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DEREGULATION PROVIDES FOR MORE COMPETITION
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IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS AGREEMENT TO THE EXCLUSION FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY SCHEME OF CONTROL OF THOSE SERVICES WHICH DID NOT FORM PART OF THE PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE.

THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A NUMBER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, SUCH AS PABX SYSTEMS, TO BE PROVIDED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE PUBLIC TELEPHONE NETWORK, IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL EQUIPMENT INTENDED TO BE CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK TO COMPLY WITH A +PERMISSION TO CONNECT+ PROCEDURE OPERATED BY TELCO.

IF AGREEMENT ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE REACHED BETWEEN TELCO AND THE SUPPLIERS, THE LATTER CAN APPEAL TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY.

AS OF JULY 1, 1983, A WELL-DOCUMENTED +PERMISSION TO CONNECT+ PROCEDURE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN RESPECT OF PABX'S, THUS ENABLING FREE COMPETITION IN THE SALE, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE BEING HELD BETWEEN TELCO AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY TO ENABLE SIMILAR PROCEDURES TO BE INTRODUCED FOR ITEMS SUCH AS DATA MODEMS AND TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO TELCO'S MORE INTENSIVE +TYPE APPROVAL+ PROCESS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW PROCEDURES WILL REQUIRE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FROM THE SUPPLIER'S OR AGENT'S ORGANISATION TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN BASIC REQUIREMENTS ON SAFETY, NETWORK COMPATIBILITY AND FREEDOM FROM INTERFERENCE.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE SPEEDIER AND CHEAPER AND WILL RESULT IN THE AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC OF A WIDE RANGE OF COMPETITIVE ITEMS WHICH ARE KNOWN TO BE SAFE AND TROUBLE-FREE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT MANY OF THE SERVICES NOW OPEN TO COMPETITION, PARTICULARLY THOSE USING RADIO, REQUIRE A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD MAKE ENQUIRIES BEFORE TAKING ANY STEPS TO SET UP SUCH SERVICES.

THE FOLLOWING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SHOWN, HAVE BEEN DEREGULATED :

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PROVISION OF SUBSCRIBER'S APPARATUS
PABX'S
DATA MODEMS
PREMIUM TELEPHONES
ECIS (FROM JULY 1, 1984)

RADIO PAGING
VIEWDATA
DATEL MESSAGE
MOBILE RADIO TELEPHONE (WHEN INTRODUCED)
PACKET SWITCHED DATA (WHEN INTRODUCED)
CENTRALISED ALARM AND MONITORING (WHEN INTRODUCED)
FACSIMILE
TROPICAL CYCLONE, THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNING

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DRAGNET FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TIGHTENS
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THE DRAGNET FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG PULLED TIGHTER THIS WEEK AS 25 SUSPECTS WERE ROUNDED UP IN A THREE-DAY OPERATION.

THE OPERATION, CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY THE POLICE AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS, WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING TERRITORY-WIDE EFFORT TO STAMP OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

THE 25 PERSONS SUSPECTED OF BEING HERE ILLEGALLY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY SLACKENING OF EFFORTS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

+THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE BOTH AT THE BORDER AND THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG. SOONER OR LATER, THEY WILL BE DETECTED AND SENT BACK,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT RUMOURS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT STARTED ISSUING NEW IDENTITY CARDS HAD ALREADY BEEN PROVED FALSE.

+AS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN, ALL SUCH RUMOURS ARE DELIBERATELY SPREAD BY SNAKEHEADS WHOSE SOLE AIM IS TO MAKE A FAST DOLLAR. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN THEM IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW IDENTITY CARDS WILL MAKE LIFE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS THEY ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO FORGE,+ HE ADDED.

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DURING THE SPECIAL OPERATION, POLICE INCREASED THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND ALSO CARRIED OUT SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN SUSPECT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THEY ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH FORGED IDENTITY CARDS. ANOTHER 303 PEOPLE WERE SUMMONSED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND A FURTHER 141 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 10 451 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 10 PERSONS IN NINE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER THREE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES. THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO SUMMONSED 82 ESTABLISHMENTS TO PRESENT THEIR EMPLOYEE RECORDS FOR INSPECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

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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SWIMMERS URGED TO EXERCISE CARE * * *

BEACHGOERS WERE URGED TO BE CAREFUL WHEN SWIMMING AT NON-GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS WHERE NO LIFE GUARD SERVICE IS PROVIDED.

NON-GAZETTED BEACHES ARE POTENTIAL DANGER SPOTS FOR SWIMMERS AS WAVES AND CURRENTS THERE CAN BE STRONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED.

WARNING SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AT A NUMBER OF NON-GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING TONG FUK BEACH AND TAI LONG WAN ON LANTAU ISLAND AND TAI LONG SAI WAN, TAI LONG TUNG WAN AND HAM TIN IN SAI KUNG.

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE DROWNED AT VARIOUS NON-GAZETTED BEACHES, INCLUDING TSIN YUE WAN, TONG FUK BEACH AND DISCOVERY BAY, OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

EVEN AT GAZETTED BEACHES, SWIMMERS SHOULD SWIM WITHIN THE SAFE LIMITS MARKED BY LINES OF BUOYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WHERE THE RED FLAG IS HOISTED, BEACHGOERS SHOULD STAY OUT OF THE WATER AS THE SIGNAL INDICATES THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR EVEN EXPERIENCED SWIMMERS TO BATHE THERE,+ HE WARNED.

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WINNING DESIGN ON DISPLAY
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) OPENED THE EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING SUBMISSION FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, HE SAID THAT THE COMPETITION HAD TWO MAJOR ADVANTAGES.

FIRST, IT PROVIDES ARCHITECTS OR ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE WITH ONE ANOTHER, THEREBY STIMULATING NEW IDEAS AND NEW APPROACHES TO DESIGN.

SECOND, IT ENABLES THE PROMOTOR, IN THIS CASE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, TO CHOOSE BETWEEN DIFFERENT DESIGN APPROACHES WHICH HELP ENSURE THAT THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERTISE IS BROUGHT TO THE PROJECT.

OUT OF SOME 40 PARTICIPANTS, IN THE INITIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND, SIX WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SHORTLISTED FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DESIGN FOR A TERTIARY-LEVEL INSTITUTION WAS A COMPLEX PLANNING EXERCISE AS IT CALLED FOR A MASTER PLAN FOR CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT, NOT JUST A BUILDING.

+THE ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED MUST INCLUDE BOTH SPECIALIST AND NON-SPECIALIST TEACHING ACCOMMODATION TOGETHER WITH ALL THE OTHER FACILITIES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A LARGE STUDENT BODY.

+THESE INCLUDE A LIBRARY, A COMPUTER CENTRE, SPORTS FACILITIES, STUDENT AND STAFF AMENITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

ALL THESE ELEMENTS, MR CHAN ADDED, HAD TO BE ARRANGED IN A DESIGN WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE INSTITUTION TO FULFIL ITS FUNCTION IN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER AS WELL AS PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE EVER CHANGING REQUIREMENTS FOR TERTIARY-LEVEL EDUCATION.

MR CHAN CONGRATULATED THE WINNER, FITCH AND CHUNG IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PERCY THOMAS PARTNERSHIP, FOR MEETING THESE COMPLEX REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE VERY SEVERE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE SITE.

MR CHAN PRAISED SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAD RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A SECOND POLYTECHNIC AND CONGRATULATED THEM FOR THE INTENSIVE EFFORTS THEY HAD DEVOTED TO THE PROJECT.

THE WINNING SUBMISSION IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE LANDMARK.

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AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD PROPOSES A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHEK KIP MEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

ONE OF THE MAIN AMENDMENTS INVOLVES THE DESIGNATION OF A SITE OF ABOUT 12 HECTARES TO THE NORTHEAST OF NAM SHAN ESTATE IN THE TAT CHEE AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AREA FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY USE. THE SITE IS RESERVED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC.

UNDER ANOTHER AMENDMENT, A SITE OF ABOUT 1.9 HECTARES TO THE WEST OF KOWLOON TONG RAILWAY STATION IS DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN WHICH A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A POST OFFICE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION OF A 1.6 HECTARES SITE TO THE WEST OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND TO THE SOUTH OF CORNWALL STREET FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT, AN ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, AND THE DESIGNATION OF A SITE OF ABOUT 300 SQUARE METRES AT BEGONIA ROAD FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY USE.

PROPOSALS ARE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES OF THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), GROUND FLOOR, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING AT \$10 FOR A BLACK-AND-WHITE COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK FOR TEACHERS

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ABOUT 130 TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A 'SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK' TO BE HELD BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 25 TO 29.

THE 'SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK' IS AIMED AT PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG TEACHERS ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND PROVISIONS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

IT IS ALSO AIMED AT PROVIDING PARTICIPANTS WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE FOR IDENTIFYING AND HELPING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

THE WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME INCLUDES LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS MODES AND CHANNELS FOR DELIVERING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.

THE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING IN THE MAIN HALL OF HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, PERTH STREET, KOWLOON.

+TEACHERS WILL FIND THE PROGRAMME PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AT THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE WHICH IS SITUATED NEXT TO HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ILLUSTRATE THE +SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME+ DESIGNED TO BETTER INTEGRATE PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS INTO THE COMMUNITY.

THE SCHEME CURRENTLY INVOLVES 39 SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND 41 ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

DURING THE 'SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK', PARTICIPANTS MAY VISIT THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE IN THE AFTERNOON TO SEE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES BEING PROVIDED.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, MR P.C. PI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE 'SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK' AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 25) AT THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 6 PERTH STREET, HOMANTIN, KOWLOON.

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NEW RAILWAY STATION BUILDING IN SHA TIN

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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI WAI STATION IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATION BUILDING, A SUBWAY AND A RAILWAY MAINTENANCE BUILDING, AND THE REMOVAL OF THE TEMPORARY RAIL DIVERSION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE AT HAM TIN STREET

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 25) THE SECTION OF HAM TIN STREET BETWEEN TAK WAH STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR TAXI RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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ROAD PROJECT FOR FANLING

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A ROAD PROJECT TO THE EAST OF LUEN WO MARKET AS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP FANLING NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL FEEDER ROADS, FOOTPATHS, BICYCLE TRACKS AND LORRY-CAR PARKS, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE.

UPON COMPLETION, THE PROJECT WILL GIVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE EXISTING AND FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, AT OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET; AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING SUB-OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1983.

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MORE PARKING SPACES IN YAU MA TEI
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THE NEWLY COMPLETED 442 PARKING SPACES IN YAU MA TEI CAR PARK STAGE II WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 25).

WITH THIS ADDITION, THE ENLARGED YAU MA TEI CAR PARK WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 804 PARKING SPACES.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN AUGUST
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 16 DAYS IN AUGUST.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICES:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AUGUST 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 4 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 5 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 8 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 9 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 11 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 12 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 15 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 16 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 18 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 23 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 25 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 31 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM

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