR PREVIOUS ONE IN TAI HING ESTATE, ALSO IN TUEN MUN.

THE FAMILY MOVED FROM KWUN TONG FOUR YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF EVICTION.

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MR PAK SUM-CHUNG, AN ENGINEER, SAID THAT THERE WAS MORE FAMILY LIFE IN THEIR NEW HOME - PARTLY BECAUSE HE WAS NOT DISTRACTED BY URBAN NIGHT-LIFE.

THE FAMILY HAD BEEN QUITE HAPPY WITH THEIR FLAT IN KWUN TONG BECAUSE IT WAS CONVENIENT, BUT WHEN THEY WERE EVICTED THEY HAD TAKEN THE FLAT IN TAI HING BECAUSE THEY COULD MOVE IN STRAIGHT AWAY.

ONE OF THE THREE BEDROOMS IN THEIR 59.4-SQUARE-METRE SIU HONG COURT FLAT IS USED AS A STUDY AT PRESENT. MR AND MRS PAK PLAN TO ARRANGE A BEDROOM FOR EACH OF THEIR CHILDREN WHEN THE YOUNGSTERS GET OLDER.

THE COUPLE PRAISED TUEN MUN AS A GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY, WITH A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT, CLEAN AIR, AND NONE OF THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE OLD URBAN AREAS.

BOTH CHILDREN LIKE THE SIU HONG PLAYGROUNDS - QUITE UNLIKE THE SORT OF THING THEY HAD TO USE IN KWUN TONG.

BUT ABOVE ALL THE PAKS ARE HAPPY THAT THEIR HOME NO LONGER DEPENDS ON A LANDLORD'S WHIM. MR PAK HAS PAID HALF THE COST OF THE FLAT ALREADY, AND THE FAMILY FEELS A SENSE OF SECURE BELONGING THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE IN RENTED ACCOMMODATION.

OUTSIDE, THERE WERE FAMILIES STROLLING IN THE RECREATION AREA, AND OLD PEOPLE SUNNING THEMSELVES ON THE BENCHES. IT WAS EASY TO SEE HOW A FAMILY COULD REGARD SIU HONG COURT AS A PLACE TO STOP AND PUT DOWN ROOTS.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO PEKING WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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60 MORE +PENTHOUSES+ CONVERTED
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SIXTY MORE +PENTHOUSES+ HAVE BEEN CONVERTED FROM DISUSED ROOFTOP SCHOOL PREMISES ON OLDER ESTATE BLOCKS TO HELP RELIEVE OVERCROWDING.

+INTAKE IS BEGINNING SOON FOR THESE FULLY SELF-CONTAINED FLATS WHICH VARY IN SIZE FROM 18 TO 42 SQUARE METRES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY.

HE SAID CONVERTED ROOFTOP FLATS WERE SET ASIDE FOR OVERCROWDED FAMILIES MAINLY FROM WITHIN THE ESTATES.

+THE 60 NEW PENTHOUSES ARE ON SIX BLOCKS AT YAU TONG ESTATE. THE PROJECT COSTS OVER \$1.9 MILLION.

+ROOFTOP FLATS HAVE PROVED EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG TENANTS OF OLDER ESTATES.+

SINCE THE SCHEME BEGAN IN 1975, THE SPOKESMAN SAID TOGETHER 652 PENTHOUSES HAD BEEN PROVIDED ON 47 BLOCKS AT SUCH ESTATES AS WANG TAU HOM, TUNG TAU, LOK FU, LOWER WONG TAI SIN, TAI WO HAU AND LEI CHENG UK.

+THE SCHEME NOT ONLY ACTS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING IN OLDER ESTATES, BUT ALSO PROVIDES A MORE SECURE SELF-CONTAINED ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS.+

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THREE SUMMONSES AGAINST ABERDEEN RESTAURANT
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO ISSUE THREE SUMMONSES AGAINST THE LICENSEE OF THE TAI PAK FLOATING RESTAURANT AT ABERDEEN.

THE LICENSEE WILL BE CHARGED WITH HAVING DIRTY PREMISES, HAVING THREE DIRTY CUPBOARDS FOR STORAGE OF FOOD UTENSILS, AND HAVING ALLOWED UNHYGIENIC HANDLING OF FOOD.

THIS WAS DECIDED TODAY FOLLOWING A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE RESTAURANT PREMISES BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE USD SAID: +TWO FOOD SAMPLES, OF COOKED SHRIMP AND CRAB MEAT, PLUS TWO SAMPLES OF TAP WATER, WERE TAKEN DURING TODAY'S OPERATION.

+ADDITIONALLY, FIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SWABS WERE TAKEN OF KITCHEN UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT.

/+THESE MEASURES

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+THESE MEASURES WERE IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN FOOD SAMPLES AND SIX SWABS TAKEN DURING YESTERDAY'S INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS AT THE RESTAURANT BY USD STAFF.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE LICENSEE HAD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO THE USD ABOUT 25 KILOGRAMMES OF SEA BLUBBER.

UNDER THE FOOD BUSINESS BY-LAWS, ANY LICENSEE UPON CONVICTION FOR THE SUMMONSES CONCERNED WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, AND A DAILY FINE OF \$50 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ANY OF THESE OFFENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A HEALTH EDUCATION LECTURE WOULD BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR FOOD-HANDLERS IN THE RESTAURANT.

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CLEARANCE DATE REVISED

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CLEARANCE FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 8, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THE AREAS AFFECTED, INCLUDING CHIU KAR YUEN, PAK SHA TSAI AND TAI HO ROAD, WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SITE INVESTIGATION WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI RIVER DIVERSION CULVERT.

+THE REVISED CLEARANCE DATE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH THIS YEAR, WILL GIVE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS AND SHOP OPERATORS SUFFICIENT TIME TO FINALISE THEIR REMOVAL ARRANGEMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE DECISION ON THE NEW DATE WAS MADE AT A JOINT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETING HELD AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY.

MEANWHILE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN FINALISED FOR 99 FAMILIES FROM TIN SHUI WAI WHO HAD GONE THROUGH ELIGIBILITY SCREENING.

OF THE FAMILIES, 76 FAMILIES WOULD BE MOVING TO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, 14 TO PRIMARY-TEMPORARY HOUSING, AND NINE TO HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, ACCORDING TO THE ELIGIBILITY RULES SET BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

ALREADY, 93 FAMILIES HAD PAID RENTS FOR THEIR NEW HOMES, HE SAID.

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+ANOTHER 33 PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER SINGLE PERSONS OR FROM TWO-PERSON FAMILIES HAVE OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCES RATHER THAN REHOUSING OFFERS.

+IN ADDITION, EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCES TOTALLING OVER \$1 412 800 ARE PAYABLE TO THE ELIGIBLE OPERATORS OF TWO SHOPS, 20 PIGSTIES, TWO WORKSHOPS, 42 POULTRY FARMS AND TWO TEMPLES.

+EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCES TOTALLING \$17 380 FOR ONE SHOP AND ONE RABBIT-REARING FARM HAD BEEN PAID.+

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED: +EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES OF \$4.1 MILLION FOR FISH PONDS, \$780 000 FOR CROPS AND \$419 000 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE OPERATORS.+

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UMELCO VISITS KOWLOON CITY
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A PARTY OF ELEVEN UMELCO MEMBERS, LED BY HON WONG LAM, SPENT THIS (MONDAY) MORNING VISITING KOWLOON CITY TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR ALBERT LAM; THE DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MR GORDON JONES AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PARTY FIRST WENT UP TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING NEAR THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO HAVE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE AREA BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE SAI TAU VILLAGE TO SEE THE SQUATTER CLEARANCE PROJECT.

ON ARRIVAL AT SAI TAU VILLAGE, MEMBERS LEARNED THAT THE AREA WAS BEING CLEARED IN STAGES TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CARPENTER ROAD PARK DEVELOPMENT.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO TO KWA WAN TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE PRIVATE STREETS.

MEMBERS WERE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT UNDER A PILOT SCHEME, FOUR OF THE STREETS WOULD BE RESUMED BY GOVERNMENT AND WORKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS.

THE PARTY THEN WALKED THROUGH THE STREETS ADJOINING THE TO KWA WAN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX AND SAW THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AFTER THE RESITING OF HAWKERS TO THE COMPLEX.

THEY NEXT WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING IN TAK MAN STREET WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING WHAMPOA DOCKYARD AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE EXISTING HIGHWAY NETWORK.

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THE PARTY THEN RETURNED TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE FOR A MEETING ON LOCAL AFFAIRS. TOPICS RAISED AT THE MEETING INCLUDED WATER SUPPLY TO KOWLOON WALLED CITY; THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL OVER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CARPENTER ROAD PARK; THE LACK OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA; THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A KOWLOON CITY TOWN HALL; THE EXTENSION OF THE PILOT SCHEME FOR THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE STREETS SHOULD THE FIRST PHASE PROVES SUCCESSFUL AND BAD SMELL EMITTING FROM THE GAS WORKS.

MEMBERS TAKING PART IN TODAY'S VISIT WERE HON CHARLES YEUNG, HON ANDREW SO, HON F.K. HU, HON WONG PO-YAN, HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, DR HON HENRIETTA IP, HON MRS RITA FAN, HON MRS PAULINE NG, HON PETER POON AND HON YEUNG PO-KWAN. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, UMELCO OFFICE, MR JOSEPH W.P. WONG.

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DB TO REVIEW TRAFFIC ON LANTAU
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON LANTAU AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY A WORKING GROUP SET UP TO REVIEW THE NEED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON LANTAU, AND TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE CLOSED ROAD PERMIT SYSTEM.

UNDER THIS SYSTEM INTRODUCED IN 1973, A PERMIT IS ISSUED TO ANYONE WISHING TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE ISLAND. PERMANENT PERMITS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO FULL-TIME RESIDENTS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS, AND TEMPORARY PERMITS TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES CARRYING OUT BUILDING WORK ON THE ISLAND.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP A FISH CULTURE ZONE AT TUNG CHUNG. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 26 FISH CULTURE ZONES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF ABOUT \$940 000 FOR 22 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND \$50 000 FOR SUBSIDISING 34 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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UMELCO HEARS PLB VIEWS

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UMELCO DUTY ROSTER MEMBERS HON SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND HON WONG PO-YAN TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE UMELCO TRANSPORT PANEL, HON MRS SELINA CHOW RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIGHT BUS MERCHANTS' UNITED ASSOCIATION THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON ON THE OPERATION OF PLBS.

AT THE MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION RAISED OBJECTIONS TO GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE +PASSENGER SERVICE LICENCE+ ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD GIVE RISE TO A DOUBLE LICENCE CONTROL SYSTEM.

THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE NUMBER OF RESTRICTED ZONES SHOULD BE REDUCED.

MEMBERS ADVISED THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CONSIDERATION.

LATER, MEMBERS INTERVIEWED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE +TSING YI CONCERN GROUP+ TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF LP GAS TANKS, OIL INSTALLATIONS AND TOXIC CHEMICAL WORKS ON THE ISLAND AND DOUBTED WHETHER THE SAFETY MEASURES WERE ADEQUATE.

THEY ALSO URGED GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT ON HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES ON THE ISLAND.

MEMBERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD RAISE A QUESTION ON THE ISSUE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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INSURANCE THEORY COURSE OFFERED

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FROM SEPTEMBER, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL OFFER A TWO-YEAR INSURANCE THEORY COURSE DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED THE INSURANCE TRAINEESHIP SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, IMPLEMENTED BY THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL THIS JANUARY, ALREADY HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 60 YOUNG PERSONS FROM THE INSURANCE SECTOR.

ENROLMENT TO THIS COURSE FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, AND WILL BE CLOSED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

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THE BOARD, THEREFORE, URGED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHEME BY JOINING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH EMPLOYERS WILL PROVIDE THREE YEARS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES AND SEND THEM TO ATTEND THIS PART-TIME, DAY-RELEASE INSURANCE COURSE AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE SCHEME WOULD HELP EMPLOYERS TO ATTRACT NEW PERSONNEL AND TO KEEP THEIR GOOD STAFF. AT THE SAME TIME, YOUNG EMPLOYEES WITH A FORM-FIVE LEVEL OF EDUCATION WOULD BE TRAINED FOR HIGHER QUALIFICATION, HE SAID.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 258 AND EXT. 298.

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RAINSHELTER FOR SQUATTERS

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A RAINSHELTER WILL BE BUILT IN FU TAU WAT SQUATTER VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN WITH THE DONATION OF \$15 000 FROM ZONE 7 OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303.

ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 13), THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER AND BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL RECEIVE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AT A CEREMONY.

MR LUI WILL THEN SPEAK ON THE +LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN CHAI WAN+ AT THE LIONS CLUB OF HK NORTH LUNCHEON MEETING AT 1 PM IN THE TANG ROOM OF FURAMA HOTEL.

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NEW ROADS FOR TSUEN WAN

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NEW ROADS TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON RECENTLY-RECLAIMED LAND IN TSUEN WAN BAY.

THEY WILL SERVE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA AND PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL LINK WITH STAGE II OF TSUEN WAN BYPASS AND THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK IN THE AREA.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT, VALUED AT MORE THAN \$11 MILLION, TO NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

WORK WILL START SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE II, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IS AN ELEVATED ROAD RUNNING FROM TEXACO ROAD TO TUEN MUN ROAD.

IT WILL PROVIDE A THROUGH ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC HEADING TO TUEN MUN AND THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

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BAMBOO BASKETS TO BE PHASED OUT

THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF BAMBOO BASKETS FOR THE DAILY REMOVAL OF REFUSE.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF MORE DURABLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS FOR USE BY THE USD'S CLEANSING STAFF.

THE COUNCIL NOW SPENDS MORE THAN \$1 MILLION EACH YEAR TO PURCHASE BAMBOO BASKETS FOR ITS CLEANSING SERVICES.

THE BAMBOO BASKET, COSTING SOME \$6 EACH, HAS ONLY A SHORT LIFESPAN OF ABOUT 10 DAYS.

IN CONTRAST, PLASTIC CONTAINERS WILL BE MORE DURABLE AND COULD LAST UP TO 10 MONTHS.

THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF PILFERAGE WHEN IT COMES TO BAMBOO BASKETS AS THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN LOCAL MARKETS BY HAWKERS AND WHOLESALERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF VEGETABLES.

THE POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC CONTAINERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PUT TO TRIAL BY AUGUST THIS YEAR IN THE WAN CHAI AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICTS.

IF THE EXPERIMENT PROVES SUCCESSFUL, THE USE OF BAMBOO BASKETS WILL BE TOTALLY PHASED OUT BY THE END OF 1985.

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HOLIDAY MAIL

THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON SATURDAY (JUNE 16), THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BUT NO MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (JUNE 18), WHICH IS ALSO ON HOLIDAY, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ON SATURDAY, 36 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THEY INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON MONDAY, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

DETAILS ABOUT POSTAL SERVICES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT TEL 5-231071/2.

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FOOTBRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$957 000 CONTRACT TO UNISTRESS LIMITED TO BUILD A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE AT LAI KING HILL ROAD.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL CONNECT TO AN EXISTING STAIRCASE AT YUET LAI COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ON ONE SIDE OF LAI KING HILL ROAD AND WILL BE SERVED BY A NEW STAIRCASE AND RAMP ON THE OTHER.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND IMPROVE VEHICULAR FLOW IN THE AREA.

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FOOD, FRUIT STALLS FOR LEASE
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FOUR COOKED FOOD AND FOUR FRUIT STALLS AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED WO YI HOP ROAD COOKED FOOD MARKET IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE OFFERED FOR LEASE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON FRIDAY (JUNE 15).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL, AT LAI FONG STREET IN KWAI CHUNG, AT 10 AM, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THERE WILL BE NO UPSET PRICE FOR THE STALLS, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT THE BID PRICE THAT REACHES THE LEVEL OF THE RESERVED PRICE FOR EACH STALL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LEASES ARE FOR THREE YEARS, STARTING FROM JULY 1.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KOWLOON
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 13), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY:-

* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARGYLE STREET, FROM A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SOARES AVENUE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH PEACE AVENUE.

* VICTORY AVENUE, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THIS JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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MORNING ROAD WORK

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THE SECTION OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN ROAD AND SIU LEK YUEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5.45 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 13, 14) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR SIU LEK YUEN ROAD FROM TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND VICE VERSA ARE ADVISED TO USE SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND NGAN SHING STREET.

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WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 73.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 432.382 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 497.923 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 84.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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LAM TIN WATER LEAKAGE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN LAM TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE AT JUNK BAY ROAD, PING TIN STREET, KAI TIN ROAD, ON TIN STREET, AND TAK TIN STREET, INCLUDING BLOCKS 1-14 LAM TIN ESTATE, AS WELL AS LAM TIN SAN TSUEN.

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