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NECESSITY TO CHANGE POST OFFICE'S TITLE BEING CONSIDERED

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR. DOMINIC S.W. WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THAT HE WAS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER HIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEEK TO CHANGE ITS TITLE TO PROPERLY REFLECT ITS FULL ROLE IN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE OPEN STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, MR WONG SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DISPEL A GENERAL MISCONCEPTION THAT THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE MERELY HANDLED STAMPS AND POSTS.

"AS THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, I ALSO WEAR ANOTHER HAT ENTITLED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY," HE SAID. "AS SUCH, I HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION OF ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THESE INCLUDED SUCH FAMILIAR THINGS AS ORDINARY TELEPHONES, INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONES, FACSIMILE, TELEX, CORDLESS TELEPHONES, MOBILE RADIO TELEPHONES, PAGERS, SATELLITE COMMUNICATION, GENERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOME ASPECTS OF BROADCASTING.

"THIS IS AN EXTREMELY WIDE AND INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY," HE SAID.

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT STAMP DESIGNS IN HONG KONG ENJOYED A VERY GOOD REPUTATION BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

"WE HAVE FOLLOWED A STRICT BUT SENSIBLE POLICY WHICH IS TO LIMIT THE FREQUENCY OF SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES NORMALLY TO FIVE EACH YEAR.

"THIS IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO SOME FOREIGN POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS WHICH RELEASE BETWEEN 10 AND 20 SPECIAL ISSUES A YEAR, OR EVEN MORE.

"IF THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WERE TO ADOPT THIS POLICY, I AM SURE THAT OUR STAMP COLLECTORS WOULD HAVE BAULKED AT THE PRACTICE, THEIR POPULATION WOULD HAVE DIMINISHED AND OUR SALES FIGURE WOULD HAVE SUFFERED DRASTICALLY," HE SAID.

IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT BY ADHERING TO THE STRICT POLICY AND NATURALLY THROUGH GENERAL CIVIC EDUCATION, THE SALES POTENTIAL OF SPECIAL STAMPS HAD CONSTANTLY BEEN ON THE INCREASE, MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THAT ON A TYPICAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE, THE POST OFFICE SOLD ON AVERAGE OVER \$5 MILLION WORTH OF NEW STAMPS AND OVER 300,000 FIRST DAY COVERS.

"ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, SUCH AS THE VISIT OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND THE PRINCESS OF WALES TO HONG KONG LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR OF THE HORSE 1990 OUR SALES REACHED \$9.7 MILLION AND \$10.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

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"I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE TELL ME THAT THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE IS ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMERS IN THE WORLD," MR WONG SAID.

DESPITE THE SATISFYING RECORD, MR WONG SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO REGULATE THE PRICE OF EACH SPECIAL ISSUE SO AS NOT TO PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON PHILATELISTS AND NOT TO FRIGHTEN YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY FROM THIS EXCELLENT HOBBY.

"FOR ALL THIS ACHIEVEMENT, I MUST THANK MEMBERS OF THE STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR UNSTINTING EFFORTS AT SELECTING APPROPRIATE THEMES, SCRUTINISING STAMP DESIGNS AND MONITORING THEIR FINAL QUALITY. I MUST ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK DONE BY MY STAFF BEHIND THE SCENES," HE ADDED.

ON THE OPEN STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT A FEW MONTHS AGO, MR WONG SAID IT WAS A BRAVE AND NEW VENTURE.

"IT ATTRACTED VERY GREAT INTEREST AND WE RECEIVED OVER 8,500 ENTRIES FOR THE THREE CLASSES OF COMPETITION.

"THIS GAVE OUR JUDGE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED SUCH A PAINFUL AND TAXING TASK," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE ACTUAL STAMP DESIGNS FOR "CHRISTMAS 1990" WERE BASED ON THE WINNERS' CONCEPTS AND THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO ISSUE THE STAMPS IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

"BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF ENTRIES, WE HAVE DECIDED ALSO TO ISSUE A SET OF FOUR POSTCARDS ON CHRISTMAS, WHICH ARE AN EXACT REPRODUCTION OF SOME OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

"I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE WIDE DEMAND FOR THESE PRODUCTS LATER THIS YEAR," HE ADDED.

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NEW HOSPICE CARE WARD ANOTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONE

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THE OPENING OF THE NEW HOSPICE CARE WARD OF THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL MARKS ANOTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOSPICE SERVICE, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW 23-BED WARD, LADY WILSON SAID WITH THESE BETTER FACILITIES, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE ABLE TO BENEFIT AT A TIME WHEN THEY WOULD NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THEY COULD GET.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL FIRST ESTABLISHED A HOSPICE CARE TEAM IN JANUARY 1988 AND A HOSPICE CARE FUND HAD ALSO BEEN SET UP TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE.

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"STARTING WITH ONLY SIX BEDS, THE SCHEME HAS GRADUALLY EXPANDED TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE TEAM OF NURSES, DOCTORS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHARMACISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND A CHAPLAIN."

"THE TEAM PROVIDES NOT ONLY PALLIATIVE CARE, WHICH FOCUSES ON PAIN AND SYMPTOM CONTROL, BUT ALSO HELPS THE PATIENTS TO SEE LIFE IN A POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE THROUGH COUNSELLING, AND THROUGH BEING ABLE TO INCLUDE FAMILIES IN THAT COUNSELLING," LADY WILSON SAID.

LADY WILSON CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE REALISATION OF THIS PROJECT, FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PLANNING, DEVELOPING AND UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF HOSPICE CARE SERVICES.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DB PUBLISHES WORK REPORT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A WORK REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1988 TO SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE REPORT, THE THIRD BY THE BOARD SINCE 1985, RECORDS MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND IMPORTANT ISSUES, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, AND THE USE OF DB FUNDS.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, A TOTAL OF 12 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COSTING MORE THAN \$400,000 WERE IMPLEMENTED IN THE DISTRICT DURING THIS PERIOD ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DB'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

THEY INCLUDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ARBOURS AND BENCHES ALONG HATTON ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION AT LUNG FU SHAN, INSTALLATION OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AT THE FOOTPATH ON CONDUIT ROAD AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK.

TO SOLVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAD PROPOSED THAT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION SHOULD EXTEND THE ISLAND LINE WESTWARDS TO SAI YING PUN.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE HAD CLOSELY MONITORED MAJOR TRANSPORT SCHEMES SUCH AS UPGRADING AND DUALLING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS. IT HAD ALSO GIVEN ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PLANNING AND SCHEDULING OF THESE PROJECTS.

A SERIES OF COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS WERE ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE DURING THE PERIOD TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

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THESE INCLUDED A FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, ACTIVITIES PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, SEMINARS ON YOUTH POLICIES AND TALKS ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, FORMED IN 1985 TO REVIEW ALL MATTERS AFFECTING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, HAD FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION ON THE PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, THE BASIC LAW DRAFT AND THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONDUCTED OPINION POLLS ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF PUBLIC CONCERN IN THE DISTRICT.

IN HIS PREFACE TO THE REPORT, THE DB CHAIRMAN MR AMBROSE LAU SAID THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DB'S WORK DEPENDED ON THE CO-OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND RESIDENTS' SUPPORT.

REFERRING TO THE REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION TO OPEN A CHILDREN'S ELECTRONIC GAMES CENTRE IN SMITHFIELD TERRACE, MR LAU SAID THE CASE CLEARLY SHOWED THAT VIEWS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND RESIDENTS WERE HEEDDED.

COPIES OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WORK REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARDS.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE REPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S FOUR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES.

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MONITORING OF CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE MONITORING OF DUST AND WATER QUALITY NEAR A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AT YIM TIN TSAI AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON MONDAY (MAY 7).

AN OFFICIAL FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS PROJECTS IN THE TAI PO TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND A PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TAI PO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1990-91 AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (MAY 7) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ROADWORKS PROJECTS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ROADWORKS PROJECTS IN THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (MAY 7).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT TAI WO ESTATE AND THE INADEQUACY OF BUS SERVICES IN SAI KUNG NORTH.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE TAI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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REMINDER AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING IN COUNTRY PARKS

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HOLIDAY-MAKERS WHO WISH TO CAMP IN COUNTRY PARKS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN DO SO ONLY IN DESIGNATED CAMP SITES WITHIN THE COUNTRY PARKS AREA.

"ALTOGETHER THERE ARE 37 DESIGNATED CAMP SITES IN HONG KONG'S 21 COUNTRY PARKS AND MOST OF THESE SITES ARE LOCATED NEAR THE POPULAR HIKING ROUTES," THE SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR MARTIN LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THEY CAN BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY SIGNBOARDS PUT UP BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY."

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIGNATED CAMP SITES WERE PROVIDED WITH BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS LEVEL GROUND, WOODEN BENCHES, BARBECUE PITS, DRY PIT TOILETS AND LITTER BINS.

"LOCATED OUTSIDE DIRECT WATER CATCHMENT AREAS AND FAR AWAY FROM DENSE WOODS, THESE SITES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CHOSEN FOR PLEASANT AND SAFE CAMPING AND TO PREVENT CAMPERS FROM POLLUTING WATER SOURCES OR STARTING A HILLFIRE," MR LEUNG EXPLAINED.

"APART FROM SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS, THE DESIGNATION OF CAMP SITES IN COUNTRY PARKS WILL MAKE MANAGEMENT EASIER AND ENSURE THAT CAMPERS WILL NOT GET IN THE WAY OF COUNTRY PARK VISITORS ENGAGED IN OTHER FORMS OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES," HE CONTINUED.

MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS, CAMPING IN COUNTRY PARKS OTHER THAN IN A DESIGNATED CAMP SITE IS AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$2,000 IN FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

IN THE LAST 13 MONTHS, 46 CAMPERS WERE PROSECUTED AND FINED A TOTAL OF \$12,200 FOR ILLEGAL CAMPING IN COUNTRY PARKS. THE FINES RANGED FROM \$50 TO \$300.

NOTING THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT NOISY CAMPERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT NOW AND THEN, MR LEUNG APPEALED TO CAMPERS TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE.

"THEY SHOULD KEEP THEIR VOICES DOWN AND TURN DOWN THE VOLUME OF THEIR RADIOS AND CASSETTE RECORDERS, PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT, SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THOSE CAMPING NEAR THEM," HE URGED.

HE REMINDED CAMPERS THAT CAUSING NOISE NUISANCE IN COUNTRY PARKS IS ALSO AN OFFENCE AND OFFENDERS ARE AGAIN LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$2,000 IN FINE AND JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

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HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION

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FIVE YOUNG CRIME FIGHTERS WHO HAVE DISPLAYED A HIGH DEGREE OF OBSERVATION AND QUICK RESPONSE AT A QUIZ CONTEST TODAY (SATURDAY) SCORED THE HIGHEST POINTS AND EMERGED AS WINNERS IN THIS YEAR'S HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION.

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT REMINDING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE CRIME SITUATION AND SOLICITING THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

A TOTAL OF 30 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS EARLIER, COMPETED FOR THE GRAND PRIZES IN TODAY'S FINAL QUIZ CONTEST.

THE FIVE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED FREE TRIPS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM THIS SUMMER WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT AND AIR TICKETS SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH AIRWAYS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, OFFICIATED AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WHICH WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ADJUDICATION AT RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE FIVE WINNERS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON JULY 23 TO BEGIN A 19-DAY VISIT COVERING LONDON, MANCHESTER, EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

BESIDES SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMMES, THEY WILL ALSO ACT AS HONG KONG'S YOUNG AMBASSADORS WHEN THEY MEET LOCAL POLICE AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE WINNERS ARE LEE PIK-YUEN, LUK PO-LING, ROSE LEUNG, HUI SHUK-KWAN AND LI SUET-YING.

MEANWHILE, THE FIVE RUNNERS-UP WILL BE VISITING THAILAND AS PART OF THEIR PRIZES.

TODAY'S QUIZ CONTEST HAS BEEN PRE-RECORDED AND WILL BE TELEVISED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 1.15 PM ON TVB-JADE AND AT 6 PM AT ATV-HOME CHANNEL.

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50 CHILDREN WIN QUEST TO PROMOTE LOVE FOR MOTHER

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FIFTY OUT OF 1,589 ENTRIES FROM 79 PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS WON PRIZES IN THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION TO PROMOTE LOVE AND RESPECT FOR MOTHERS.

THE PRIZES - BOOK TOKENS VALUED AT \$300 EACH - WERE PRESENTED TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

THROUGH DVORAK'S "THE SONG MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME", CHILDREN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THEIR MOTHERS, THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS C.H. KONG, SAID.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AND SPONSORED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON.

ALSO PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS TODAY WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON, MS JANICE CHAN.

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'NO PARKING' SIGNS PUT UP AT PROBLEM LOCATIONS

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"NO PARKING" SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AT EIGHT SELECTED PROBLEM LOCATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA WHERE SERIOUS TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION IS CONTINUALLY CAUSED BY ILLEGALLY STOPPED VEHICLES, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE SIGNS WILL BE READY ON TUESDAY (MAY 8).

AT THE SAME TIME, STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE POLICE AGAINST MOTORISTS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO TRAFFIC BY WAITING OR PARKING THEIR VEHICLES AT THESE LOCATIONS.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LOCATIONS ARE CONNAUGHT PLACE OUTSIDE EXCHANGE SQUARE, PEDDER STREET OUTSIDE WORLDWIDE HOUSE, PEDDER STREET OUTSIDE THE LANDMARK AND CENTRAL BUILDING, HARBOUR DRIVE OUTSIDE CAUSEWAY CENTRE, AND MARSH ROAD BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD (LAYBY ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF CARRIAGEWAY).

IN KOWLOON, THE LOCATIONS ARE CANTON ROAD OUTSIDE STAR HOUSE AND HONG KONG HOTEL, CANTON ROAD FROM KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO HAIPHONG ROAD (LAYBY ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF CARRIAGEWAY), AND GRANVILLE ROAD BETWEEN GRANVILLE SQUARE AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD (SOUTH SIDE).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT ONCE THE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ARE IN POSITION, THE POLICE WILL ISSUE FIXED PENALTY TICKETS TO OFFENDERS WITHOUT PRIOR VERBAL WARNINGS.

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UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE ERECTION OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS IS UNNECESSARY AND THEIR SELECTIVE INTRODUCTION IN THIS INSTANCE IS TO HIGHLIGHT PROBLEM LOCATIONS WHERE VERBAL WARNINGS PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A TICKET HAVE PROVED INEFFECTIVE AND WILL NO LONGER BE GIVEN.

HE REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT ON A STRETCH OF ROAD WHERE THE STREET LIGHTS ARE NOT MORE THAN 200 METRES APART, THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PROHIBIT PARKING INCLUDING WAITING WITH THE DRIVER PRESENT.

"IT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE LAWFUL TO STOP FOR PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS - BUT ONLY FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO DO SO," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AND URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7), THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT OF ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM TEMPLE STREET ONTO AUSTIN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR CANTON ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA SUSTIN ROAD EASTBOUND, WOOSUNG STREET NORTHBOUND, AND JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PILKEM STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY. THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY ON AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

MEANWHILE, THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 119 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 16 MONTHS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWUN TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7), THE FLYOVER LINKING JUNK BAY ROAD NORTHBOUND WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD ADJOINING WAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY AND SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE MAINTENANCE OF GAS MAINS AT CUMBERLAND ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG, THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND ONTO CUMBERLAND ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7), FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, MOTORISTS ON BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR CUMBERLAND ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA BOUNDARY STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, LINCOLN ROAD AND CUMBERLAND ROAD.

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LEARNER DRIVER BAN ZONE IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7), FUNG PING LANE NEAR BEACON HEIGHTS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE TO ALL LEARNER DRIVERS 24 HOURS DAILY.

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VILLAGE VEHICLE BAN ON CHEUNG CHAU FOR BUN FESTIVAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ALL VILLAGE VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM OPERATING ON CHEUNG CHAU ON MONDAY (MAY 7), BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSIONS IN CELEBRATION OF THE BUN FESTIVAL.

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