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# REASONS FOR CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCIDENTS

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UNTRAINED WORKERS, LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS, INCREASED MECHANISATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHER BUILDINGS ARE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO FREQUENT CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCIDENTS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, MR GEOFFREY YEH, SAID TODAY.

MR YEH WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1980 CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION AT THE AUTHORITY'S TRAINING CENTRE AT NGAU TAU KOK.

THE NINE-DAY EXHIBITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MR YEH POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S SUSTAINED BOOM HAD CAUSED AN INFLUX OF INEXPERIENCED LABOUR TO THE INDUSTRY AND HAD RESULTED IN A FAST GROWING WORKFORCE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSTRUCTION WORKS TODAY WERE MUCH LARGER IN SCALE THAN THOSE OF THE PAST AND BUILDINGS WERE GENERALLY TEN STOREYS, OR MORE, HIGH. THESE FACTORS, TOGETHER WITH INCREASED MECHANISATION, HAD RENDERED WORKERS' EXPERIENCE INADEQUATE TO COPE WITH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+SINCE MOST OF THE NEW ENTRANTS ARE UNTRAINED AND LACK BOTH THE KNOWLEDGE TO OPERATE MACHINERY CORRECTLY AND THE CONCEPT OF SAFE OPERATIONS, ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES HAPPEN MUCH TOO FREQUENTLY,+ HE ADDED.

MR YEH POINTED OUT THAT CONSTRUCTION SAFETY NEEDED THE CO-OPERATION AND JOINT EFFORT OF ALL CONCERNED.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD IN THE PAST FEW YEARS DONE A GREAT DEAL TO PUBLICISE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONCEPTS, AND ITS FACTORY INSPECTORS HAD BEEN CHECKING CONSTRUCTION SITES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THESE MEASURES HAD YIELDED POSITIVE RESULTS, BUT TO CATER FOR THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE DEPARTMENT NEEDED THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND SUPPORT OF THE RELATED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO FURTHER AND BETTER CARRY OUT ITS TASKS.

SPEAKING OF EMPLOYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, MR YEH SAID THEY SHOULD SET UP A SOUND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE TO EXECUTE WORKS AND PROVIDE SAFETY FACILITIES.

+IN THE PURSUIT OF PROFIT, THEY SHOULD NOT NEGLECT THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHILE PRESSING TO MEET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMES,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO WORKERS, MR YEH POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE FOR THEM TO FULLY REALISE THAT SAFE OPERATIONS PROTECT THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN. THEY SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND ABIDE BY ALL OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS.

/SIMULTANEOUSLY .....

SIMULTANEOUSLY, WORKERS COULD MAKE USE OF THEIR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND SUGGEST TO THEIR EMPLOYERS MEANS TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

IN CONCLUSION, MR YEH EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EXHIBITION WOULD HELP PREVENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND SERVE TO INSPIRE SUGGESTIONS TO BETTER SAFETY MEASURES AND TOGETHER ACHIEVE +SAFETY FIRST+.

EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, WELCOMED THE RESPONSE OF THE TRAINING AUTHORITY TO THE NEED FOR DEMONSTRATING IN EXHIBITION FORM THE RISKS AND HAZARDS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE SAFE PRACTICES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO COMBAT THESE RISKS.

HE CALLED ON ALL CONTRACTORS TO EXPRESS THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT BY ENSURING THAT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

MR HENDERSON THANKED THE TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR PLANNING AND ERECTING THE EXHIBITS.

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## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN YUEN CHAU TSAI

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ROADS AND BRIDGES FORMING PART OF AN INTERCHANGE FOR THE FUTURE COASTAL TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO NEW TOWNS WILL SHORTLY BE BUILT AT YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF THE LEVEL CROSSING BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

MR LEE SHING-SEE, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE MAIN CONTRACT OF THE COASTAL TRUNK ROAD WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR. PREQUALIFICATION TENDERS FOR THIS WORK ARE ALSO BEING INVITED.

+EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL MINIMISE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD WHEN WORK ON THE COASTAL TRUNK ROAD BEGINS.

+IN ADDITION, IT WILL PROVIDE A GRADE-SEPARATED CROSSING BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND THE RAILWAY TO ELIMINATE THE EXISTING LEVEL CROSSING WHICH MIGHT IMPEDE MODERN ELECTRIC TRAINS TO OPERATE UNDER THE KCR ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION PROGRAMME IN LATE 1982.+

/MOST IMPORTANT .....

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, MR LEE SAID, IT WOULD RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION EXPERIENCED DURING PEAK HOURS ON THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD DUE, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, TO THE LEVEL CROSSING.

+HOWEVER, A RADICAL IMPROVEMENT TO TRAFFIC CONDITION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED WHEN THE NEW COASTAL TRUNK ROAD IS COMPLETED IN 1984,+ MR LEE ADDED.

WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BRIDGES AND APPROACH ROADS TO BRING TAI PO ROAD OVER THE RAILWAY AND ANOTHER BRIDGE TO CARRY THE FUTURE TRUNK ROAD OVER THE RAILWAY.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY PETER FRAENKEL AND PARTNERS (ASIA), CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PWD HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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## KWUN TONG SMOKE EMISSION SURVEY

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THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF KWUN TONG HAS TAKEN A FORWARD STEP. AN AERIAL SMOKE EMISSION SURVEY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, CONDUCTED BY A GROUP OF GRADUATES FROM THE HK POLYTECHNIC ON BEHALF OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, BEGAN YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE SEPTEMBER.

THE SURVEY WILL ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY THE TYPE OF AERIAL EMISSION ARISING FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES IN THE AREA.

A PHYSICAL COUNT OF ALL THE CHIMNEYS AND EXHAUST DUCTS WILL BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN THEIR ACTUAL FIGURE, LOCATION AND RELATIVE DISTRIBUTION.

SAMPLES OF INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES MAY ALSO BE DRAWN FOR STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR AERIAL EMISSION AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA AND WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE.

DURING THIS PART OF THE SURVEY, THE PROJECT TEAM WILL NEED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FACTORIES. FACTORY OPERATORS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE AND ASSIST AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

TO FACILITATE PROGRESS, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, COMPRISING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), ENVIRONMENT BRANCH AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE AND HELP.

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## ROYAL BIRTHDAY

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER HAS THANKED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR GOOD WISHES ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 4.

HER MAJESTY SENT HER SINCERE THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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## SURVEY FINDS CHILDREN IN BETTER DENTAL HEALTH

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CHILDREN NOWADAYS ARE ENJOYING BETTER DENTAL HEALTH THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS 20 YEARS AGO, DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO THE EFFECT OF WATER FLUORIDATION INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1961.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE DENTAL SURVEY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG, CONDUCTED THIS SPRING BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECT OF THE SURVEY WAS TO MEASURE THE EFFECT OF WATER FLUORIDATION ON DENTAL DECAYS AND TO ASSESS THE STATE OF ORAL HEALTH OF THE PUPILS.

THE SURVEY THIS YEAR REVEALED THAT AN AVERAGE CHILD BETWEEN SIX AND 11 HAD ABOUT ONE PERMANENT DECAYED TOOTH AND THREE SUCH PRIMARY TEETH. THIS COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH CHILDREN OF THE SAME AGE GROUP TWO DECADES AGO.

A SIMILAR SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN 1960, A YEAR BEFORE THE LOCAL WATER WAS FLUORIDATED. RESULT OF THAT STUDY SHOWED THAT THE CHILDREN HAD 3.57 PERMANENT AND 6.38 PRIMARY DECAYED TEETH.

+THIS IMPROVEMENT IN DENTAL HEALTH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EFFECT OF WATER FLUORIDATION INTRODUCED 19 YEARS AGO, ASSUMING THAT ALL OTHER VARIABLE FACTORS, INCLUDING PERSONAL DIETARY HABITS, HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LATEST 1980 SURVEY COVERED 6 765 CHILDREN FROM 68 SCHOOLS IN THE TERRITORY, REPRESENTING 1.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THAT AGE GROUP.

EXAMINATION WAS CONDUCTED OF THE HARD AND SOFT TISSUES IN AND AROUND THE MOUTH OF THE CHILDREN TO TAKE NOTE OF DENTAL DECAY AND ANY OTHER ABNORMALITIES.

+FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WOULD BE USEFUL AS A GUIDE FOR PLANNING FUTURE DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE WATER FLUORIDATION PROGRAMME AND TO DETECT ANY CHANGE IN ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, SIMILAR SURVEYS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT EVERY THREE YEARS.

A FULL REPORT CONTAINING FINDINGS AND A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

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## JAPANESE YOUTH GROUP CALLS ON SWD

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THE VISITING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OF NAGANO PREFECTURE, JAPAN, MR K. OHSAWA, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A 480-MEMBER JAPANESE YOUTH GROUP, +YOUNG HOPE+, TODAY (SATURDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE GREETED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR OHSAWA AND THE YOUTH GROUP, LED BY MR S. TAKIZAWA, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS MORNING ON BOARD THE +CORAL PRINCESS+ AS PART OF THEIR GOODWILL TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

MR LEE WELCOMED THE VISITORS AND EXCHANGED SOUVENIRS WITH THEM. MR OHSAWA ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO TEN HONG KONG YOUTH WORK ORGANISATIONS AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL.

THE TOUR, THE SEVENTH THIS YEAR, IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGANO PREFECTURE, ABOUT 160 KILOMETRES NORTHWEST OF TOKYO, FOR ITS WORKING YOUTHS.

MR OHSAWA IS HOSTING A PARTY LATER TODAY ON THE +CORAL PRINCESS+ FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS AND STUDENTS STUDYING THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE.

THE SHIP WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MANILA TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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## GIRL GUIDES RECRUITMENT EXHIBITION OPENED IN SHA TIN

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AN EXHIBITION AND FUN FAIR, WHICH ARE PART OF THE GIRL GUIDES' RECRUITMENT EFFORT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WERE OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) IN SHA TIN BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW WELLS.

ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, NEW TERRITORIES REGION, AND SHA TIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, THE EXHIBITION AND FUN FAIR WERE HELD AT LEK YUEN ESTATE.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDED CAPTIONED PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE ACTIVITIES OF GIRL GUIDES AND THEIR TRAINING.

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GAMES EMPHASISING LEADERSHIP TRAINING, DISCIPLINE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVING PEOPLE WERE ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FUN FAIR.

MR WELLS DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS +A STRIKING DEMONSTRATION OF THE SUCCESS OF SHA TIN GIRL GUIDES.+

+IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE THEY WERE FOUNDED IN 1979, THEY HAVE CLEARLY BECOME NOT ONLY AN ORGANISATION WHICH DESERVES OUR SUPPORT, BUT ONE WHICH MERITS OUR RESPECT.

+THEIR EFFORTS, AND THOSE OF THE SHA TIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, WHICH HAVE MADE TODAY'S DISPLAY POSSIBLE, WILL I HOPE CONTINUE UNABATED DURING THE YEARS TO COME,+ MR WELLS SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHA TIN GIRL GUIDES PRESIDENT, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND THEIR CHAIRMAN, MISS OR MEI-YAN, FOR THEIR +GUIDANCE AND ENTHUSIASM+, MR WELLS SAID HE HOPED THEY AND SHA TIN GIRL GUIDES WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHICH WAS SO IMPORTANT IN A NEW TOWN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL MOVE TO WO CHE ESTATE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND TAI WAI ON AUGUST 17.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 4 100 GIRL GUIDES IN 161 TEAMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. SHA TIN HAS 300 GIRL GUIDES IN 11 TEAMS.

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## TRAINING FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS

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THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD TWO COURSES FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS LATER THIS YEAR.

THE AIM IS TO INTRODUCE TEACHERS TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND ACQUAINT THEM WITH INFORMATION SKILLS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING PURPOSES.

AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MONDAYS, FROM OCTOBER TO MAY NEXT YEAR. THE OTHER, AN ADVANCED COURSE FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE INITIAL BASIC TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS, FROM NOVEMBER TO JUNE.

THE COURSES, CONSISTING OF LECTURES, PRACTICAL WORK, TUTORIALS AND VISITS WILL BE ORGANISED ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED AND ALL TEACHER LIBRARIANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A COURSE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE LIBRARY SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE SAME OFFICE (TEL : 5-768422 OR 5-778311 EXT 210).

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## SENIOR PRISON OFFICER RETIRES

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SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS, MR RICHARD MACKIE, IS RETIRING AFTER 19 YEARS' LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVICE WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE PRISON OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY TODAY (SATURDAY), THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR TOM ECOB PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR MACKIE ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR MACKIE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1961 AS AN ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER AFTER SPENDING 15 YEARS WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF OFFICER IN 1962 AND SUPERINTENDENT IN 1972. TWO YEARS LATER, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

MR MACKIE WAS APPOINTED A COMPANION OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER IN 1978 AND AWARDED THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL IN 1979.

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## STREET CLOSURES IN CHUK YUEN COTTAGE AREA

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO CLOSE THE STREETS AND FOOTPATHS IN CHUK YUEN COTTAGE AREA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHUK YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO CHUK YUEN ROAD TO LINK WITH SHATIN PASS ROAD WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED.

TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS, THE EXISTING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO CHUK YUEN COTTAGE AREA AND TSUI LAM TUNG VILLAGE WOULD REMAIN UNAFFECTED BEFORE THE ESTATE BUILDING WORKS BEGIN.

IN ADDITION, CHUK YUEN ROAD WILL REMAIN OPEN AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD UNTIL WORK ON THE ALTERNATIVE ACCESS LINKING WITH SHATIN PASS ROAD HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8. CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE OCTOBER 8.

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## SHOUSON HILL ROAD SECTION CLOSED

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SHOUSON HILL ROAD IN FRONT OF HOUSE NO. 18 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 11) FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

SOUTHBOUND 'MAXICABS' ON ROUTE NOS. 4 AND 6 ALONG SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE WESTERN SECTION OF SHOUSON HILL ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD DURING THIS PERIOD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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## FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY NEXT WEEK, BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM DAILY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

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