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BILL'S PASSAGE IS ENCOURAGING TO ALL: GOVERNOR

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THE REAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOLLOWING PARLIAMENT'S PASSAGE OF THE SECOND READING OF THE NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) BILL, IS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN LONDON WHO ARE TAKING A SERIOUS INTEREST IN OUR AFFAIRS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A LUNCHEON WITH OMELCO MEMBERS, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL GOT THROUGH WITH SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY.

HE SAID THAT WAS A VERY ENCOURAGING MESSAGE, ADDING: "I'D SAY IT'S ENCOURAGING TO ALL PEOPLE, NOT SIMPLY TO THOSE WHO FEEL THEY ARE GOING TO BENEFIT, BUT TO OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL, BECAUSE IT DOES SHOW A REAL INTEREST IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN HONG KONG."

"AND I WAS PERSONALLY DELIGHTED TO SEE IT MYSELF," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE: "IT NOW GOES TO THE COMMITTEE STAGE WHEN THE DETAILS OF THE BILL ARE THEN DISCUSSED AND I'M SURE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF TALK ON THAT."

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JLG SUB-GROUP MEETING BEGINS ON MONDAY

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, WILL BEGIN IN PEKING ON APRIL 23, 1990.

THE BRITISH TEAM OF EXPERTS WILL BE LED BY DR F. BURROWS, LAW OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL LAW).

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OUTER SPACE ACT EXTENDS TO HK

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THE OUTER SPACE ACT 1986 (HONG KONG) ORDER 1990, WHICH EXTENDS THE UK OUTER SPACE ACT 1986 TO HONG KONG, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE UK ACT AIMS AT IMPLEMENTING UK'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER VARIOUS OUTER SPACE TREATIES, FOR EXAMPLE WITH REGARD TO LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED TO THIRD PARTIES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE OBLIGATIONS ALSO APPLY TO HONG KONG AS A UK DEPENDENT TERRITORY," HE SAID.

"PREVIOUSLY THERE WAS NO NEED TO EXTEND THE UK ACT TO HONG KONG. BUT WITH THE SATELLITE PROJECT OF A HONG KONG BASED CONSORTIUM, ASIASAT, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE UK ACT IN ORDER TO PLACE ASIASAT'S OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES UNDER APPROPRIATE CONTROL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"LOCAL LEGISLATION IS CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED TO REPLACE THE EXTENDED ACT IN DUE COURSE," HE ADDED.

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EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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CHINA, HONG KONG AND MACAU HAVE AGREED ON A SERIES OF MEASURES FOR JOINT COLLABORATION IN THE SURVEILLANCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DR LEE RECENTLY LED A THREE-MAN HEALTH DELEGATION TO A MEETING IN MACAU ON THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE THREE TERRITORIES.

THE OTHER TWO DELEGATES, BOTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WERE AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR PAUL SAW, AND A SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, DR K.H. MAK.

CONVENED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, THE MEETING, HELD FROM APRIL 16 TO 18, WAS ATTENDED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM CHINA, HONG KONG AND MACAU.

THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN PEKING, GUANGDONG PROVINCE, HAINAN PROVINCE, AND THREE CITIES - CANTON, SHENZHEN AND ZHUHAI.

/THE MEETING .....

THE MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE FIRST ONE HELD AT SHENZHEN IN 1988. ITS OBJECTIVES ARE:

- \* TO REVIEW PROGRESS MADE IN SURVEILLANCE, INFORMATION SHARING AND REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS;
- \* TO DISCUSS AND FIND WAYS TO RESOLVE ISSUES IN THE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH POPULATION MOVEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL; AND
- \* TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE MEANS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEILLANCE AND TIMELY REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

AMONG THE MAIN TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE CHOLERA, MALARIA, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND AIDS AND HIV SURVEILLANCE.

ON CHOLERA, DR LEE SAID THE OCCURENCE OF THE DISEASE LAST YEAR IN HONG KONG, MACAU, ZHUHAI, SHENZHEN AND CANTON INDICATED THAT IT IS STILL A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM IN THESE AREAS.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE CLOSE VIGILANCE AGAINST THE DISEASE.

TURNING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS, DR LEE SAID THE MEETING NOTED THAT WHILE PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AGAINST HEPATITIS A AND HEPATITIS B INFECTIONS, IT IS NECESSARY TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PREVENTION OF TRANSFUSION-ASSOCIATED NON-A NON-B HEPATITIS.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESENCE OF HIV INFECTIONS AMONG INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS IN THE PARTICIPATING AREAS HAS CAUSED CONCERN AMONG THE DELEGATES.

THIS FINDING UNDERLINES THE NEED FOR PARTICIPATING AREAS TO INTRODUCE EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME AGAINST AIDS AND HIV INFECTIONS.

THE DIRECTOR ADDED THAT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF IMPORTED MALARIA CASES IN HONG KONG SHOWS THAT TRANSMISSION OF MALARIA THROUGH TRAVEL REMAINS AN IMPORTANT HEALTH PROBLEM AND THERE SHOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME AGAINST IMPORTED MALARIA CASES.

ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, DR LEE SAID THE MEETING CONCLUDED THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PARTICIPATING AREAS TO:

- \* STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM;
- \* DEVELOP GOOD LABORATORY FACILITIES;

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- \* ENSURE PROMPT REPORTING AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG PARTICIPATING AREAS, PARTICULARLY DURING EPIDEMICS AND OUTBREAKS;
- \* ENSURE GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES; AND
- \* ENCOURAGE RESEARCH IN THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EFFECTIVE VACCINES.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS TO EXCHANGE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND TO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

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#### MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL APPOINTMENTS

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THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TRIBUNAL IS EMPOWERED TO REVIEW CASES IN RELATION TO ANY PERSON LIABLE TO BE DETAINED IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL OR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, PATIENTS PERMITTED TO BE ABSENT ON TRIAL, CONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS AND PERSONS ADMITTED TO GUARDIANSHIP, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIBUNAL IS HIS HONOUR JUDGE K.K. PANG. THE 17 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ARE DRAWN FROM THREE MAIN CATEGORIES:

- \* REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES;
- \* PERSONS WHO HAVE SUCH EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIAL WORK AS THE GOVERNOR CONSIDERS SUITABLE; AND
- \* PERSONS HAVING SUCH EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF ADMINISTRATION, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, OR SUCH OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE, AS THE GOVERNOR CONSIDERS SUITABLE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE SECRETARY OF THE TRIBUNAL TOOK EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 29, 1989. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS IS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 15, 1990.

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IMPLICATIONS OF SAFETY LAW EXPLAINED

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THE ENACTMENT OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IS AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

MR YEUNG WAS ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

"WHILE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN MANUFACTURING HAS DECLINED FROM OVER 29,000 IN 1987 TO 24,600 LAST YEAR, AND WHILE THE INCIDENCE OF SERIOUS INJURIES CAUSED BY POWER DRIVER MACHINERY HAS ALSO DECLINED FROM A PEAK OF NEARLY 10,700 IN 1984 TO 6,700 IN 1989, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF ACCIDENTS HAS STAYED AT A RELATIVE HIGH LEVEL," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT IN THE CASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE PICTURE WAS BLEAK. THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS HAD RISEN FROM 23,800 IN 1987 TO 24,600 LAST YEAR. THE ANNUAL ACCIDENT RATE HAD ALMOST DOUBLED, FROM ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE WORKERS IN 1979 TO NEARLY TWO OUT OF EVERY FIVE IN 1989, HE SAID.

"IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE AMENDING ORDINANCE INTRODUCED THE SANCTION OF CUSTODIAL PENALTIES FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES, WHICH SHOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE LAW.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT INTRODUCED A SET OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH REQUIRE BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE THAT PRACTICES AT WORK AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT ARE SAFE.

"THE DUTY OF AN EMPLOYER IS NO LONGER LIMITED TO THE PASSIVE COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS. HE NOW HAS AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY HIM ARE NOT EXPOSED TO AN UNSAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT."

FOR THE EMPLOYEE, MR YEUNG SAID, THE AMENDING ORDINANCE REQUIRED HIM TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO ENSURE NOT ONLY HIS OWN SAFETY BUT ALSO THAT OF OTHERS WORKING WITH HIM.

"HE MUST CO-OPERATE WITH EMPLOYER AND OTHER PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

"IN OTHER WORDS, ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS A PARTNERSHIP, AND IT WOULD WORK ONLY IF THE PARTIES CONCERNED CO-OPERATE FULLY."

MR YEUNG SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO UNDERSTAND THESE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO BRING THE AMENDING ORDINANCE INTO EFFECT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR -- 12 MONTHS AFTER ITS ENACTMENT.

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AMENDMENT TO DRAFT HUNG HOM OZP

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT HUNG HOM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN TO INCLUDE "OFFICE, MOTOR VEHICLE SHOWROOM AND RETAIL SHOP" USES IN COLUMN TWO UNDER THE "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "MULTI-STOREY CARPARK TO INCLUDE GARAGES FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETROL FILLING STATION."

"THIS MEANS THAT THE OFFICE, MOTOR VEHICLE SHOWROOM AND RETAIL SHOP USES UNDER THIS ZONING MAY BE PERMITTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, WITH OR WITHOUT CONDITIONS ON APPLICATION," HE SAID.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT PLAN CAN NOW BE INSPECTED AT:

- THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD BY JUNE 20 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

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FEBRUARY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES  
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IN FEBRUARY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1990, BUT DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1990, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN FEBRUARY 1990 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, MOST OF THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED ALSO REPORTED INCREASES IN ORDERS. THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1990 WITH FEBRUARY 1989, THE ORDERS POSITION IMPROVED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN FEBRUARY 1990 DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1990 AND FEBRUARY 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1990 WITH JANUARY 1990, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1990 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, A MODERATE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

AS IS USUAL FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF EACH YEAR, COMPARISON OF THE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1990 WITH THE JANUARY 1990 AND FEBRUARY 1989 FIGURES WAS AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

/SOME MANUFACTURERS .....

SOME MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED HAD THEIR DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES ISSUED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, BUT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR. THUS, IT SHOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL TO COMPARE THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1990 COMBINED, WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1990 TAKEN TOGETHER, THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1990 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH JANUARY 1990 AND FEBRUARY 1989.

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1990 OVER 1989. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1990 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1990, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1989. THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1990 TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989 IN MOST SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1990 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 823 4820.

TABLE 1 :ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1990	CHANGE WHEN JAN. 90	COMPARED WITH FEB. 89
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.34	+2	-1
WEARING APPAREL	4.67	+2	-1
TEXTILES	2.49	+2	+5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.37	+9	+1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.31	*	-8
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.23	+2	+1
OTHERS	4.15	*	-2

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1990

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JAN. 90	FEB. 89
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-9
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+4
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-10
TEXTILES	-2	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+1	-12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-4	-13

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-16
OTHERS	-1	-1
CONSTRUCTION#	-1	-2
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SERVICES	*	+3
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BANKS	-1	+1
HOTELS	-2	-1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+2
OTHERS	*	+6

\* CHANGE WITHIN +/-0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	AVERAGE AS IN FEBRUARY 1990	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH		**CHANGE IN AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JAN.-FEB. 1990 OVER JAN.-FEB. 1989
		JAN. 90	FEB. 89	(%)
-----	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,296	-39	+15	+18
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FOOD AND DRINKS	6,045	-31	+24	+19
WEARING APPAREL	4,095	-32	+13	+11
TEXTILES	4,530	-46	+9	+11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4,994	-48	+13	+21

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FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,719	-41	+13	+27
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,263	-33	+16	+18
OTHERS	7,215	-44	+16	+18
CONSTRUCTION#	7,068	-33	+3	+15
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SERVICES	9,485	-31	+21	+19
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BANKS	9,012	-29	+17	+20
HOTELS	6,395	-67	+13	+15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,997	-26	+24	+19
OTHERS	11,336	-26	+22	+20

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

\*\* THE SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS BETWEEN JANUARY 1990 AND FEBRUARY 1990 WERE MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN JANUARY 1990, AHEAD OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE FEBRUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1990 FIGURES WAS AFFECTED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN TIMING FOR THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN 1989 AND 1990, DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE TWO YEARS. A FURTHER COMPARISON IS THUS PROVIDED TO SHOW CHANGES IN AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JAN.-FEB. 1990 OVER JAN.-FEB. 1989.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 82 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, SIX WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 76 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 20,771 PERSONS, 5,362 VEHICLES AND 228 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

THREE PERSONS WERE SUMMONSED AND ONE PERSON CHARGED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. A FURTHER TWO PERSONS WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 3,503 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 9,972 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

FIVE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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NEW DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IN TIN SHUI WAI

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IN TIN SHUI WAI.

THE STATION, TO BE LOCATED AT AREA FOUR, WILL BE OF A NEW STANDARD DESIGN CONSISTING OF AN EIGHT-STOREY BLOCK, A SINGLE-STOREY PODIUM, A COVERED COMPOUND AND A DRILL YARD.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ALSO INCLUDE OFFICES, A REPORT ROOM, DETENTION CELLS, AN ARMOURY, A RADIO EQUIPMENT ROOM, CANTEEN AND RECREATION ROOMS, BARRACK AND LOCKERS/CHANGING ACCOMMODATION, AND LAUNDRY.

A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE, DOG KENNELS, AN UNDERGROUND OIL TANK AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1992.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 18.

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NEW ROAD PROPOSED FOR NEW UNIVERSITY

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A NEW ROAD LEADING TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND NGAN YAN ROAD.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PLANS TO IMPROVE THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND NGAN YAN ROAD BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TURNING LANES, REFUGE ISLANDS AND SIGNALISED CROSSINGS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE PRESENT ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITY SITE WAS A SIX-METRE WIDE ROAD ABUTTING A PROPOSED PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE.

"THIS ACCESS ROAD AND THE JUNCTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND NGAN YAN ROAD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE TYPE AND VOLUME OF TRAFFIC FLOW AFTER THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY," HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED WORKS TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC DEMAND AND TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

/A NOTICE .....

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JUNE 11 THIS YEAR.

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STUDENTS WIN PRIZES IN LIBRARY DISPLAY BOARD COMPETITION

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AN EXHIBITION OF THE BEST OF MORE THAN 100 LIBRARY DISPLAY BOARD COMPETITION ENTRIES IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE IN NORTH POINT.

SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR ROBERT LO, TODAY (FRIDAY) OPENED THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL MONDAY (APRIL 23).

THE LIBRARY DISPLAY BOARD COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY ZONE 5, DISTRICT 303 LIONS CLUBS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO USE THE LIBRARY FREQUENTLY FOR INFORMATION, STUDIES AND LEISURE.

STUDENTS FROM MORE THAN 100 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART.

RECEIVING THE FIRST PRIZE BOOK COUPON OF \$2,000 WERE STUDENTS OF CCC KWEI WAH SHAN COLLEGE. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES, COMPRISING BOOK COUPON OF \$1,500 AND \$1,000 WENT TO STUDENTS OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLLEGE AND TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

TEN MERIT PRIZES, EACH WORTH \$500, WERE ALSO AWARDED.

PRESENT AT TODAY'S OFFICIAL OPENING WERE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SPECIAL SERVICES), MR S.H. YUNG; CHAIRMAN OF ZONE 5, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, MR S.H. CHEN; FORMER DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, MR L.N. SHUM; PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN, MR K.L. CHOA; PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR, MR H.K. WAH; PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB OF H.K. SOUTH, MR S.L. MA; PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB OF QUEENSWAY, MR K.P. TSE AND PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB OF H.K. WEST, MR W.C. CHOW.

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TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU MOVES TO NEW PREMISES

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THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG, FROM MONDAY (APRIL 23).

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY NUMBER (804 2399) AND THE HOTLINE FOR REPORTING INFORMATION ON TEXTILE ORIGIN FRAUDS (804 2388), WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THE SAME DAY.

THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU, PREVIOUSLY LOCATED ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING CUSTOMS COMMERCIAL FRAUDS ARISING FROM VIOLATION OF HONG KONG'S CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN SYSTEM AND THE IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL SYSTEM.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE'S HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE WILL BE MOVED FROM BULKELEY STREET TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF SITE 5, WHAMPOA GARDEN, ON MONDAY (APRIL 23).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER AT THE NEW OFFICE IS 363 9449, AND THE MAIN EXCHANGE NUMBER IS 773 0735.

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5.30 PM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAYS.

IT PROVIDES STATUTORY DECLARATION AND OTHER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, AND HANDLES PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN QUARRY BAY TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN QUARRY BAY SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURE IS LOCATED AT THE BALCONY OF FLAT 29, 17TH FLOOR, TAK LEE BUILDING, 993-997 KING'S ROAD.

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THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN OCTOBER 1988 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 20 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE FLAT TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

FARE REVISION ON NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 71 AND 72

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DUE TO INCREASE IN OPERATING COST, FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 22), THE FARES FOR NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 71 (YUEN LONG (TAI HANG STREET) TO SHEK WU TONG (HO PUI)) AND ROUTE NO. 72 (YUEN LONG (TAI HANG STREET) TO LUI KUNG TIN) WILL BE REVISED.

THE FARE FOR THE FULL JOURNEY ON ROUTE NO. 71 WILL BE REVISED FROM \$3 TO \$3.50. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE JOURNEY BETWEEN YUEN LONG TOWN AND KAM TIN, WHOSE FARE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, ALL OTHER SECTION FARES WILL INCREASE BY 50 CENTS.

A FULL FARE OF \$3.50 WILL BE CHARGED ON ROUTE NO. 72. THE SECTION FARES BETWEEN SHEUNG TSUEN AND KAM TIN/YUEN LONG TOWN WILL INCREASE BY 50 CENTS. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE OTHER SECTION FARES.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CROWD CONTROL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF A DEPARTMENT STORE AND AN OUTDOOR BROADCAST PROGRAMME, ON SUNDAY (APRIL 22) FROM 11.30 AM TO 3.30 PM, THE EAST END CUL-DE-SAC OF SHUI WO STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 22), TWO LANES ON BOTH THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR OFF NORTH POINT ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN FIVE STAGES, FOR ABOUT 40 DAYS.

THE CLOSURES ARE TO FACILITATE NOISE REDUCTION SURFACING WORKS.

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