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HK GROUP RETURNS FROM PEKING
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THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA RETURNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FROM PEKING.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A STATEMENT GIVEN BY THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, CHIEF SECRETARY SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AT THE AIRPORT:

+AS YOU KNOW, WE JUST SPENT FOUR DAYS IN PEKING AS GUESTS OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL. A VERY FULL PROGRAMME HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR US, AND WE WERE WARMLY AND GENEROUSLY RECEIVED AT ALL TIMES.

+THE PARADE ON MONDAY MORNING WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE AND THE FIREWORKS IN THE EVENING MOST SPECTACULAR. WE ALSO ATTENDED THE STATE BANQUET IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE ON SUNDAY EVENING. WE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND WITH GREAT INTEREST TO PREMIER ZHAO'S SPEECH AT THE BANQUET ON SUNDAY EVENING AND TO CHAIRMAN DENG'S SPEECH AT THE PARADE ON MONDAY MORNING. AS WITH US, I AM SURE YOU WILL HAVE NOTED HOW BOTH SAW THE OUTCOME OF THE SINO-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS AS A SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF HOW DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONS CAN BE SETTLED AND AGREED PEACEFULLY.

+THE HIGH POINT OF OUR VISIT, OF COURSE, WAS OUR MEETING WITH PREMIER ZHAO LAST EVENING WHICH LASTED, INCIDENTALLY, ONE HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES. AS REGARDS HONG KONG, PREMIER ZHAO TOOK UP THE THEME HE TOUCHED UPON IN HIS SPEECH AT THE BANQUET. INDEED, HE DESCRIBED THE CONCLUSION OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE ANNEXES, AS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN MODERN WORLD HISTORY.

+I SHAN'T ATTEMPT TO RELAY OUR ENTIRE CONVERSATION TO YOU THIS MORNING OR EVEN SUMMARISE IT. BUT I THINK TWO POINTS STAND OUT IN MY MIND.

+TO BEGIN WITH, PREMIER ZHAO WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO EMPHASISE THAT AFTER INVESTING TWO YEARS OF TIME AND EFFORT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO BRING THEM TO A MUTUALLY AGREED CONCLUSION, THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT THAT THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED. THERE IS NO POINT, HE SAID, IN BARGAINING SO HARD AND FOR SO LONG IF THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE OUTCOME, THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. IN ANY CASE, HE WENT ON, CHINA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY THE CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED AND NO CHANGES WILL BE PROPOSED. TO THIS THEME, PREMIER ZHAO KEPT RETURNING TIME AND TIME AGAIN. INDEED HE SPOKE OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE AS AN AUTONOMOUS SAR WITH GREAT CONVICTION AND I BELIEVE WITH GREAT SINCERITY. HE DECLARED, IN FACT, THAT THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP BELIEVED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD STAND THE TEST OF TIME AND HISTORY.

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+THE SECOND POINT WHICH STANDS OUT IN MY MIND AFTER OUR MEETING WITH PREMIER ZHAO LAST EVENING IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. IT IS THIS. WHEN AT ONE STAGE DURING THE MEETING I REAFFIRMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED HONG KONG EFFECTIVELY UP TO 1997, PREMIER ZHAO TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF WHAT I SAID AND COUNTERED BY DRAWING MY ATTENTION TO THE SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG UP TO 1997. I ASSURED HIM THAT THROUGH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THAT RESPONSIBILITY, THAT BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY, WOULD BE DISCHARGED AS CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND AS SINGLE-MINDEDLY IN THE NEXT 12 TO 13 YEARS AS IN PAST YEARS.

+I THINK THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER POINTS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BEFORE GOING HOME TO LUNCH. ONE IS THAT I EXPLAINED TO PREMIER ZHAO THAT EXCO HAD ENDORSED HMG'S DECISION TO INITIAL THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. I EXPLAINED THAT LEGCO WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO DEBATE THE AGREEMENT IN PUBLIC IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH, THE DEBATE BEING ON A MOTION COMMENDING THE AGREEMENT TO HONG KONG PEOPLE. I EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNOR, OF COURSE, HAD ALREADY COMMENDED THE AGREEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN HIS SPEECH LAST WEEK. I SAID THAT I EXPECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ULTIMATELY TO ACCEPT THAT COMMENDATION. BUT MEANWHILE, I SAID, THEY NEEDED TIME TO REFLECT AND TO DIGEST THE CONTENTS OF THESE VERY COMPLEX DOCUMENTS.

+AND LASTLY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR XU JIATUN AND MR LI CHUWEN AND THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE NCNA FOR ARRANGING THIS VISIT FOR US. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING OF THE VISIT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THEM. THANK YOU.+

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR FRANCIS TIEN YUAN-HO, MR WONG LAM, DR HO KAM-FAI, MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, MR HU FA-KUANG, MR WONG PO-YAN AND MR KEITH LAM HON-KEUNG.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION ARE MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR E.P. HO, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR RICHARD MARGOLIS, DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER AND MISS VIVIEN FONG, INTERPRETER.

THE GROUP WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, THE VICE DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR LI CHUWEN, AND THE VICE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR YEUNG SING.

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MORE PEOPLE DONATE TO CHARITIES
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SOME 1 260 CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS ARE NOW ENJOYING VARIOUS TAX AND OTHER PAYMENT EXEMPTIONS, UP FROM 670 ORGANISATIONS ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO.

+AND WE RECEIVE 10 TO 20 FRESH APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION EVERY MONTH,+ SAID MRS P.K. LEE, ASSESSOR OF THE CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND RETIREMENT SCHEMES SECTION OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

COMMENTING ON THIS STEADY GROWTH, SHE SAID THAT AS SOCIETY BECAME MORE AFFLUENT, MORE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO CHARITIES.

THESE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE RELIGIOUS BODIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, NURSERIES, HOSPITALS, CLINICS, ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE AGED AND HANDICAPPED, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIAL CENTRES, CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND TRUSTS.

ONCE AN INSTITUTION IS RECOGNISED AS A CHARITY, IT IS EXEMPT FROM INTEREST, PROPERTY AND PROFITS TAXES -- SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS -- AS WELL AS BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES, MRS LEE SAID.

+HOWEVER, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW ITS ACTIVITIES FROM TIME TO TIME TO ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTION HAS CARRIED OUT ITS CHARITABLE OBJECTS,+ SHE STRESSED.

MRS LEE SAID THAT NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS ARE NOT THE SAME AS CHARITABLE BODIES.

+RECOGNITION IS GRANTED ONLY IF THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH AN ORGANISATION IS FORMED ARE WITHIN THE LEGAL MEANING OF CHARITY.

+THIS MEANING COVERS ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION, ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, RELIEF OF POVERTY AND OTHER PURPOSES OF A CHARITABLE NATURE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, THEIR ACTIVITIES MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY OR AN 'APPRECIABLE SECTION' OF THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

+THUS AN INSTITUTION WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WILL NOT COUNT AS A CHARITY,+ SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT INDIVIDUAL CHARITY, SUCH AS A CHARITABLE FUNDS-RAISING DRIVE BY A TELEVISION STATION, MAY ALSO GAIN RECOGNITION.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THEIR TEMPORARY NATURE, THE DEPARTMENT MUST BE SATISFIED THAT THE FUNDS RAISED WOULD BE USED FOR THE STATED PURPOSES, SHE SAID.

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+ONCE AN INSTITUTION IS GRANTED TAX EXEMPTION, A CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, AND ITS NAME WILL BE PLACED IN THE LIST OF APPROVED CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS OF A PUBLIC CHARACTER PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS LEE EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC WHO MIGHT WISH TO KNOW IF A DONATION MADE TO AN INSTITUTION IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

+AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DONATES MONEY TO AN APPROVED CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, OR DIRECTLY TO ANY OF ITS CHARITABLE PROJECTS, IS GRANTED RELIEF FROM SALARIES TAX, PROFITS TAX OR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

+BUT THE AGGREGATE DONATION MUST BE MORE THAN \$100 AND THE DEDUCTION IS RESTRICTED TO 10 PER CENT OF THE ASSESSABLE INCOME OR PROFITS FOR A PARTICULAR YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

+TO CLAIM DEDUCTION, ORIGINAL RECEIPTS OR LETTERS FROM THE CHARITIES MUST BE ATTACHED WHEN FILING RETURNS FOR THE RELEVANT YEAR OF ASSESSMENT,+ SHE SAID.

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DISTRICT BOARDS TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER
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MEMBERS OF THREE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE DISCUSSING THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AT SEPARATE MEETINGS TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

CENTRAL AND WESTERN IS THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD TO TABLE THE WHITE PAPER FOR DISCUSSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING, WHILE THE KWUN TONG AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE CALLED SPECIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALSO CALLED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 8) TO DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER ALL FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF TAI PO CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD.

THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME ADDRESS ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 8) AT 9.30 AM.

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VOTER REGISTRATION TARGET IN KWUN TONG SURPASSED
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MORE THAN 68 000 RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG HAVE SIGNED UP AS VOTERS IN THE RECENT REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

TOGETHER WITH THE 120 000 ALREADY ON THE REGISTER, KWUN TONG NOW HAS 188 000 VOTERS, REPRESENTING ABOUT 56 PER CENT OF THE RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE RESULT IS NOT ONLY VERY ENCOURAGING, BUT ALSO QUITE UNEXPECTED AS OUR ORIGINAL TARGET WAS SET AT 46 000,+ THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE CONSIDERED THE GOOD RESPONSE AS AN INDICATION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS' INCREASED INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

+BUT OF COURSE, WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION HAVE BEEN SENT TO THESE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

+THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED OUT THE REGISTRATION PERIOD MAY SIGN UP AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE FROM NOVEMBER 9 TO 20,+ HE SAID.

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CARE IN USE OF ELECTRICAL TOOLS URGED
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EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE NEED FOR CARE IN THE SUPPLY AND USE OF ELECTRICAL APPARATUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ANY PORTABLE ELECTRICAL TOOL MAY PROVE AN INSTANT KILLER IF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE DISREGARDED.

HE WAS REFERRING TO A RECENT CASE IN WHICH A WOMAN WORKER IN A CORDUROY FABRIC MAKING FACTORY WAS KILLED WHEN CURRENT LEAKED FROM THE HAND-HELD DUST BLOWER THAT WAS NOT PROPERLY EARTHED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ELECTRICITY) REGULATIONS, ALL APPARATUS MUST BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARDS.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE THAT WHERE ANY PART OF A PORTABLE APPARATUS IS MADE OF METAL AND MAY BECOME ALIVE IN THE EVENT OF A CURRENT LEAKAGE AS TO CAUSE AN ELECTRICAL HAZARD, THE PORTABLE APPARATUS MUST BE EFFECTIVELY EARTHED.

+THE ACCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD THE ELECTRICAL TOOL BEEN PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND EFFECTIVELY EARTHED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH EITHER PROVISION WOULD RENDER THE PROPRIETOR LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$30 000.

FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS WHO HAVE ANY ENQUIRY ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE.

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SITE OFFERED FOR PARKING
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A 38-SQUARE METRE SITE AT TING KAU, TSUEN WAN, IS BEING OFFERED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR PARKING OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX, ENTRANCE HALL, GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY NOON ON OCTOBER 19.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSKS IN SAI KUNG
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO OPERATE A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

TENDERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO RUN A LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSK WITH TENTS HIRING SERVICES AT SILVERSTRAND BEACH IN SAI KUNG.

EACH CONTRACT WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS, EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR FOR THE KIOSK AT THE SPORTS GROUND AND FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR FOR THE OTHER KIOSK.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON BEFORE 9 AM ON NOVEMBER 2 (FRIDAY).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 3-2813635.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN MID-LEVELS
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FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 5), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ROAD RESURFACING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * VEHICLES ON MAGAZINE GAP ROAD HEADING FOR ROBINSON ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GARDEN ROAD, UPPER ALBERT ROAD AND ALBANY ROAD.
- * VEHICLES LEAVING ESTORIL COURT WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE UPHILL LANE OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD.
- * VEHICLES COMING UP FROM GARDEN ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN BACK TO GARDEN ROAD FROM THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON OCTOBER 6 AND OCTOBER 8.

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MEANWHILE, SOME ROAD SECTIONS IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY, STARTING FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 5).

THEY ARE :

- * THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF GARDEN ROAD BETWEEN MACDONNELL ROAD AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM GARDEN ROAD TO UPPER ALBERT ROAD.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM UPPER ALBERT ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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NO RIGHT TURNS FROM FINNIE STREET
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FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 5) AND SATURDAY (OCTOBER 6), VEHICLES FROM FINNIE STREET IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE PERIOD, VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND AND SHIPYARD LANE.

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