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THREE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO START IN TUEN MUN

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO START WORK IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN ON THREE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE 20,000 PEOPLE BY 1980.

THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER SECTION OF A TRUNK SEWER TO CATER FOR TUEN MUN'S INCREASED SEWAGE FLOW AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF TWO RIVER BRANCHES TO REDUCE FLOODING HAZARDS.

WORK ON THE SITE FORMATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, IN YEUNG SIU HANG, WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT FORMS PART OF A \$70.5 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COMPRISING SITE FORMATION, ROADWORKS AND DRAINAGE FOR THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

OF THE \$16 MILLION TRUNK SEWER FROM NEAR SHEK PAI TAU TO PILLAR POINT, WORK IS TO START SHORTLY ON THE SECTION NEAR SHEK KOK TSUI AREA.

THE TRUNK SEWER WILL BE 6,000 METRES LONG AND OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO CATER FOR THE SEWAGE FLOW ARISING FROM THE FUTURE PLANNED POPULATION OF HALF A MILLION PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN.

IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, WORK WILL ALSO COMMENCE ON THE TRAINING OF TWO RIVER BRANCHES IN LAM TEI AND FU TEI AND SHOULD BE FINISHED BY MID-1979.

THE ENGINEERING WORK WILL FORM PART OF A \$26 MILLION TRAINING SCHEME FOR THE RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH THE NEW TOWN TO PROTECT THE LOW-LYING AREAS ALONG THE RIVER BANKS FROM FLOODING.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE THREE PROJECTS, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WOULD INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES AND OTHER ITEMS AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR CULTIVATORS AND FARMERS.

TO FACILITATE SITE FORMATION AT YEUNG SIU HANG, ABOUT 28,517 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE RESUMED, AND 15 DOMESTIC TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND 86 OTHER ANCILLARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

FOR THE TRUNK SEWER PROJECT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME ABOUT 6,508 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN SHEK KOK TSUI AREA. EXCEPT FOR EIGHT TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, NO DOMESTIC TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED.

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THE RIVER TRAINING WORK IN LAM TEI AND FU TEI WILL INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF 29,881 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND THE CLEARANCE OF 15 DOMESTIC TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND 52 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY, DISPLACED FAMILIES WOULD BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR A SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

AT YEUNG SIU HANG AND SHEK KOK TSUI AREAS, HE SAID, LANDOWNERS INVOLVED IN THE LAND RESUMPTION WOULD BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS.

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CONSULTANTS HIRED TO DEVELOP PLANS
FOR SHA TIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS APPOINTED AN AUSTRALIAN FIRM OF CONSULTANTS, STEPHENSON AND TURNER CONNELL, TO ASSIST IT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW SHA TIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

ACCORDING TO MR. EDWIN WONG, THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECT-IN-CHARGE OF THE PROJECT, THE FIRM OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND HEALTH PLANNERS WILL DEVELOP THE FEASIBILITY SKETCH PLANS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CO-ORDINATE ALL WORKS, SUCH AS STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AIR-CONDITIONING, HEATING AND VENTILATING ENGINEERING AND QUANTITY SURVEYING THROUGH ALL SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME.

RECLAMATION WORK TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX IS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND THE SITE IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR FOR PILING AND OTHER FOUNDATION WORKS.

THE SITE FORMATION WORK IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE P.W.D.'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE 1,400 BED HOSPITAL IS 1982. WHEN OPENED, THE SHA TIN HOSPITAL WILL OPERATE AS A REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, EVENTUALLY SERVING A POPULATION OF AT LEAST 700,000 PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, IT WILL ALSO BE A TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR THE PROPOSED MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES WITH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES, INCLUDING OUT-PATIENTS AND CASUALTY SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER ANY HOSPITALISATION.

THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX WILL COMPRISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A MAIN WARD BLOCK AND A SPECIAL WARD BLOCK, BOTH OF WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL'S BASIC DESIGNS, A PROFESSIONAL ANNEX AND A TEACHING POLYCLINIC ATTACHED TO THE MAIN HOSPITAL.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS FORMING A PART OF THE COMPLEX, WILL BE BUILT CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL. THIS WORK IS BEING DONE BY THE STAFF OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE HOSPITAL WILL BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTERED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH THE TEACHING STAFF EMPLOYED AND PAID BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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FINANCE BRANCH ENSURES TAXPAYERS GET VALUE FOR MONEY
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THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCE BRANCH INCLUDES ENSURING THAT TAX-PAYERS GET VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. K.Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) DURING A LUNCHTIME TALK TO MEMBERS OF KOWLOON NORTH ROTARY CLUB.

MR. YEUNG SAID THAT VALUE FOR TAXPAYERS' MONEY WAS ENSURED BY THE REGULAR EXAMINATION OF REQUESTS FOR FUNDS, POSTS, ORGANISATION AND METHODS STUDIES, COST/BENEFIT ANALYSES AND THE USE OF COMPUTER WHERE COST BENEFITS SO JUSTIFY.

OTHER WORK OF THE FINANCE BRANCH, HE SAID, WAS RAISING REVENUE= ASSESSING SHORT AND LONG TERM REVENUE YIELDS AND SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM EXPENDITURE= EXAMINING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES= AND ALLOCATING FUNDS BETWEEN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND ENSURING THAT THESE FUNDS WERE VOTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT EXPENDITURE COULD BE BROUGHT PROPERLY TO ACCOUNT.

MR. YEUNG CONTINUED: +IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO GENERALISE WITHOUT BEING MISLEADING, PROBABLY THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT AIMS OF THE FINANCE BRANCH ARE, FIRST, TO ENSURE THAT THE PRESENT FISCAL SYSTEM CAN RAISE ADEQUATE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENTS AND, SECOND, TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE AN ADEQUATE PROVISION OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR APPROVED FUNCTIONS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROVIDE VALUE FOR MONEY.

+AND HERE WE TREAD ON DELICATE GROUND, FOR WE MUST MEET THESE AIMS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRESERVE, ON THE ONE HAND, THE CONFIDENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE= YET THIS MUST BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE BRANCH GETTING INTO A POSITION WHERE IT IS TELLING THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS HOW TO RUN THEIR AFFAIRS.+

MR. YEUNG ALSO GAVE AN OUTLINE OF THE FIVE YEAR FORECAST OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, AN EXERCISE LEADING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES.

HE SAID HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE A FORECAST OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OVER THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE FOLLOWING THREE FINANCIAL YEARS.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE REVENUE FORECAST IS TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH REVENUE THE GOVERNMENT CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE AT EXISTING RATES OF TAXATION AND AT CURRENT LEVELS OF FEES AND CHARGES,+ MR. YEUNG SAID.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPENDITURE FORECAST IS TO DETERMINE WHAT HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS WISH TO DO AND THE LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE THEY THINK THEY COULD ACHIEVE OVER THE FIVE YEARS, CALCULATED AT CURRENT PRICES.

/+TAKEN TOGETHER,

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+TAKEN TOGETHER, THEREFORE, THE OBJECT OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE IS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE MEANS OF DETERMINING THE PROBABLE LEVEL OF SPENDING THAT COULD BE AFFORDED.+

MR. YEUNG SAID THAT WHEN DEPARTMENTAL RETURNS REACHED THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN AUGUST, THEY WERE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE FINANCE BRANCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICY BRANCHES. THIS PROCESS TOOK ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

AS THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS PREPARED THEIR SUBMISSIONS, TWO FURTHER SEPARATE EXERCISES TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. FIRST, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND HIS ADVISERS TOOK A VIEW ON WHETHER ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING COMPLETELY NEW SERVICES= SECOND, THE ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE NOT COVERED BY THE PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES WERE SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS FOR THEM TO TAKE A VIEW OF THEIR RELATIVE IMPORTANCE.

+THE RESULT OF THE THIS EXERCISE IS A LIST IN WHICH ITEMS OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE ARE RANKED IN AN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

+IF IT IS EVENTUALLY DECIDED THAT A GREATER REVENUE YIELD THAN HAS BEEN INDICATED IN THE REVENUE FORECAST COULD BE ACHIEVED, THESE ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE WOULD BE FED INTO THE DRAFT ESTIMATES IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY AND TO THE EXTENT OF THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES DETERMINED AS A RESULT OF THESE TWO EXERCISES.

+THE OUTCOME OF ALL THESE ACTIVITIES IS, OF COURSE, WELL KNOWN TO YOU. ON COMPLETION THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S APPROPRIATION BILL. THIS IS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, TOGETHER WITH THE REVENUE ESTIMATES AND HIS REVENUE PROPOSALS.

+EVENTUALLY, ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL BECOMING LAW THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE BECOME PROPERLY AUTHORISED AND DEFINITELY ARRANGED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.+

MR. YEUNG SAID UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND POLICY BRANCH SECRETARIES WERE IN NO WAY INHIBITED IN ENTERING INTO THE FORECAST THE FINANCIAL CONTENTS OF VARIOUS PROGRAMMES PROVIDED THE CONTENTS BORE REASONABLE RESEMBLANCE TO SPENDING CAPABILITY= AND IT WAS THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS WHO DETERMINED THE PRIORITY FOR NEW SERVICES.

+BUT, WHEN IT COMES TO DECIDING HOW MUCH WE CAN AFFORD TO SPEND, IT IS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND HIS ADVISERS WHO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED, HAVING REGARD TO THE LIKELY FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY AND TO THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING GROWTH.+

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SCENIC PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK PROPOSED
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A LARGE STRETCH OF LAND IN THE SCENIC AREA OF THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR HAS BEEN PROPOSED AS A COUNTRY PARK.

THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK, WHICH IS GAZETTED TODAY, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,594 HECTARES, COMPRISING 3,422 HECTARES OF GRASSY HILLS AND SCATTERED WOODLAND AND 1,172 HECTARES OF WATER SURFACE OF THE RESERVOIR.

IT LIES TO THE EAST OF TAI MEI TUK/LUK KENG ROAD AND STRETCHES FROM YUNG SHUE AU ON STARLING INLET IN THE NORTH TO HARBOUR ISLAND IN THE SOUTH.

THE COUNTRY PARK AUTHORITY HAS PREPARED A DRAFT MAP AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THIS PARK WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED, WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, AT THE LAND REGISTRY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES- NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, HOMANTIN- CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD- DISTRICT OFFICES OF TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG AND SHA TIN- KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OFFICE, 393, CANTON ROAD- CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OF KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT MAP ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$6 PER COPY FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE, NO NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK SHOWN IN THE DRAFT MAP WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY.

ANY PERSON WHO IS AGGRIEVED BY THE DRAFT MAP MAY WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS SEND A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF HIS OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT MAP TO THE AUTHORITY AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

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APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN INVITED

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM YOUNG AND PHYSICALLY FIT MEN TO JOIN IN THE RANK OF SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN.

ABOUT 50 SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE RECRUITED TO FILL PRESENT VACANCIES AS WELL AS TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE SERVICES.

THE RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED TO TAKE CHARGE OF AMBULANCES AND SUBORDINATE CREW, TO RENDER FIRST AID AND TO CARRY OUT CONTROL DUTIES.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30, HAVE A KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AT THE STANDARD EQUIVALENT TO GRADE E OR ABOVE IN ENGLISH (SYLLABUS A) IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE, BE ABLE TO SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE, AND READ AND WRITE CHINESE.

CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A STRENGTH TEST AND AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO BE ARRANGED AT A LATER DATE.

ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. DAILY FROM NOVEMBER 21 TO 23 AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RECRUITMENT CENTRES:

HONG KONG ISLAND - MORRISON HILL AMBULANCE DEPOT,
OI KWAN ROAD

KOWLOON - MA TAU CHUNG AMBULANCE DEPOT,
SHING TAK STREET

NEW TERRITORIES - TSUEN WAN FIRE STATION,
TAI CHUNG ROAD.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE ORIGINAL COPY OF ANY TESTIMONIAL SHOWING THEIR EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

THEY SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG A PAIR OF RUBBER-SOLED GYM SHOES AND SHORTS FOR USE IN THE STRENGTH TEST.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR A SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN IS \$1,810 AND THE MAXIMUM IS \$2,100.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TSING YI'S FIRST PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE TO OPEN

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THE FIRST PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 A.M. TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF THE ISLAND.

THE CENTRE IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 113-114 CHING WAI HOUSE OF THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER (TOWN MANAGEMENT), MR. DAVID TSUI- THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. TANG YUEN-PUI- AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, MR. CHOY KI-WONG.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

+KNOWING ABOUT CHEUNG CHAU+ CELEBRATION ENDS ON SUNDAY

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. JOHN TODD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE +KNOWING ABOUT CHEUNG CHAU+ CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE CELEBRATION WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 11 TO MARK THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE QUEEN'S SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY. SEA TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH WILL BE WAITING AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER (NEXT TO THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI OUTLYING FERRY PIER) AT 1.45 P.M. STAFF OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN POK FU LAM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21) THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SECTION OF BISNEY ROAD ADJOINING POK FU LAM ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

WITH THE OPENING OF THIS NEW SECTION OF THE ROAD VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN LEFT FROM POK FU LAM ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO BISNEY ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON POK FU LAM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED FROM THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY ONTO A SECTION OF NEWLY COMPLETED CARRIAGEWAY EXTENDING FROM THE JUNCTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND BISNEY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 328 FEET TO THE NORTH.

SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING POK FU LAM ROAD.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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