



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CHIEF SECRETARY SEES DEVELOPMENT IN MARKET TOWNS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY VISITED THE FAST-GROWING MARKET TOWNS OF TAI PO, FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$2,320 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

SIR DENYS INSPECTED THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN TAI PO, TOURED THE PROPOSED PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK AREA, AND VISITED THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THE FORMER TANNERIES SITE IN SHEK WU HUI.

HE ALSO MET MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE HALF-DAY VISIT WAS THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY FIRST WENT TO THE ROOF OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING FOR A BRIEFING AND A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF TAI PO TOWN. FROM THIS SITE SOME OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS HE SAW WERE:

- * THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, FOR WHICH THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF RECLAMATION ARE WELL UNDERWAY. THE FIRST STAGE IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND WILL PROVIDE 24 HECTARES OF LAND, WHILE THE SECOND STAGE WILL PRODUCE ANOTHER 53 HECTARES BY MID-1978=
- * THE FORMATION OF A LARGE DEVELOPMENT AREA BY RECLAMATION AT WESTERN TOLO HARBOUR. THE AREA IS PLANNED FOR A BALANCED COMMUNITY WITH A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 33,000 PEOPLE, PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOLS, A CLINIC, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, IMPROVED ROADWORKS, OPEN SPACES, A BUS TERMINUS, MARKET AND HAWKERS' BAZAAR=
- * THE TING KOK ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME UNDER WHICH A SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KWONG FUK ROAD AND HA HANG VILLAGE WILL BE WIDENED TO A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY TO SERVE THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE= AND
- * THE TAI PO SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM WHICH WILL LINK SHA TIN AND TAI PO AND THEN GO NORTH TO JOIN YUEN LONG. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

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SIR DENYS THEN WENT TO YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE MANAGER, MR. LEUNG CHUN-CHUNG, WHO EXPLAINED THAT THE AREA HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO HOUSE 5,000 SQUATTERS MAINLY FROM THE NEARBY YUEN CHAU TSAI, WHICH WAS BEING CLEARED FOR A TRUNK ROAD.

AN EXTENSION TO THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 SPACES.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY LATER WENT TO BRIDE'S POOL WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE PLOVER COVE AREA AS A COUNTRY PARK TO PROVIDE YET ANOTHER RECREATIONAL OUTLET.

FROM TAI PO SIR DENYS WENT TO FANLING TO SEE WORK ON THE \$12 MILLION PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH WILL SERVE PEOPLE IN THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COMPLEX WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN IN MID-JULY, IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER SWIMMING SEASON, WILL HAVE FOUR POOLS, WITH THE MAIN POOL TO BE HEATED IN WINTER SO THAT IT COULD BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SIR DENYS CONCLUDED THE VISIT BY INSPECTING THE FORMER TANNERIES SITE IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF SHEK WU HUI, WHERE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL TO FORM 16 HECTARES OF LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE FIRST STAGE OF A MAJOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE LAND FORMATION IS PART OF A \$1,300 MILLION PROJECT TO DEVELOP THE MARKET TOWNS OF SHEK WU HUI AND FANLING.

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RECORD PRICES PAID FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND IN TSUEN WAN
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STRONG BIDDING AT A CROWN LAND AUCTION TODAY SET A RECORD PRICE FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE FAST GROWING NEW TOWN OF TSUEN WAN.

TWO COMPANIES PAID MORE THAN \$40 MILLION FOR TWO LOTS AT KWAI CHUNG - ONE SITE FOR CARGO CONSOLIDATION AND GODOWN PURPOSES AND THE OTHER FOR FLATTED FACTORY DEVELOPMENT.

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE AUCTION AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AND BIDDING WAS SPIRITED FOR BOTH LOTS.

THE LARGER SITE OF ABOUT 2,655 SQ. M. WAS KNOCKED DOWN FOR \$27.1 MILLION TO THE TUNISIA CO. LTD. AFTER BIDDING HAD STARTED AT \$5.7 MILLION. THE LOT IS INTENDED FOR CARGO CONSOLIDATION OR GODOWN PURPOSES AND IS NEAR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

THE SELLING PRICE IS EQUIVALENT TO NEARLY \$950 PER SQ. FT. - MORE THAN DOUBLE THE \$400 PER SQ. FT. PAID AT THE LAST PUBLIC AUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN TSUEN WAN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.

THE FLATTED FACTORY SITE, COVERING 1,478 SQ. M. WAS SOLD TO THE ON CHEONG INVESTMENT CO LTD FOR \$13.5 MILLION - OR ABOUT \$850 PER SQ. FT. THE SITE IS ALSO LOCATED IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. NIGEL BURLEY, WHO CONDUCTED THE AUCTION, SAID AFTERWARDS THAT THE SALE PRICES WERE VERY SATISFACTORY.

+THE RECORD PRICES REFLECT THE CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AS AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AREA FOR HONG KONG,+ HE SAID. +THE BIDDING WAS STRONGLY COMPETITIVE AND CLEARLY THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE AT THE AUCTION VERY KEEN TO ACQUIRE INDUSTRIAL LAND IN TSUEN WAN.+

THE BIGGER OF THE TWO LOTS CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$4.3 MILLION OVER 30 MONTHS WHILE THE FLATTED FACTORY SITE HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2.4 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

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TOPLEY STRESSES NEED TO DEVELOP BASIC SKILLS OF STUDENTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY STRESSED THE NEED TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' BASIC SKILLS WHICH ACCOUNT FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND IN LATER LIFE.

+THE ABILITY TO LISTEN WELL, TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE SPOKEN WORD, AND TO READ AND WRITE ACCURATELY AND AT A REASONABLE PACE -- THESE ARE SKILLS FUNDAMENTAL TO PROGRESS AND SUCCESS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL,+ HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY WAS ADDRESSING STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S SEAWARD WOO COLLEGE IN HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

+IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUPILS TO FORM GOOD AND EFFECTIVE WORK HABITS SUCH AS EARLY RISING, FOLLOWING REASONABLY REGULAR HOURS OF STUDY, AND ADHERING TO ALTERNATE PERIODS OF REST AND ACTIVITY.

+NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE FORMATION OF SUCH HABITS SHOULD HAVE BEGUN AT THE PRIMARY STAGE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. TOPLEY ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND HEALTH, AS ILL-HEALTH LED TO PROLONGED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL. THE STUDENT SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO GET ON HARMONIOUSLY WITH OTHERS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID NO EDUCATION WOULD BE COMPLETE IF THE SECONDARY PUPIL DID NOT LEARN THAT, BESIDES PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND MATERIAL POSSESSIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIND AND SPIRIT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

NATURE, THE WORLD OF BOOKS, MUSIC, SCIENCE AND ART SHOULD BE OPENED EARLY TO THE STUDENTS AS SOURCES OF MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT, MR. TOPLEY SAID.

AFTER THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY, MRS. TOPLEY CUT THE RIBBON TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION OF THE STUDENTS' WORK.

THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS OVER 30 YEARS OLD, HAS UNDER ITS CARE TWO AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND ONE PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING KINDERGARTEN. THE SEAWARD WOO COLLEGE, WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 960 STUDENTS, IS THE ASSOCIATION'S NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL RECEIVING FULL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

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IMPORTANCE OF PROBATION SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROBATION SERVICE AND CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO HELP THE PROBATIONERS TO BECOME USEFUL CITIZENS AGAIN.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL, MR. LEE SAID THAT PROBATION SERVICE HAD ITS DEFINITE VALUE AND IT WAS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN APPLIED TO CAREFULLY SELECTED OFFENDERS.

HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF PROBATION, WHICH NOW COVERS BOTH JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS, IS TO ENSURE THAT PROBATIONERS WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE FREELY IN SOCIETY THROUGH THE FRIENDLY COUNSELLING AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE PROBATION WORKERS.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT SOME 3,000 CASES WHERE MOST OFFENDERS ARE FIRST-TIMERS PLACED ON PROBATION BY THE COURT. STATISTICS SHOW THAT MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE PROBATIONERS WERE FOUND CLEAN AFTER COMPLETING THEIR PROBATION ORDER.

MR. LEE ALSO APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO REMOVE ANY COMMON DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS OFFENDERS AND TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES DIRECTLY IN THEIR REFORMATION, TO KNOW THEM, TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF THEIR OFFENCES AND TO ASSIST THEM TO BECOME CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS AGAIN.

A PROBATIONER NEEDS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PUBLIC AND TO BE ENSURED THAT HE IS NOT BEING PREJUDICED, MR. LEE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE PROBATION SERVICE OFFERED TO OFFENDERS BEFORE THEY ARE SENTENCED BY THE COURT, MR. LEE SAID THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT OFFENDERS OF SERIOUS CRIMES WOULD RECEIVE HEAVY PUNISHMENT, WHILE THOSE OF MINOR OFFENCES GIVEN LIGHT SENTENCES SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE BETTER CHANCES TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

PROBATION IS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED FOR THE REFORMATION OF OFFENDERS, MR. LEE SAID. BUT, HE REMINDED THE BETTER SOLUTION TO PROBATION WAS PREVENTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

HE APPEALED TO PARENTS, TEACHERS AND EMPLOYERS THAT THEY SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING AND SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES WITH THE VIEW OF HELPING THEM TO FORM GOOD HABITS AND SELF-DISCIPLINE IN ORDER THAT THEY BECOME RESPONSIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE.

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FUNFAIR FOR CHILDREN OF WATERWORKS STAFF

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN ANNUAL FUNFAIR, FOR ABOUT 2,500 CHILDREN OF ITS STAFF AT THE KOWLOON WAH YAN COLLEGE BETWEEN 12.30 P.M. AND 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

THE FUNFAIR FEATURES A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING SONGS AND DANCES, A MAGIC SHOW, AND GAMES STALLS.

IN ADDITION, CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SEE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR RTV AND CTV ARTISTES.

A MERRY-GO-ROUND AND THE POPULAR +CANNON BALL EMPRESS+ WHICH WILL TAKE CHILDREN ON TOURS ROUND THE FAIR ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME.

FIFTEEN GAMES STALLS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS BY MRS. T.H. TOMLINSON, WIFE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A RAFFLE WHICH WILL BE DRAWN BY MRS. W.D.A. TUCKER, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES.

DURING THE OCCASION, MR. TUCKER WILL PRESENT GOLD MEDALS TO TWO STAFF MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE PAST YEAR.

THEY ARE MR. HO HON-KEI AND MR. CHOI YUEN, BOTH ARTISANS IN THE MECHANICAL DIVISION.

MR. HO HAS BEEN WITH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR 10 YEARS. HE IS ENGAGED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF DIESEL ENGINES, PUMPS AND ASSOCIATED AUXILIARY PLANT IN KOWLOON.

+MR. HO FULLY DESERVES TO BE DESCRIBED AS AN OUTSTANDING ARTISAN: HE NOT ONLY POSSESSES FIRST-RATE SKILL IN MACHINERY MAINTENANCE, BUT ALSO EXCELLENT WORK HABITS,+ MR. TUCKER SAID.

MR. CHOI HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S BULLOCK LANE DEPOT FOR 19 YEARS AND IS ENGAGED IN STEEL FABRICATION AND SMITY WORK.

MR. TUCKER SAID: +DURING THE PERIOD, MR. CHOI HAS PROVED TO BE VERY SKILFUL IN THE ART. HE IS INTERESTED IN HIS JOB AND SHOWS PRIDE IN THE RESULT.+

THE PRESENTATION OF THE MEDALS KNOWN AS THE KIRKWOOD AWARDS WAS STARTED IN 1967 WITH DONATIONS FROM TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING FIRMS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MR. W.K. KIRKWOOD, A FORMER WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE RANK OF FOREMAN III OR BELOW WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GENERAL CAPABILITIES AND ATTENTION TO DUTIES OR BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY CONDUCT OR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN A PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE FUNFAIR AND THE KIRKWOOD AWARD PRESENTATIONS DURING THE PARTY AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, ON SUNDAY. THE PARTY WILL START AT 12.30 P.M. AND THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS BY MR. W.D.A. TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 1.10 P.M.

MR. FRANK CHUAN, WATERWORKS CONSUMER RELATIONS OFFICER, AND MR. MOK MAN-TAT, WATERWORKS WELFARE OFFICER, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

AGRICULTURE LOANS TO FARMERS REACH \$100 MILLION
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THE ISSUE OF LOANS TO LOCAL FARMERS UNDER A 22-YEAR-OLD AGRICULTURE CREDIT SCHEME ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL REACH \$100 MILLION MARK TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A LUNCHEON PARTY AT SALISBURY ROOM, PENINSULA HOTEL AT NOON TOMORROW, DURING WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, WILL PRESENT THE LOANS TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

THE LOW INTEREST LOANS ARE MADE FROM THREE FUNDS -- THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND, THE J.E. JOSEPH TRUST FUND AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND. THEY ARE GIVEN WITH THE AIM OF HELPING FARMERS TO INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT, TO ENABLE THEM TO BUY MORE FARMING EQUIPMENT AND FARMING MATERIALS, AS WELL AS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FARMING STRUCTURE AND FISH PONDS, AND DEVELOP NEW AGRICULTURAL LAND.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS
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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER WILL TAKE SALUTE FROM 40 PRISON OFFICERS, WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING, AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD AT PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

AT THE CEREMONY, MR. GARNER WILL ALSO PRESENT CLASPS TO LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 20 PRISON OFFICERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A PRISON VAN WILL LEAVE THE HEADQUARTERS OF PRISONS DEPARTMENT AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 10 A.M.

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AMS BAND TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN AT CONVALESCENT HOME
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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE BAND WILL GIVE A CONCERT TO CHILDREN OF THE DUCHESS OF KENT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT HOME AT SANDY BAY ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

THE AMS BRASS BAND, COMPRISING 50 MEMBERS, WILL PLAY MARCHING AND LIGHT MUSIC AS WELL AS POPULAR SONGS TO ENTERTAIN THE CHILDREN.

THE CONCERT WILL START AT 2 P.M. UNDER THE BATON OF AMS INSTRUCTOR OF MUSIC, MR. JULIAN FRAMELA, WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE-IN-MUSIC, TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

THE BAND GAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL TWO HOUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT LAST YEAR TO THE CHILDREN AT THE HOSPITAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:--

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONCERT WHICH WILL START AT 2 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 26 AT THE DUCHESS OF KENT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, SANDY BAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) THE TEMPORARY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN SHING ON STREET AND TAI NING STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

THE RESTRICTION IS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THE CABLE LAYING WORK IN THE AREA HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED.

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