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EXPO'86 SURPLUS FUNDS VEHICLE DONATION

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSORS OF THE HONG KONG EXPO'86 VANCOUVER, DONATED FOUR REHAB-VEHICLES AND SIX "BUGGIES" TO FIVE SUBVENTED WELFARE ORGANISATIONS SERVING THE HANDICAPPED.

THE VEHICLES BOUGHT WITH SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$635,000 FROM THE EXPO'86 VANCOUVER PROJECT, WERE DONATED TO LOK HANG WORKSHOP OF CARITAS HONG KONG; KWONG FUK WORKSHOP OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED; PAK TIN CHILDREN'S CENTRE OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND LUNG HANG SPECIAL PRE-SCHOOL OF THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG. THE SIX BUGGIES WERE DONATED TO THE CARITAS LOK HING CHILD CARE CENTRE.

FOUR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN REPRESENTING THEIR ORGANISATIONS RECEIVED THE VEHICLE KEYS FROM MR FORD AT A CEREMONY HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ST. FRANCIS PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, CARITAS, CAINE ROAD.

ADDRESSING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, WHO WAS ALSO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO'86, SAID THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE EXPO'86 DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO USE THE SURPLUS TO HELP THE HANDICAPPED SOLVE THEIR TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

"THEY LOOKED AT THE THEME OF EXPO'86 - TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION - AND DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORT FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED WHO ENCOUNTER MANY PROBLEMS IN GETTING FROM PLACE TO PLACE," HE SAID.

MASTER WONG BING-YIU, A DISABLED CHILD WHO REPRESENTS THE RECIPIENT ORGANISATIONS, THANKED THE SPONSORS OF THE EXPO'86 FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION.

HE SAID THAT WITH THESE REHAB-VEHICLES, THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

THE EXPO'86 WAS SPONSORED BY CABLE & WIRELESS PLC, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LTD, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LTD, SING TAO NEWSPAPER LTD, THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE SWIRE GROUP, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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CHANGES TO DB COMPOSITION ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE COMPOSITION OF DISTRICT BOARDS FOR THE NEW TERM STARTING IN APRIL 1988.

THERE WILL BE A SMALL INCREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE OVERALL NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS WILL BE INCREASED BY 27 (FROM 237 TO 264) AND THAT OF APPOINTED SEATS BY NINE (FROM 132 TO 141).

ANNOUNCING THESE CHANGES AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THEY REFLECTED THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GENERAL POLICY OF PROVIDING ONE ELECTED SEAT FOR A POPULATION OF 25,000 AND TWO SEATS WHERE THE POPULATION WAS 35,000 OR MORE.

THE ESTABLISHED RATIO OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD ALSO BE MAINTAINED AT APPROXIMATELY 1:2.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE EXISTING PRACTICE, WHEREBY URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, SHOULD CEASE IN MARCH 1989 WHEN THE TENURE OF THE PRESENT URBAN COUNCIL EXPIRES.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REPEAL THE PRESENT LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES AN URBAN COUNCILLOR TO RESIGN FROM THE COUNCIL UPON ELECTION TO A DISTRICT BOARD; OR A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER TO RESIGN FROM HIS BOARD UPON ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

EXISTING LEGISLATION ALREADY PERMITS A PERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER BOTH OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND OF A DISTRICT BOARD IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

MR LIAO EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT WOULD ENABLE EXISTING URBAN COUNCILLORS WHO WISHED TO REMAIN ON DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA AFTER MARCH 1989 TO SEEK ELECTION TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE 1988 ELECTIONS.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1988. THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 10.

MR LIAO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ASKED BY SOME PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO GIVE A CLEAR INDICATION OF ITS INTENTION ON CERTAIN MATTERS WHICH WOULD AFFECT THEIR DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO STAND FOR ELECTION.

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IT HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER AND BEFORE THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS OPEN IN JANUARY.

THIS WILL GIVE TIME FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WISH TO STAND FOR ELECTION FOR A DISTRICT BOARD, AND TO PLAN THEIR ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES IF THEY DO SO.

DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF SEATS WILL BE GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 24, 1987. THE GAZETTE NOTICE WILL LIST INCREASES IN ELECTED SEATS IN 10 DISTRICTS AND INCREASES IN APPOINTED SEATS IN SEVEN DISTRICTS.

MR LIAO SAID THE GENERAL POLICY OF RELATING THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO POPULATION HAD BEEN APPLIED FLEXIBLY TO A FEW CONSTITUENCIES, AND TO SOME DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHICAL, HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS.

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CHILD ABUSE - A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY  
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DEALING WITH CHILD ABUSE IS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITY, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE, HE POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS ALL HAD THEIR ROLES TO PLAY IN HANDLING AND PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE.

IT WAS THROUGH THE CLOSE LIAISON AND CO-OPERATION OF THESE GROUPS THAT REAL ADVANCES WERE MADE, HE SAID.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN CO-OPERATION WITH AGAINST CHILD ABUSE.

"THAT IS WHY THIS CONFERENCE WHICH HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING TOGETHER SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILD CARE AGENCIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND EDUCATORS IS SO VALUABLE.

"IT HAS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF CHILD ABUSE TO BE EXPLORED FROM MANY DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS AND FOR A VARIETY OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN A COORDINATED WAY," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID THAT IT HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ABOUT GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS AND AGENCIES, AND A GREATER ABILITY TO COMBINE THEIR SKILLS IN THE INTERESTS OF ABUSED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

HE BELIEVED THAT CO-OPERATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF LINKS WOULD GREATLY HELP THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE AND THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE THIS WEEK WOULD PROVE TO BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN COMBATTING THE PROBLEM.

NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN MAINLY CONCERNED WITH THE QUESTIONS OF HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILD ABUSE WHEN IT HAD OCCURRED, IDENTIFICATION AND DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE, THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN SUCH CASES, THE ROLE OF CASE CONFERENCE AND COURT ACTION, MR CHAMBERS EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION.

"PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN CURE, PARTICULARLY IN SITUATIONS WHERE NO COMPLETE CURE IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED," HE SAID.

"HONG KONG IS NOT AN EASY PLACE IN WHICH TO BRING UP CHILDREN," HE ADDED.

"THE INTENSIVELY COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, THE VERY HIGH POPULATION DENSITIES AND THE ABSENCE OF SAFE PLACES FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY OUTSIDE THE CRAMPED FAMILY HOME ALL CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, WHILE THE FACT THAT IN MANY FAMILIES BOTH PARENTS FEEL OBLIGED TO WORK IN ORDER TO BRING HOME SUFFICIENT INCOME MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO GIVE CHILDREN THE CONSTANT CARE AND ATTENTION THEY NEED.

"THIS MAKES IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH HELP AND GUIDANCE AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PARENTS ON THE BRINGING UP OF THEIR CHILDREN," HE SAID.

IN THE AREA OF SUPPORTING SERVICES, MR CHAMBERS SAID THERE WERE EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMES OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, CHILD CARE CENTRES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, AND A WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

"BUT IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT PROFESSIONALS CAN DO, BOTH IN THE PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE FIELDS, AND A GREAT DEAL MUST DEPEND ON THE FAMILIES THEMSELVES," HE SAID.

THEREFORE, HE SAID, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE SUPPORTING SERVICES SO THAT THEY COULD BE AS COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ADVICE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES.

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MR CHAMBERS ALSO TRACED THE DEVELOPMENT OF AWARENESS OF THE CHILD ABUSE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND MENTIONED THAT AT PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE WAS UNDER WAY.

HE CONGRATULATED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS, THE SPEAKERS AND ALL THOSE CONCERNED FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN STAGING THE CONFERENCE.

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CALL TO AVOID FESTIVAL CONGESTION  
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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO RESIDENTS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TO AVOID CONGESTION DURING THE COMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FESTIVE LIGHTINGS AND ACTIVITIES, MR LEUNG URGED RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH OLD PEOPLE AND YOUNG CHILDREN, TO EXERCISE CARE IN CONGESTED AREAS.

"PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT MOST PEOPLE PREFER TO VIEW THE LIGHTINGS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND THAT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST HAS BY FAR THE BIGGEST CROWDS," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT MOST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR A LONG TIME, HE CALLED ON PEOPLE TO ENJOY THEM MORE LEISURELY ON OTHER DAYS.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM THE CENTRES OF ATTRACTION IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND CENTRAL, THERE ARE ALSO CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS AND NUMEROUS PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

"LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY THEREFORE ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS OR PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMMES IN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS WITHOUT TOO MUCH TRAVELLING," HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS AND DECORATIONS WERE PUT UP IN TSIM SHA TSUI, MONG KOK, CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, EASTERN, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN WITH SPONSORSHIP BY LEADING COMMERCIAL AND REAL ESTATE FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS DISTRICT BOARDS.

"THEY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY TO CAPTURE THE WORLD-RENOWNED NIGHT SCENES OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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HE ADDED THAT ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING VARIETY SHOWS, MAJOR CARNIVALS AND SOCIAL DANCES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER (KOWLOON), MR CHOY HONG-LEUNG, ANNOUNCED THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WOULD BE EXTENDED DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

"MOST PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MTR, KCR TRAM, PEAK TRAM AND FERRY SERVICES, WILL BE RUNNING EITHER OVERNIGHT OR WELL INTO THE EARLY MORNING OF DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1," MR CHOY SAID.

HE ADDED THAT BUS SERVICES OPERATING IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREAS AS WELL AS FEEDER BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES FOR MTR AND KCR STATIONS WILL ALSO EXTEND THEIR OPERATING HOURS TO OVER MIDNIGHT.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT SCHEMES AND ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. THE POLICE WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES EXTENDED FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE FESTIVE CROWDS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TO ALLOW THEMSELVES PLENTY OF TRAVEL TIME.

MOST PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING THE MTR, KCR, TRAM, PEAK TRAM AND FERRY SERVICES, WILL BE RUNNING EITHER OVERNIGHT OR WELL INTO THE EARLY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1.

BUS SERVICES OPERATING IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREAS AS WELL AS FEEDER BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES FOR MTR AND KCR STATIONS WILL ALSO EXTEND THEIR OPERATING HOURS TO AFTER MIDNIGHT. IN ADDITION, BUS ROUTES TO CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS.

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THE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHRISTMAS EVE  
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THE MTR, THE STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND TRAM SERVICES (EXCEPT THOSE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP) WILL RUN ALL NIGHT.

ALSO OPERATING OVERNIGHT ARE KMB ROUTES NO. 5, 6, 80M, 82M AND 85K AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 37M IN KOWLOON AND NO. 61M IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. MOST OF THESE ROUTES EITHER LINK TSIM SHA TSUI WITH OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON OR THE KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION WITH SHA TIN.

KCR SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1 AM WHILE PEAK TRAMS WILL RUN UNTIL 1.30 AM.

MEANWHILE, MANY BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CENTRAL OF CMB ROUTES NO. 4, 70 AND 90 WILL BE 1 AM, WHILE FOR ROUTES NO. 2, 7, 10, 23, 72, 92 AND 97, THEIR LAST BUS WILL LEAVE CENTRAL, WESTERN DISTRICT OR CAUSEWAY BAY AT 2 AM, 2.30 AM, 1.50 AM, 1.15 AM, 1.30 AM, MIDNIGHT AND 12.48 AM RESPECTIVELY.

IN KOWLOON, KMB ROUTES NO. 3C, 31M, 36M, 37M, 39M, 43M, 44M, 59M, 60M AND 88K WILL RUN ON FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES AFTER THE NORMAL SCHEDULES; NO. 68M FOR ANOTHER 45 MINUTES; NO. 1, 1A, 9, 14, 28 AND 66M FOR ANOTHER HOUR AND NO. 5C AND 26 FOR ANOTHER ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS.

AMONG THE ROUTES TO TSIM SHA TSUI, THE LAST KMB BUS ON ROUTES NO. 1, 1A AND 9 WILL DEPART STAR FERRY AROUND 1.30 AM WHILE THAT ON ROUTE NO. 5C AT 1.50 AM.

THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM TSIM SHA TSUI FOR ROUTES NO. 28 AND 26 WILL BE AT 1.20 AM AND 2.10 AM RESPECTIVELY.

FOR ROUTES NO. 3C AND 14, THE LAST BUS LEAVING JORDAN ROAD WILL BE 1 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, THE LAST BUS ON ROUTE NO. 39M WILL DEPART AT 12.30 AM; NO. 60M AND 68M AT 1 AM AND NO. 59M AND 66M AT AROUND 1.15 AM.

THE LAST DEPARTURE OF ROUTES NO. 31M, 36M AND 43M FROM KWAI FONG MTR STATION WILL BE AROUND 12.40 AM.

AT THE KWAI HING MTR STATION, ROUTES NO. 37M AND 44M WILL OPERATE UNTIL 12.30 AM AND 12.50 AM RESPECTIVELY.

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AS FOR GREEN MINIBUSES, ROUTES NO. 19 AND 20 ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE UP TO 12.40 AM; NO. 33M UP TO 1 AM AND NO. 1 UP TO 4 AM.

IN KOWLOON, ROUTES NO. 18, 19 AND 20 WILL FINISH AT 1 AM; NO. 3, 8, 11M AND 30M AT 1.30 AM; NO. 6 AND 31M AT 2 AM AND NO. 7, 16, 33M AND 34M AT 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 67K WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT WHILE NO. 66 K AND 85 WILL FINISH AT 12.30 AM. ROUTES NO. 20K, 22K, 60K AND 65K WILL CEASE OPERATING AROUND 1.30 AM AND NO. 80, 82, 83, 86 AND 96M AT 2 AM.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

THE MTR AND THE STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT WILL OPERATE UP TO 1 AM. FOR THE KCR, SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED UNTIL 1 AM ON BOTH CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE FOLLOWING DAY.

KMB SERVICES ON ROUTES NO. 6 AND 5 WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED WITH THE LAST BUS DEPARTING TSIM SHA TSUI AT 1.15 AM AND 2 AM RESPECTIVELY.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF HONG KONG GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 19 AND 20 WILL AGAIN BE EXTENDED TO 12.40 AM. KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 18, 19 AND 20 WILL OPERATE UNTIL 1 AM; NO. 11M AND 30M UNTIL 1.30 AM; NO. 31M UNTIL 2 AM AND NO. 7, 16 AND 34M UNTIL 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 20K, 22K, 65K, 66K AND 67K WILL ALSO FINISH LATE AS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

#### NEW YEAR EVE

AS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE MTR, THE KCR, THE STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND THE HYF PASSENGER/VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND JORDAN ROAD WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AROUND 1 AM.

WHILE PEAK TRAMS WILL OPERATE UP TO 1.30 AM, TRAM SERVICES (EXCEPT THOSE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP) WILL CARRY ON UNTIL 2 AM.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TEN CMB ROUTES NO. 2, 4, 7, 10, 23, 70, 72, 90, 92 AND 97 WILL FINISH LATER AS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

IN KOWLOON, KMB WILL EXTEND SERVICES ON EIGHT ROUTES - NO. 1A, 5, 5C, 6, 80M, 82M, 85K AND 88K. FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI ROUTES, THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM STAR FERRY FOR ROUTES NO. 1A, 5C AND 6 IS AROUND 1.30 AM AND NO. 5 AROUND 2 AM.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTENSION OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE ON CHRISTMAS EVE, EXCEPT THAT ROUTE NO. 33M IN KOWLOON WILL NOT BE RUNNING ANY EXTRA SERVICES.

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BUILDING REGULATIONS AMENDED TO IMPROVE  
PLANNING STANDARDS

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BUILDING DESIGNERS WILL ENJOY GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE DESIGN OF BUILDINGS WHEN AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING (PLANNING) REGULATIONS COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 8 NEXT YEAR.

IN FUTURE, BUILDINGS PLANNED FOR SITES WITH A FRONTAGE OF LESS THAN 8.5 METRES NEED NOT BE CONFINED TO A DEPTH OF LESS THAN THREE TIMES THEIR WIDTH WHICH WAS INTENDED ORIGINALLY TO ENSURE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AND NATURAL LIGHTING.

"THE DELETION OF THIS REGULATION HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITH MODERN BUILDING DESIGN AND THE PREVALENCE OF AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATIONS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE MINIMUM CEILING HEIGHT FOR EVERY TYPE OF BUILDING HAS BEEN STANDARDISED TO 2.5 METRES WITH THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REFERENCES TO DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED BUILDINGS.

UNDER THE AMENDED REGULATIONS, PROTECTIVE BARRIERS WILL NEED TO BE PROVIDED ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF ALL BALCONIES AND VERANDAHS ABOVE GROUND. ALSO, ALL OPENINGS ON EXTERNAL WALLS ABOVE GROUND, SUCH AS FULL-HEIGHT WINDOWS OR INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MACHINERY ACCESS DOORS, SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY BARRIERS.

THESE PROTECTIVE BARRIERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE BUILT TO A SPECIFIED HEIGHT AND TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF PERSONS OR OBJECTS FALLING OR SLIPPING THROUGH GAPS IN BETWEEN.

TO CATER FOR MODERN TALL VEHICLES, THE CLEARANCE ABOVE GROUND LEVEL FOR BUILDINGS HAS, IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES, BEEN INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT 5.0 METRES TO 5.5 METRES.

ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDED REGULATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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AMENDMENTS TO THREE DRAFT PLANS ANNOUNCED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THREE DRAFT PLANS FOR HO MAN TIN, MA TAU KOK, AND WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU AREAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS WERE THE ADJUSTMENTS OF THE PLAN BOUNDARIES TO ACCORD WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BOUNDARIES.

THEY COMPRISE OF:

- \* EXCISING THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND LOMEND ROAD FROM THE HO MAN TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND INCLUDING IT IN THE MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLANS;
- \* EXCISING THE SMALL AREA WEST OF LOK MAN SUN CHUEN AND EAST OF HO MAN TIN HIGH LEVEL SERVICE RESERVOIRS FROM THE MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND INCLUDING IT IN THE HO MAN TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN; AND
- \* EXCISING THE AREA BOUNDED BY GRAMPAN ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, CARPENTER ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, TUNG TSING ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD AND DUMBARTON ROAD FROM THE WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND INCLUDING IT IN THE MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT ZONINGS OF THESE AREAS REMAIN UNCHANGED AS PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

A NUMBER OF OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE THREE DRAFT PLANS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE AMENDMENT PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLANS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BEFORE JANUARY 8, 1988.

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NT SITES OFFERED FOR LETTERS A/B HOLDERS  
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B) TO TENDER FOR THREE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SITES ARE AT TUEN MUN AREA 16 (NEAR YAU OI ESTATE), SHA TIN AREA 51A (TO THE NORTHEAST OF CITY ONE SHA TIN) AND SHEUNG SHUI AREA 7A (NEAR LUNG SUM AVENUE IN SHEK WU HUI).

THE TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN SITES, MEASURING ABOUT 10,410 AND 11,120 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE SHEUNG SHUI SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,998 SQUARE METRES IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES, BUT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS ONLY ALLOWED ABOVE LEVEL 3.

APPLICANTS FOR THE SITES CAN SUBMIT EITHER A "VINTAGE" TENDER OR A "MONETISED LETTER B" TENDER CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO A LIST OF CURRENCY VALUES PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1987.

"VINTAGE" TENDERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON JANUARY 15.

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ACCESS ROADS TO FANLING SOUTH TO BE BUILT  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT ROADWORKS TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FANLING SOUTH AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

AT FANLING AREA 45, THE ROADWORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE SERVICING WORKS OF THE PROPOSED WAH MING ESTATE.

A SECTION OF LOCAL ROAD L100, INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND A BUS TERMINUS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

TWO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE THE PROPOSED BUS TERMINUS AND TO REPLACE AN EXISTING TEMPORARY BRIDGE THAT HAS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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AT THE WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE AREA, THE ROADWORKS INVOLVE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE EXISTING ROAD SYSTEM AT THE WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE, EXTENSION OF A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD D6 TO THE INTERCHANGE, CAR AND LORRY PARKS, PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SUBWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS, STREET FURNITURE AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE WORKS.

THEY ALSO INVOLVE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF AN EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE AT WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS FOR THE TWO AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE PROVIDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ACCESS THAT HAS TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

NOTICES CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (NORTH) AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD SEND HIS WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 1988.

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BILL TO DETER ILLEGAL MARINE FISH WHOLESALING

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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO DETER THE ILLEGAL WHOLESALE TRADING OF MARINE FISH IN HONG KONG WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF FISHERMEN AND CONSUMERS, SEEKS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINES BY 10 TIMES FOR SUCH ILLEGAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OVER THE LANDING AND TRANSPORTATION OF MARINE FISH.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER WERE AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT WHOLESALE MARKETING OF MARINE FISH IN THE TERRITORY.

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THE EXISTING MARINE FISH (MARKETING) ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT ALL MARINE FISH SHOULD BE LANDED AT A MARKET OF THE FISH MARKET ORGANIZATION (FMO) OR AT OTHER SPECIFIED PLACES AND THAT NO MARINE FISH MAY BE BOUGHT OR SOLD WHOLESALE OTHER THAN AT A MARKET.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY OF THE OFFENCE, UPON CONVICTION, IS \$1,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

DR LEE SAID: "IN RECENT YEARS, THE ILLEGAL WHOLESALE TRADE OF MARINE FISH OUTSIDE THE FMO MARKETS HAS INCREASED. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND NOVEMBER 1987, THERE HAVE BEEN 238 SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS, WITH AN AVERAGE FINE OF \$440 EACH CASE.

"THE LOW FINES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO ACT AS A DETERRENT TO THE ILLEGAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES. AS THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SOME OFFENCES WERE RELATED TO ORGANISED TRIAD ACTIVITIES, IT IS PROPOSED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THAT THE EXISTING LEVEL OF \$1,000 SHOULD BE INCREASED TO \$10,000 WITH THE IMPRISONMENT SENTENCE REMAINING UNCHANGED."

ACCORDINGLY, THE MAXIMUM FINE IN RESPECT OF RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING ANY SEARCH, SEIZURE, DETENTION OR ARREST WOULD BE INCREASED FROM \$500 TO \$5,000.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO DECRIMINALISE THE ACT OF PURCHASING FISH AT AN ILLEGAL MARKET AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF 'SELL' TO INCLUDE 'OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE, OR POSSESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE' SO AS TO ENABLE MORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT WORK TO BE TAKEN.

DR LEE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO EXISTING LAW, THE MARKETING OF MARINE FISH COULD ONLY LEGALLY BE DONE THROUGH THE FMO BUT LANDING OF MARINE FISH COULD BE DONE REASONABLY FREELY EXCEPT IN THE URBAN AREAS.

"IN PRACTICE, THIS LOOPHOLE HAS ENCOURAGED LANDING AND IMMEDIATE MARKETING, OFTEN THOUGHT TO BE TRIAD-ORGANISED, IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

"TO OVERCOME THIS, WE PROPOSE THAT THE PROVISION REGULATING THE LANDING OF MARINE FISH SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY AMENDING THE EXISTING REGULATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT MARINE FISH MAY BE LANDED FROM A VESSEL, WITHOUT A PERMIT, ONLY AT A FMO MARKET," HE SAID.

FOR SIMILAR REASONS, DR LEE SAID, IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED TO PROVIDE CONTROL OVER THE TRANSPORTATION OF MARINE FISH BY SEA AND TO STREAMLINE CONTROL OVER THE TRANSPORT OF FISH ON LAND BY PROHIBITING TRANSPORTATION OF FISH IN QUANTITIES GREATER THAN 60 KILOGRAMS, EXCEPT WITH A PERMIT.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, WHEN INTRODUCED, SHOULD GO SOME WAYS TOWARDS THE REDUCTION OF ILLEGAL WHOLESALE MARKETING OF MARINE FISH. BY DETERRING EXPLOITATION, IT SHOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO FISHERMEN, FISH DEALERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE, HE ADDED.

MAJOR FISH MERCHANTS AND FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. THEY GENERALLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

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MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE UPDATED

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THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE (REPLACEMENT OF FOURTH SCHEDULE) ORDER 1987, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) REPLACES THE EXISTING SCHEDULE AND PROVIDES THE NECESSARY UPDATING RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES OF DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND CHANGES IN STAFF DUTIES E.G. THE SETTING UP OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENTS.

PUBLIC OFFICERS SPECIFIED IN THE FOURTH SCHEDULE ARE EMPOWERED (UNDER SECTION 8A OF CAP. 227) TO SERVE ON A PERSON WHO IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED AN OFFENCE SPECIFIED IN THAT SCHEDULE A NOTICE REQUIRING HIM TO APPEAR BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

THE PROSECUTION PROCEDURES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE SIMPLE; THE TIME REQUIRED FOR A DEFENDANT TO APPEAR BEFORE A MAGISTRATE IS ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

THE OFFENCES INVOLVED ARE OF A MINOR NATURE, SUCH AS OBSTRUCTION TO SCAVENGING OPERATION, LITTERING, SPITTING, FOULING OF STREET BY DOG FAECES OR URINE, LIGHTING OR USING FIRE WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK WHEN PROHIBITED FROM DOING SO, AND MARINE LITTERING.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY AN UPDATING EXERCISE.

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APPOINTMENT TO JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED

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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ANDREW LI KWOK-NANG, J.P., AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION. MR LI WILL TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT ON DECEMBER 20, 1987.

MR LI IS A BARRISTER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. HE HAS WIDE COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND IS CURRENTLY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE INLAND REVENUE.

HE IS ALSO MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM.

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1988 PUBLISHED  
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THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1988 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THEY ARE:

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY                      FRIDAY                      JANUARY 1

LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY                                      WEDNESDAY                      FEBRUARY 17

THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR                      THURSDAY                      FEBRUARY 18

THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR                      FRIDAY                      FEBRUARY 19

GOOD FRIDAY    FRIDAY                      APRIL 1

THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY                      SATURDAY                      APRIL 2

\* EASTER MONDAY AND CHING MING FESTIVAL                      MONDAY                      APRIL 4

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SECTION 6(2) OF THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE                      TUESDAY                      APRIL 5

THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN                      SATURDAY                      JUNE 11

THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY                      MONDAY                      JUNE 13

TUEN NG FESTIVAL    SATURDAY                      JUNE 18

THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST                      SATURDAY                      AUGUST 27

LIBERATION DAY, BEING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST                      MONDAY                      AUGUST 29

THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL                      MONDAY                      SEPTEMBER 26

CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL    WEDNESDAY                      OCTOBER 19

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY                      MONDAY                      DECEMBER 26

\*\* THE SECOND WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY                      TUESDAY                      DECEMBER 27

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\* AS EASTER MONDAY AND CHING MING FESTIVAL BOTH FALL ON APRIL 4, 1988, THE GOVERNOR HAS, UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION 6(2) OF THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE, APPOINTED APRIL 5, 1988, TO BE OBSERVED AS AN ADDITIONAL GENERAL HOLIDAY.

\*\* IN A YEAR IN WHICH CHRISTMAS DAY IS A SUNDAY, THE SECOND WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE 1988 GENERAL HOLIDAYS IS RE-PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION AS IT WAS DRAWN TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ATTENTION THAT CHRISTMAS DAY WHICH FALLS ON A SUNDAY WAS GAZETTED UNNECESSARILY LAST APRIL SINCE EVERY SUNDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY UNDER THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE.

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MORE ECVII'S REPATRIATED TO CHINA

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THE FOURTH AND THE LAST GROUP OF EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM GUANGXI TO BE REPATRIATED BY SEA WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TONIGHT (FRIDAY) BY THE FERRY "LO SHAN".

THE GROUP COMPRISING 119 MEN, 50 WOMEN AND 53 CHILDREN WILL LEAVE FOR BEI HAI AT ABOUT 6.30 PM.

SINCE REPATRIATION BY SEA STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH, A TOTAL OF 1,534 ECVII'S HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPATRIATED TO GUANGXI IN THREE VOYAGES.

THE REMAINING 233 ECVII'S WILL BE RETURNED TO CHINA ONCE THEIR IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED.

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CHRISTMAS A TIME FOR GIVING

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR TONY REYNALDS, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON PEOPLE TO TURN THEIR THOUGHTS TO GIVING AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

SPEAKING AT A JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MR REYNALDS SAID GIVING BROUGHT PEOPLE CLOSER TOGETHER.

"WHETHER IT IS TANGIBLE GIFTS THAT ARE BEING GIVEN, OR COMMODITIES SUCH AS FRIENDSHIP, LOVE OR UNDERSTANDING, TO GIVE AND TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF OTHERS, AT THE SAME TIME AS SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING THE SAME THING, WILL MAKE US FEEL AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND NOT JUST SOMEONE LIVING IN IT AND OBSERVING LIFE FROM THE SIDELINES, WAS PART OF THE SPIRIT OF NORMALISATION AND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR A MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSON.

"NORMALISATION MEANS THAT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO LIVE IN A WAY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LIFE STYLE OF THEIR NON-HANDICAPPED PEERS AND THAT ACHIEVING THIS GOAL REQUIRES COMMUNITY SUPPORT," HE SAID.

"EVERYONE CAN HELP, WHETHER IT IS BY INVITING HANDICAPPED PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL GATHERINGS; BY ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILDREN TO INVOLVE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR GAMES OR PARTIES; BY CONSIDERING WHETHER YOUR COMPANY COULD OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO A MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSON; BY SIMPLY EXTENDING THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP; OR ABOVE ALL, BY UNDERSTANDING THAT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE ALL HAVE VIEWS AND OPINION, AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THESE TO US," HE ADDED.

HE EXTENDED SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS OF ROUND TABLE NO. 3 (VICTORIA) FOR PRESENTING A GENEROUS GIFT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TWO HOMES.

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YOUTHS SHOULD HELP BUILD OUR TOMORROW  
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YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TOWARDS THE SOCIETY AND SHOULD HELP BUILD HONG KONG'S FUTURE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MRS TAM WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME IN HO MAN TIN.

ADDRESSING THE RESIDENTS, MRS TAM SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NOWADAYS YOUNG PEOPLE HAD BETTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND MATERIAL LIVING, THEY WERE ALSO FACED WITH MORE PRESSURE AND TEMPTATIONS.

"THEY WILL FEEL LONELY AND HELPLESS WHEN ENCOUNTERED SETBACKS EITHER ACADEMICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY," SHE SAID.

"HOWEVER, THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY AND THE FAMILY," SHE ADDED.

SHE OBSERVED THAT A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES - BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL - WAS BEING OFFERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THESE WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY SOCIAL WORK SERVICES, SUCH AS CASEWORK AND GROUP COUNSELLING, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK SERVICES, MRS TAM SAID.

SHE ALSO ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS OF THE GIRLS' HOME TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND TURN A NEW LEAF IN THEIR LIVES. WITH THE CARE AND CONCERN OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THE SOCIETY, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEEK A BETTER TOMORROW.

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SECOND PHASE OF MACAU VISITORS SCHEME  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MACAU VISITORS SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM JANUARY 1 TO ALLOW EX-CHINA RESIDENTS IN MACAU WHO HAVE LIVED IN MACAU FOR FIVE YEARS SINCE JANUARY 14, 1979 TO VISIT HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 AND WHO CAN SHOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MACAU FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AT THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

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AS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), LOCAL SPONSORS MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM ANY PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OR FROM IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OR ANY IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS FOR VISITS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FROM JANUARY 1 BY MAIL TO THE MACAU VISIT PERMIT OFFICE, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, SECOND FLOOR, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "ALL VISITORS MUST RETURN TO MACAU AT THE END OF THEIR VISITS AND EXTENSIONS OF STAY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

"ANY VISITOR WHO DELIBERATELY OVERSTAY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER VISITS."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE VISIT SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED ITS SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

THE FIRST SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE THE "LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE DRAGON" TO BE ISSUED ON JANUARY 27. SOUVENIR SHEETS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE SECOND LUNAR NEW YEAR SERIES OF STAMPS WHICH COMMENCED IN 1987 WITH THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT.

A SET OF ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABELS ON THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON WILL BE ISSUED ON MARCH 23. OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED, BUT A HANDBACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PRIVATE FIRST DAY COVERS.

ON APRIL 20, A SET OF FOUR STAMPS DEPICTING BIRDS FOUND IN HONG KONG WILL BE ISSUED TOGETHER WITH A SET OF POSTCARDS SHOWING AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE STAMP DESIGNS.

THE FOURTH SET OF STAMPS, FEATURING TWO CONTEMPORARY PAINTINGS AND TWO CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURES BY HONG KONG ARTISTS, WILL BE ISSUED ON JUNE 16.

MORE DETAILS OF THESE STAMP ISSUES WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE, AND THE STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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## ROUND-UP OF 1987 AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS OF THE 1987 AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME AT A CEREMONY HELD AT CHAN SHUE KUI COMMUNITY HALL.

MORE THAN 600 VOLUNTEER STUDENTS FROM 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE EIGHTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME THIS SUMMER. THE FORM 5 AND 6 STUDENTS PATROLLED FIVE URBAN BEACHES ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS HELPED CLEAN UP BEACHES AND ADVISED BEACH-GOERS THE PROPER WAYS TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR USD SAID.

"TO AROUSE THE PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM, A COMPETITION WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR AMONG THE PARTICIPATING LITTER WARDEN TEAMS," HE ADDED.

MARKS WERE AWARDED TO OR DEDUCTED FROM THE TEAMS ACCORDING TO THE ATTENDANCE RECORDS, PUNCTUALITY, ATTIRE, ATTITUDE OF WORK AND NUMBER OF BAGS AND REFUSE COLLECTED AND NUMBER OF ADVICE GIVEN TO BEACH-GOERS.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR SULKE PRAISED THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND PRESENTED THE FIRST PRIZE TO THE CMA PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WENT TO THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE RESPECTIVELY.

HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL WON THE FOURTH PRIZE. THERE WERE ALSO FIVE MERIT PRIZES.

PRIOR TO THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN THEME SONG CONTEST FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICTS WAS HELD.

ABOUT 1,400 STUDENTS FROM THE FOUR DISTRICTS COMPETED IN THE CONTEST TODAY AND WINNING TEAMS FROM EACH DISTRICT WERE CHOSEN. THEY WOULD COMPETE WITH OTHER DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AT THE GRAND FINAL OF THE SONG CONTEST TO BE HELD AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON JANUARY 18.

THE SONG CONTEST IS ONE OF THE TWO SCHOOL COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR WITH THE AIM OF INSTILLING A SPIRIT OF WIDE PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDENTS IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN. IT IS DIVIDED INTO THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS.

THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND A \$3,000 BOOK COUPON. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WILL CONSIST OF A TROPHY AND A \$2,000 BOOK COUPON AND A TROPHY AND A \$1,000 BOOK COUPON RESPECTIVELY. THERE WILL ALSO BE SIX MERIT PRIZES.

FESTIVE ILLUMINATIONS LIGHT UP SHA TIN

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FESTIVE LIGHTINGS IN SHA TIN MADE UP OF MORE THAN 18,000 LIGHT BULBS WERE SWITCHED ON THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NT), MR MICHAEL SUEN, WHILE THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION CHILDREN CHOIR SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

SPEAKING AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT THE ROOF GARDEN OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, MR SUEN PRAISED THE DISTRICT BOARD, RURAL COMMITTEE, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS FOR PROMOTING AND PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE SETTING UP OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DECORATIONS IS A RESULT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

"THEY HAVE ALSO KEPT CLOSE IN TOUCH WITH THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN REFLECTING RESIDENTS' VIEWS SO THAT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT MAY BE RESOLVED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBILITY."

MR SUEN NOTED THAT YEARS AGO WHEN HE WORKED IN SHA TIN THERE WERE ONLY 40,000 TO 50,000 PEOPLE, BUT THE POPULATION HAD NOW RISEN TO MORE THAN 400,000.

"IT IS NOW A BALANCED TOWNSHIP WITH GOOD INTERNAL TRANSPORT NETWORK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES," HE ADDED.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN SHA TIN ARE SET UP ALONG SHING MUN RIVER, LIGHTING UP THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, BANYAN BRIDGE AND RIVERSIDE PROMENADES.

THE MOST PROMINENT FEATURE IS A PICTURE OF TWO ANGELS ABOUT 100 METRES WIDE AND SEVEN METRES HIGH LINED UP WITH COLOURFUL LIGHT BULBS ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 20 SETS OF BUNTING WITH COLOURFUL LIGHTS PUT UP ON YUEN WO ROAD AND 14 SETS ON TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS WILL BE SWITCHED ON EVERY EVENING FROM 5.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT UNTIL JANUARY 10 NEXT YEAR. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE LIGHTINGS WILL BE ON UNTIL 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE LIGHTING DECORATIONS WILL THEN BE REARRANGED FOR THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD WHEN THEY WILL BE SWITCHED ON UNTIL MARCH 3.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN SHA TIN ARE FUNDED WITH \$250,000 FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD. THEY ARE ALSO SPONSORED BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

MEANWHILE, A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 12.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY CENTRE AND COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE DISTRICT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6048078 EXT. 331.

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BOARD MEMBERS BRING CHRISTMAS JOY

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) ACTED AS SANTA CLAUS AND BROUGHT THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO ABOUT 500 ELDERLY PEOPLE AND UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE DURING A GOODWILL VISIT IN THE DISTRICT.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG; AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH; MEMBERS VISITED TWO HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND A WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE AND DISTRIBUTED GIFTS TO THEIR MEMBERS.

THEY FIRST VISITED THE CHI LIN HOME FOR THE AGED WHERE THEY WERE ENTERTAINED WITH CHINESE OPERA SONGS PERFORMED BY SOME OF THE ELDERLY.

MEMBERS THEN WENT TO HO HING SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AND SHARED THE JOY OF A GAME WITH THE SENIOR CITIZENS THERE.

THE LAST STOP WAS THE LUNG ON DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE WHERE MEMBERS LEARNT THAT THE CENTRE PROVIDED DAY CARE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO ENABLE THEM TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WERE SUNG AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CENTRE WERE IN HIGH SPIRITS WHEN MEMBERS DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THEM.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE TO OPEN

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THE AP LEI CHAU SUB-OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT A CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE PODIUM OF THE CARPARK BLOCK NO. 2 OF LEI TUNG ESTATE IN AP LEI CHAU.

IT WILL START WITH A LION DANCE AND PERFORMANCE BY THE CORPS OF DRUMS OF THE FIRST BATTALION OF THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS. MR CHAU WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE AT THE HALL TO MARK THE OCCASION.

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AP LEI CHAU SUB-OFFICE AND THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU.

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FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW FOR SAI KUNG

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE SINGING, ZITHER PERFORMANCE AND A DRAMA WITH AN ANTI-TRIAD THEME.

A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL ALSO BE HELD AND NINE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM; SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE VARIETY SHOW AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 7.30 PM AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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NEW KWONG FUK BRIDGE TO OPEN

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THE NEW KWONG FUK BRIDGE ACROSS LAM TSUEN RIVER IN TAI PO WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) MORNING.

THE RECENTLY COMPLETED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST BRIDGE WAS NAMED AFTER THE ADJACENT OLD KWONG FUK BRIDGE WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED LAST YEAR.

THE OLD BRIDGE, BUILT IN 1896 AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPAIRED AND WIDENED IN 1957, HAD TO BE CLOSED DUE TO STRUCTURAL DEFECTS AND ALSO HAD TO MAKE WAY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAI PO CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME - A LONG-TERM SCHEME AIMED AT RATIONALISING THE TRAFFIC PATTERN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE NEW KWONG FUK BRIDGE WAS BUILT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$2.37 MILLION.

TO COMMEMORATE THE OLD BRIDGE, THE NEW ONE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN CHINESE STYLE AND THE GRANITE BALUSTRADE OF THE OLD BRIDGE WAS USED AS PART OF THE BUILDING MATERIAL FOR AN OPEN SPACE AT ONE END OF THE NEW BRIDGE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, THERE WILL BE DRAGON AND LION DANCES. A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR KWONG FUK BRIDGE FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS WINDY KWOK; THE PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST), MR TOM ARMOUR; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE, MR MAK LAM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BRIDGE IN TAI PO AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20). THE BRIDGE IS OUTSIDE THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 1 TING KOK ROAD.

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SPORTS CARNIVAL ROUNDS UP SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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A SPORTS CARNIVAL WILL CONCLUDE THE 1987 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND, HING WAH STREET.

IT WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FRANKIE LUI; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; AND DB CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG PO-HONG.

PROGRAMMES OF THE CARNIVAL INCLUDE A FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN MEI CHING FOOTBALL TEAM AND THE TEAM FORMED BY TV ARTISTES AND MOVIE STARS; SINGING; BAND PERFORMANCES; MODEL HELICOPTER AEROBATICS; DRAGON AND LION DANCES; JUDO AND TAEKWENDO DEMONSTRATION; BICYCLE SKILL DEMONSTRATION AND A TELEMATCH AMONG 10 AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY CUM SPORTS CARNIVAL OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) AT SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND, HING WAH STREET.

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LIGHTINGS PUT UP IN KOWLOON CITY  
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THE LUNG SHING AREA OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL BE BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED AFTER LIGHTING DECORATIONS COMPRISING MORE THAN 10,000 LIGHT BULBS ARE SWITCHED ON AT A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) EVENING.

THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE "LUNG SHING NIGHT", WHICH WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX AT NGA TSIN LONG ROAD.

THE LIGHTING DECORATIONS, THE FIRST-EVER BEING PUT UP IN THE AREA, ARE IN THE DESIGN OF A DRAGON AND A CASTLE WALL. COSTING ABOUT \$200,000, THE LIGHTINGS WILL BE SWITCHED ON DURING CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LUNG SHING AREA COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG, THE "LUNG SHING NIGHT" IS AIMED AT INSTILLING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE VARIETY SHOW INCLUDES A LION DANCE, SINGING, DANCING AND MAGIC SHOW.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG CHAIRMAN, MR WONG CHUNG-MING; AND LUNG SHING AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU TAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "LUNG SHING NIGHT" OPENING CEREMONY AT 7.30 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) OUTSIDE THE URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

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FESTIVE PROGRAMMES FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN  
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A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINING PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR RESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE FORTHCOMING FESTIVE SEASON.

THE FIRST IN THE SERIES IS A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN TO WHICH THEY CAN DRAW THEIR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS AND BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) FROM 2.30 PM UNTIL 4.30 PM AT THE FORBES STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN.

MEANWHILE, SANTA CLAUS WILL BE ON HAND TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH CHILDREN AT A DINNER PARTY, ENTITLED THE "MERRY CHRISTMAS GATHERING" TO BE HELD NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 21) AT 7.30 PM AT THE HONG KONG CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD.

PROGRAMMES OF THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES, GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND A FAMILY PHOTO COMPETITION. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING ALONG THEIR CHILDREN OR ACCOMPANY ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS TO TAKE PART.

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THESE ACTIVITIES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS AND CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS SOME LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS EVE'S BALL FOR YOUTHS ORGANISED BY THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT A RESTAURANT IN SHUN TAK CENTRE AND A NEW YEAR DAY'S CARNIVAL JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, URBAN COUNCIL AND YMCA AT THE BLAKE GARDEN IN PO HING FONG.

ENQUIRIES ON THESE PROGRAMMES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002, 5-220031 OR 5-8170196.

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CERTIFICATES FOR SUMMER WORKERS

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THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO 171 STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME DURING THE LAST SUMMER VACATION AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AT 9.45 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR LUCAS CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS ANNUALLY SINCE 1974 WITH AN AIM OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORKING SIDE OF LIFE AND THUS BRINGING A PURPOSEFUL DIRECTION TO THEIR STUDIES AND CAREER AMBITIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AT 9.45 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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SPEEDPOST TO INDIA TO BE EXTENDED

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO FOUR MORE CITIES IN INDIA STARTING FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 21), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE COIMBATORE, IMPHAL, NAGPUR AND VISAKHAPATNAM.

"THE EXPANSION WILL BRING TO 20 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CITIES IN INDIA TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OTHER 16 CITIES ARE AHMEDABAD, BANGALORE, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, COCHIN, DELHI, GUWAHATI, HYDERABAD, INDORE, JAIPUR, KANPUR, MADRAS, PUNE, VADODARA, AGARTALA AND SILCHAR, WITH THE LAST TWO HAVING BEEN ADDED ON DECEMBER 1.

"THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION IN TAI PO

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A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM AT THE KWONG FUK ESTATE SHOPPING ARCADE IN TAI PO.

ORGANISED BY THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION WILL GIVE SIMPLE ADVICE ON ACCIDENT PRECAUTIONS AND FIRST-AID PROCEDURES.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A FREE HOME SAFETY BOOKLET.

SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN 10 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES SINCE OCTOBER, AND THE NEXT ONE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27 AT FU SHIN ESTATE, TAI PO.

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TUNNEL USERS TO PAY \$3 FROM MONDAY

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FROM 3 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 21), ALL SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO PAY THE NORMAL TOLL OF \$3 FOR USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE ONE-WAY TOLL EXPERIMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT AT THE TUNNEL SINCE NOVEMBER 23 WILL COME TO AN END AT 3 AM ON MONDAY.

"AT THE SAME TIME, PRE-EXPERIMENT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE RESUMED. MOTORISTS USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL SOUTHBOUND FROM MONDAY ONWARDS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND SHOULD STOP AT THE TOLL BOOTHS TO PAY THE TUNNEL TOLL OF \$3," HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND TAI PO ROAD DURING THE EVENING AND MORNING PEAK HOURS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AND TODAY, RESPECTIVELY:

	LION ROCK TUNNEL		TAI PO ROAD	
	SOUTHBOUND	NORTHBOUND	SOUTHBOUND	NORTHBOUND
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DECEMBER 17 (4.30 PM - 7 PM)	7,222	6,927	1,657	2,052
NORMAL WEEKDAY (4.30 PM - 7 PM)	7,274	6,995	2,358	2,085
DECEMBER 18 (7 AM - 10 AM)	9,294	6,407	2,760	2,205
NORMAL WEEKDAY (7 AM - 10 AM)	9,309	6,615	2,812	1,874

MEANWHILE, A "TIDAL-FLOW" ARRANGEMENT WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE TUNNEL FOR THE SECOND TIME. BASED ON YESTERDAY'S EXPERIENCE, THE ARRANGEMENT STARTED LATER TODAY AT 6.15 AM AND ENDED AROUND 7.45 AM.

BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7.30 AM, AN EXTRA 640 VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH THE TUNNEL IN THE SOUTHBOUND DIRECTION. THE QUEUE ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD DID NOT APPEAR UNTIL 7.40 AM.

HOWEVER, TOWARDS THE END OF THE TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT, TRAFFIC CONGESTION WAS OBSERVED ON THE ROADS LEADING TO THE NORTHBOUND APPROACH TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE NUMBER OF SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE TUNNEL BETWEEN 6.30 AM AND 7.45 AM:

6.30 AM TO 6.45 AM	385
6.45 AM TO 7 AM	672
7 AM TO 7.15 AM	1,126
7.15 AM TO 7.30 AM	1,090
7.30 AM TO 7.45 AM	792

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ROAD IN SHAU KEI WAN TO BE CLOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CLOSE AND CHANGE THE USE OF PORTIONS OF AN UNNAMED ROAD FROM SHING ON STREET TO THE SHAU KEI WAN WEST SERVICE RESERVOIR TO MAKE WAY FOR THE SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (WEST) PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

AN ALTERNATIVE VEHICULAR ACCESS AND A PEDESTRIAN STAIRCASE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE USE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS BEFORE THE CLOSURE AND CHANGE OF USE OF THE AFFECTED PORTIONS OF THE UNNAMED ROAD.

SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL COMMENCE AFTER PHASE 1 CLEARANCE OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (WEST) VILLAGES IN LATE 1988.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN ON THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/HONG KONG EAST, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 347 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG DURING OFFICE HOURS.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD SEND HIS WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 1988.

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SAI WAN HO TO RENNIE'S MILL FERRY FARES REVISED

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THE MAXIMUM FARES FOR THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SAI WAN HO AND RENNIE'S MILL WILL BE REVISED FROM JANUARY 1.

THE MAXIMUM ADULT SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00 WHILE THE MAXIMUM FARE FOR STUDENTS, CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD AND ADULT AGED 70 OR ABOVE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. AT \$1.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE FREIGHT CHARGE WILL ALSO RISE FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00 PER PICUL OR 0.11 CUBIC METRE.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN KOWLOON

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 21), THE ACCESS LANE BETWEEN KAI TAK REFUGEE CAMP AND KAI YIP ESTATE WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ZONE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE U-SHAPED SECTION OF CHEUNG FAT STREET ABOUT 50 METRES FROM ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH UN CHAU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING TEMPORARY 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IMPLEMENTED ON THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE RESCINDED.

MEANWHILE, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 178 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 178 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE RESCINDED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON LANTAU  
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CHI MA WAN ROAD BETWEEN HAM TIN AND SHAP LONG ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IN SECTIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 21).

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES ALONG CHI MA WAN ROAD. AT EACH STAGE, A SECTION OF THE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY ROUND THE CLOCK FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEKS.

THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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