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IMPORTANCE OF EXCO ADVICE STRESSED
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AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG ACCOMPANIED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE VISITING LONDON FOR TALKS WITH MINISTERS ON JULY 4 AND 5.

THEY HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG IN THE FCO, MR RICHARD LUCE.

MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND THEIR AIM OF SEEKING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PARLIAMENT, CHINA AND TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THEY EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SOUGHT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE TALKS.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AND, SO SOON AFTER TAKING UP THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND MR LUCE, AND TO CONVEY TO THEM THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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SIR JOHN TO OPEN ABERDEEN COMPLEX
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN COMPLEX ON FRIDAY (JULY 8).

THE COMPLEX IS THE COUNCIL'S FIRST MODERN MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING TO PROVIDE MARKET, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND LIBRARY FACILITIES ALL UNDER THE ONE ROOF.

BUILT AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$41 MILLION, IT IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND CHENGTU ROAD.

THE BASEMENT, GROUND, FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE EIGHT-STOREY BUILDING ARE OCCUPIED BY THE MARKET.

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THE UPPER FLOORS ARE TAKEN UP BY A PUBLIC LIBRARY, A CULTURAL CENTRE, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 11.45 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 8).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK, WEST WING, AT 11 AM.

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PEOPLE'S VIEWS WILL BE FULLY CONSIDERED
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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A WRITTEN REPLY GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY (JULY 4):

MR HAL MILLER (CONSERVATIVE, BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH): TO ASK THE PRIME MINISTER FURTHER TO THE REFERENCE IN THE GRACIOUS SPEECH TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG HOW SHE PROPOSES TO CONSULT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON ANY SOLUTION THAT MAY BE REACHED WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND IF SHE WILL MAKE A STATEMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER: THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AT ALL STAGES. AS PART OF THE REGULAR PROCESS OF CONSULTATION, THE GOVERNOR AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE NOW IN LONDON. OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN HONG KONG REGULARLY MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY OR THROUGH CHANNELS SUCH AS THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

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NEW HALF-WAY HOUSE OPENED

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A NEW HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR PEOPLE DISCHARGED FROM THE TRAINING AND DETENTION CENTRES OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS OPENED TODAY BY LADY HADDON-CAVE, WIFE OF THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

LADY HADDON-CAVE UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE \$13.2 MILLION HOUSE, PHOENIX HOUSE, AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, SAID THE NEW FACILITY ENABLED THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND THE HALF-WAY HOUSE CONCEPT TO INCLUDE PERSONS LEAVING DETENTION CENTRES, TRAINING CENTRES AND PRISONS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER COMPULSORY AFTER-CARE.

FROM 1968 THE SERVICE HAD BEEN RUNNING A SMALL HALF-WAY HOUSE SCHEME FOR FORMER DRUG DEPENDENTS DISCHARGED FROM DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES. WELL OVER 3 000 PEOPLE HAD BEEN RESIDENT IN THE HOUSE FOR VARYING PERIODS, HE SAID.

MR GARNER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT ENACTING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION, THE FACILITY WOULD IN FUTURE BE USED IN A PRE-RELEASE SCHEME.

+A PRE-RELEASE SCHEME PROVIDES STRUCTURED SUPPORT AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTIAL RE-ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY PRIOR TO COMPLETE RELEASE,+ HE SAID.

MR GARNER POINTED OUT THAT SUPPORT AND HOUSING WERE CRUCIAL FOR THE RELEASED PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS FOLLOWING RELEASE.

PHOENIX HOUSE COMPRISES TWO BUILDINGS WITH AN AREA OF 4 180 SQUARE METRES. APART FROM THE STAFF QUARTERS, THERE ARE 15 DORMITORIES PROVIDING ROOM FOR 20 WOMEN AND 100 MEN, TWO DINING ROOMS, BATHING FACILITIES, TWO SITTING AND EXERCISE AREAS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, TWO CLASSROOMS, LIBRARY, SICK BAY AND KITCHEN.

THERE ARE 51 RESIDENTS IN THE HOUSE, THREE OF THEM GIRLS.

THEY HAVE TO GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL AND RETURN TO THE HOUSE AT NIGHT AND STAY THERE DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT INCLUDING GROUP COUNSELLING, INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING AND REMEDIAL EDUCATION CLASSES ARE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY TO HELP THEM ADJUST TO COMMUNITY LIFE.

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+ROAD PRICING+ SEEN AS MOST EFFECTIVE RESTRAINT
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+AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT ROAD PRICING IS POTENTIALLY PERHAPS THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORM OF RESTRAINT YET DEvised,+ THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER (TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/KOWLOON DIVISION) MR PANG HO-CHE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST, MR PANG SAID THAT ROAD PRICING WAS GENERALLY LOOKED UPON AS A MORE EQUITABLE RESTRAINT BECAUSE THE RESTRICTION WAS ON USAGE AND NOT ON OWNERSHIP OF VEHICLES.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ONLY DECIDE TO IMPLEMENT THE FULL SCHEME IF THE FINDINGS OF THE TWO-YEAR PILOT STAGE PROVED IT TO BE BOTH PRACTICAL AND BENEFICIAL.

MR PANG OUTLINED THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT HANDLED TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS. THEY INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD SYSTEM, THE EXPANSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THE MORE ECONOMIC USE OF ROADS.

BETWEEN 1977 AND 1982, A TOTAL OF HK\$2 569 MILLION WAS SPENT IN EXPANDING THE ROAD NETWORK, INCREASING THE TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADS IN HONG KONG FROM 1 088 KILOMETRES TO 1 208 KILOMETRES.

THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO SPEND HK\$6 300 MILLION IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ON MASSIVE ROAD PROJECTS.

+WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM TO CARRY MORE PEOPLE SWIFTLY FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

+THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW AT A CERTAIN PROBLEM SPOT IS ALSO A COMMON TECHNIQUE TO HANDLE CONGESTION,+ MR PANG SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE THE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURE INVOLVED THE DIVERSION OF 13 BUS ROUTES AND THE CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD/LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO ELIMINATE UNDESIRABLE TRAFFIC CONFLICTS PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED THERE.

+AND FOR THE GREATER BENEFIT OF HONG KONG COMMUTERS, PRIORITY HAS TO BE GIVEN TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES OVER THE PRIVATE ONES. A VARIETY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. THE MOST NOTABLE ONE IS THE KING'S ROAD GYRATORY SYSTEM PROJECT, COSTING A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY HK\$9 MILLION,+ MR PANG ADDED.

/THE GOVERNMENT

THE GOVERNMENT TOOK FIRM MEASURES TO RESTRAIN THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES. BETWEEN EARLY MAY 1982 AND LATE FEBRUARY 1983 THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES ROSE BETWEEN 200 PER CENT AND 350 PER CENT, TOGETHER WITH A FURTHER INCREASE IN FUEL TAX FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. THIS STOPPED +THE RUN-AWAY EXPANSION OF THE CAR POPULATION,+ HE SAID.

+RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS HAS DECLINED BY ABOUT 3.3 PER CENT FROM 218 570 AT THE END OF APRIL 1982 TO 211 474 AT THE END OF APRIL 1983,+ MR PANG CONCLUDED.

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REHOUSING FOR 3 440 PEOPLE
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS TO CLEAR A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN KWAI CHUNG AND PART OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN KOWLOON BAY TO MAKE WAY FOR A FUTURE SCHOOL AND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+REHOUSING HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR ALTOGETHER 973 FAMILIES TOTALLING 3 440 PEOPLE INVOLVED, ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+AT HING SHING ROAD THA IN KWAI CHUNG, OUT OF THE 863 PEOPLE IN 276 FAMILIES AFFECTED, 543 PEOPLE IN 153 FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING WHILE A FURTHER 268 PEOPLE IN 71 FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

+THE REMAINING 52 SINGLE PERSONS HAVE ALSO BEEN OFFERED EITHER HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION OR AN EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCE OF \$4 500 EACH PLUS AN EXTRA \$800 IN DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE,+ HE ADDED.

AT THE FOURTH VILLAGE OF KOWLOON BAY THA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, A TOTAL OF 2 577 PEOPLE FROM 697 FAMILIES WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE. OF THEM, 1 395 PEOPLE IN 345 FAMILIES WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING AND ANOTHER 1 131 PEOPLE IN 302 FAMILIES WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY OR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

FORTY-NINE SINGLE PERSONS HAVE ALSO BEEN OFFERED EITHER HOSTEL OR AN EX-GRATIA CASH ALLOWANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR REHOUSING WHILE A TWO-PERSON FAMILY HAS OPTED FOR CASH ALLOWANCE OF \$9 000, HE SAID.

HE SAID 56 FAMILIES OF 168 PEOPLE WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING AS THEY HAD ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION OR HAD BEEN LIVING IN THE THAS WITHOUT AUTHORITIES.

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FIRMS TO BE ASKED ABOUT MOVING FROM CENTRAL AREA
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ABOUT 600 COMMERCIAL FIRMS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS WILL BE ASKED THEIR VIEWS ABOUT MOVING +TO LESS CENTRAL LOCATIONS+.

THE VIEWS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE STRATEGIC PLANNING UNIT OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY WITH THE AIM OF IDENTIFYING THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES WHICH COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO +DECENTRALISE+, DR TED PRYOR, GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, SAID TODAY.

THE COMPANIES WILL ALSO BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BASIC CHARACTERISTICS, THEIR PAST MOBILITY RECORDS, AND THE FACTORS THEY CONSIDERED IN THEIR CHOICE OF LOCATIONS, DR PRYOR SAID.

+THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 11 AND AUGUST 1, WILL ALSO HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN DETERMINING A LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE TERRITORY,+ DR PRYOR SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PRESENTED ONLY IN AGGREGATE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.

DR PRYOR ALSO APPEALED FOR THE COMPANIES' COOPERATION WHEN THEY ARE APPROACHED BY INTERVIEWERS FOR THE SURVEY.

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\$9 MILLION FOR SCHOOL AND LANDSCAPE
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS SPENDING \$8.73 MILLION TO PROVIDE MORE EDUCATIONAL AND LANDSCAPED FACILITIES IN ITS NEW PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER FOUR CONTRACTS SIGNED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR FRED PANG YUK-LING.

THE LARGEST CONTRACT OF \$7.1 MILLION IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE SECOND ONE AT KWONG FUK ESTATE IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

TAKING ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES DRAINAGE AND ALL ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS FOR THE SCHOOL.

KWONG FUK ESTATE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN THREE PHASES TO PROVIDE EIGHT RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WITH 6 314 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR ABOUT 27 600 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN 1985.

THE FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE ESTATE WILL SOON BE COMPLETED FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR IN LINE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THREE RENTAL BLOCKS UNDER ITS FIRST PHASE AND EIGHT HOME OWNERSHIP BLOCKS IN ITS ADJOINING WANG FUK COURT NEXT MONTH.

THREE OTHER CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$1.59 MILLION SIGNED TODAY ARE FOR LANDSCAPING WORK FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SIU HONG COURT AND PHASE IA AND IIA OF THE SHUN ON RENTAL ESTATE.

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MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME POPULAR
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THE DISTRICT BOARD MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME PROVIDES AN INFORMAL, EASY, BUT DIRECT ACCESS FOR PEOPLE TO THEIR BOARD MEMBERS, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID TODAY.

+IT ALSO SERVES AS AN ADDITIONAL CHANNEL FOR THE AIRING OF GRIEVANCES AND FOR THE REMEDYING OF MALADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM WAS SPEAKING ON THE DISTRICT BOARD MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB.

THE SCHEME, HE STRESSED, ENABLED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE AND TO OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MEASURES.

+APART FROM PERSONAL CONTACTS THROUGH WORK AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO WIDEN THEIR CONTACTS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, TO IDENTIFY MORE LOCAL PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS TO GAIN MORE INSIGHT INTO THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

IN THE PAST 20 MONTHS, 2 500 PEOPLE LIVING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE TALKED TO THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS.

+THE SCHEME IS POPULAR AND WELL SUPPORTED, AND HAS PROVED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

+WITH MORE PUBLICITY, I AM SURE THE SCHEME WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER TIES BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND PEOPLE OF THEIR DISTRICT.

+AS THE SCHEME GETS BETTER KNOWN, WE EXPECT MORE PEOPLE WILL MAKE USE OF IT, AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF IT IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME TO SEE WHAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE,+ MR LAM ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME, LAUNCHED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD IN NOVEMBER 1981, PROVED POPULAR FROM THE OUTSET.

SIMILAR SCHEMES WERE LAUNCHED BY KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARDS IN FEBRUARY 1982.

BY THE END OF 1982, NINE DISTRICT BOARDS HAD INTRODUCED THE SCHEME. UP TO THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, EIGHT MORE DISTRICT BOARDS HAD LAUNCHED THE SCHEME, MAKING A TOTAL OF 17.

+AS FOR THE REMAINING ISLANDS DISTRICT, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO LAUNCH THE SCHEME IN CHEUNG CHAU THIS MONTH,+ MR LAM SAID.

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UNDER THE SCHEME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN EITHER RING UP THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY FOR AN APPOINTMENT, OR GO TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN PERSON TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

THESE SESSIONS ARE HELD MOSTLY IN THE EVENINGS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF BOTH THE PUBLIC AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

+THEY ARE IN THE MAIN HELD IN DISTRICT OFFICES, BUT WHERE PRACTICABLE, THEY ARE ALSO HELD IN LOCATIONS CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ MR LAM ADDED.

+IF THE MATTER RAISED IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD ONE, THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL DEAL WITH IT THERE. IF IT IS MORE COMPLICATED, HE MAY NEED THE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO RESEARCH ON THE ANSWER FIRST,+ HE SAID.

+IN SOME CASES, FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+THE COURSE OF ACTION TAKEN WILL BE REPORTED BACK TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AND THIS IS NORMALLY DONE BY CORRESPONDENCE, OR THROUGH THE TELEPHONE, OR BY ANOTHER MEETING, AS APPROPRIATE,+ MR LAM SAID.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS CLEARANCE AND REHOUSING POLICIES

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON CLEARANCE AND REHOUSING POLICIES BY A SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHAN WING-CHEUNG, AT THE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 7).

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, MR K.J. WOODHOUSE, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE REPORT +A PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION IN HONG KONG+.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE BOARD'S SECRETARY AT 5-450868 FOR SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

NEW MEMBERS FOR LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, Q.C., TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION.

THEY ARE DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, THE HON MR JUSTICE FUAD AND MR ARJAN SAKHRANI, Q.C.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENTS, MR THOMAS WELCOMED THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE THAT THESE MEMBERS ADDED TO THE COMMISSION.

HE STRESSED THAT, UNLIKE MANY OTHER LAW REFORM COMMISSIONS, THE HONG KONG COMMISSION RELIED UPON THE INPUT FROM +NON-LEGALLY+ QUALIFIED COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ORDER TO GIVE A DEGREE OF COMMUNITY BALANCE, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE SOCIAL ISSUES INTERMINGLED WITH THE LAW.

DR IP IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY GIVING A LARGE PROPORTION OF HER TIME TO SERVING THAT COMMUNITY.

SHE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE ON DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

MR JUSTICE FUAD IS A MEMBER OF THE COURT OF APPEAL AND HAS ACTED AS THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S ALTERNATIVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR SOME TIME.

HIS POSITION ON THE COMMISSION WAS RECENTLY FORMALISED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MR JUSTICE FUAD HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE COMMISSION AS CHAIRMAN OF A SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE APPOINTED SOON TO LOOK INTO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PRIVACY PROTECTION.

MR ARJAN SAKHRANI, Q.C., HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING ON A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION DEALING WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT.

HIS APPOINTMENT IS TO FILL A VACANCY CAUSED BY THE RETIREMENT OF MR ANDREW LI AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM AS A COMMISSION MEMBER.

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PEOPLE REMINDED OF TAX OBLIGATIONS

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYERS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EVERY PERSON CHARGEABLE TO TAX FOR ANY YEAR OF ASSESSMENT MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE BASIS PERIOD FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH HE IS SO CHARGEABLE UNLESS HE HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUIRED TO FURNISH A RETURN FOR THAT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANY PERSON WHO CEASED TO CARRY OUT A TRADE, PROFESSION OR BUSINESS; TO HOLD AN OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT IN RESPECT OF WHICH SALARIES TAX IS CHARGEABLE; OR TO HAVE A SOURCE OF INCOME IN RESPECT OF WHICH HE IS PERSONALLY ASSESSED, MUST ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING WITHIN ONE MONTH OF SUCH CESSATION.

ANY PERSON CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX, PROFITS TAX OR PERSONAL TAX AND IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, HE SAID.

+THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE HONG KONG FREQUENTLY IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE CHANGE.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING THE PARTICULARS OF ANY NEW EMPLOYEE LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT.

AN EMPLOYER WHO IS ABOUT TO CEASE TO EMPLOY IN HONG KONG ANY PERSON LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX MUST ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT.

IT IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYER TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER WHENEVER AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG MORE THAN A MONTH AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS REQUIRED, IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT, TO LEAVE HONG KONG AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHEN AN EMPLOYER HAS INFORMED THE COMMISSIONER THAT HE IS ABOUT TO CEASE TO EMPLOY A PERSON CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX, HE MUST NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO THAT EMPLOYEE WITHIN A MONTH FROM THE DATE OF GIVING SUCH NOTICE, EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT IN WRITING OF THE COMMISSIONER.

+THE EMPLOYER MAY HOWEVER, DURING THAT MONTH PAY TO THE COMMISSIONER OUT OF THE MONEYS DUE TO THE EMPLOYEE SUCH SUM AS THE EMPLOYEE MAY DIRECT HIM TO PAY.+

FORMS FOR GIVING SUCH NOTICES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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ACCORD ON 3 GARMENT CATEGORIES WITH U.S.

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RESTRAINT LIMITS FOR THREE GARMENT CATEGORIES - AT LEVELS CONSIDERABLY ABOVE THE 1982 TRADE LEVELS - HAVE BEEN AGREED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF LAST MONTH REGARDING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF SIX GARMENT CATEGORIES TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE AGREED RESTRAINT LEVEL FOR CAT. 434 (WOOL COATS, OTHER THAN SUIT TYPE, M AND B) HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 1982'S EXPORT OF 5 505 DOZEN TO 8 660 DOZEN; CAT. 647 (MMF TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS (OUTER), M AND B) FROM 229 573 DOZEN TO 275 400 DOZEN; AND CAT. 636 (MMF DRESSES) FROM 140 576 DOZEN TO 200 000 DOZEN.

HOWEVER, AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES, AND THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, HAS IMPOSED RESTRAINT LEVELS AS FOLLOWS:-

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>RESTRAINT LIMIT</u>	<u>1982 EXPORTS</u>
	DOZEN	DOZEN
336 (COTTON DRESSES, INCLUDING UNIFORMS)	137 704	107 793
442 (WOOL SKIRTS)	62 602	50 076
642 (MMF SKIRTS)	129 178	102 558

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EXPORTS IN THESE CATEGORIES WERE AT PRESENT SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT AUTHORISATION SYSTEM, UNDER WHICH THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC RESTRAINT LIMIT, BUT THE LEVEL OF EXPORTS WAS MONITORED AND THE UNITED STATES MIGHT AT ANY TIME SEEK CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON A LEVEL OF RESTRAINT IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

+THOSE WHO ALREADY HELD APPROVED EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS IN THESE CATEGORIES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW RESTRAINT LEVELS. HOWEVER, THE RESTRAINTS WOULD LIMIT THE SCOPE FOR NEW ORDERS TO COME TO HONG KONG DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, + THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

CALLS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE BY THE UNITED STATES ON CAT. 604 (MMF SPUN NON-CELLULOSIC YARN); CAT. 644 (MMF SUITS, W, G AND I); CAT. 313 (COTTON SHEETING); AND CAT. 352 (COTTON UNDERWEARS). CONSULTATIONS ON THEM ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN MID-JULY.

AT THE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN JUNE 27 AND 30, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND.

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STUDENTS' DESIGNS TO BE DISPLAYED
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AN EXHIBITION BY GRADUATES OF THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL BE OPENED BY THE DONOR OF THE INSTITUTE, MR LEE WAI LEE, AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL, AT 6 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 7).

AT THE CEREMONY, AN ADDRESS WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL, MR DENNIS TING.

THE EXHIBITION WILL THEN BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS, FROM JULY 8 TO 10, BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM.

ENTITLED '+T.I. DESIGN+', THE DISPLAY WILL COMPRISE PROJECTS BY GRADUATES OF BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTE.

GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MR NEIL HENDERSON, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, AND MR HORACE KNIGHT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS ONE OF THE FIVE INSTITUTES MANAGED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND IS THE ONLY ONE OF THEM OFFERING DESIGN COURSES.

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BENEFITS OF TREE PLANTING STRESSED
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TREES WILL HELP CREATE A MORE PLEASANT APPEARANCE ALONGSIDE THE ROADS AND IN OPEN SPACES ON LANTAU ISLAND, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR IP KI-KIT, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR IP WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY AT A ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOT AT SOUTH LANTAU ROAD NEAR UPPER CHEUNG SHA BEACH.

TODAY'S TREE PLANTING DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MEI FA SCHEME OF CLEAN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR MAXIMUS LI, STRESSED THAT IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, AS HE JOINED MR IP IN PLANTING A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

WITH THE HELP OF STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, SOME 50 EVERGREEN CALLISTEMON VIMINALIS AND CORDYLINE TERMINALIS WERE PLANTED AT THE AMENITY PLOT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TSANG LIN, THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YU YUEN-HEI, THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG CHUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHONG CHU-CHOI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU YUNG-FUK.

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PUMPING STATION CONTRACT SIGNED

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AOKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INLET PUMPING STATION FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$21.5 MILLION, WAS SIGNED BY MR CHARLES TAYLOR, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR SUNAO HORII OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS FOR THE INLET PUMPING STATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE CULVERT.

THE WORK, FORMING PART OF AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, WILL TAKE ABOUT 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE INVITED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE CONTRACT CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP HOUSES, PRIMARY AND FINAL SETTLEMENT TANKS, AERATION TANKS, THICKENING AND DIGESTION TANKS, AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED PIPEWORKS AND ROADWORKS.

MR TAYLOR SAID THAT THE EXTENSION WOULD PROVIDE FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR DOMESTIC AND TRADE WASTES FROM TAI PO NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE EXTENSION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1986.

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EXTRA-MURAL COURSES FOR TEACHERS

TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF THE 44 COURSES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THESE COURSES INCLUDE ADVANCED LEVEL ECONOMICS FOR SIXTH FORM TEACHERS, COPING WITH THE BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, TEACHING ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND COUNSELLING SPECIFICS FOR WORKERS IN THE HELPING PROFESSIONS.

TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND ANY OF THE COURSES SHOULD APPLY DIRECT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT POKFULAM ROAD, OR THE EXTRA-MURAL TOWN CENTRE AT WING ON CENTRE, 8/F, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES CAN BE MADE BY PHONING NO. 5-4097307 OR 5-450021.

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RESIDENTS VISIT CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE

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TEN MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEES THIS MORNING VISITED THE TSUEN WAN CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE OPERATED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CENTRE.

LED BY MR MICHAEL LAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO COMMITTEE, AND MR CHEUNG SAU-CHING, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMITTEE, THE VISITORS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DR JAMES HAYES, AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CENTRE TO YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING CAREERS INFORMATION.

THE VISIT WAS AIMED AT ACQUAINTING THE MEMBERS WITH THE WORK OF THE CENTRE AND STUDYING THE POSSIBILITIES OF ORGANISING JOINT CAREERS-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WITH THE YEAS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN, SUCH AS CAREERS EXHIBITION AND TEMPORARY CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES.

THE YEAS ALSO OPERATES TWO SIMILAR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO HELP THEM TO CHOOSE CAREERS BEST SUITED TO THEIR INTEREST AND ABILITY.

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NORTH POINT TRAFFIC CHANGES

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FORTRESS HILL ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR CHUNG ON TERRACE IN NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC (EXCEPT CMB NO. 27) FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 7) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST ABOUT SIX WEEKS, DURING WHICH TIME CMB NO. 41 AND OTHER TRAFFIC HEADING FOR CLOUD VIEW ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND AND TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD.

IN CENTRAL, THE CLOSURE OF WING LOK STREET BETWEEN NO. 19 AND 27 WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER 10 DAYS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING.

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ROADS TO BE CLOSED

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THE SECTION OF MA TIN ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ON HING STREET IN YUEN LONG, ALONG WITH THE SECTION OF THE NULLAH-BUND ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH MA TIN ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO TAI YUK ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE MA TIN ROAD EXTENSION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING BETWEEN MA TIN TSUEN AND YUEN LONG TOWN WILL HAVE TO USE KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING TAI YUK ROAD WITH THE NULLAH-BUND ROAD.

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PARKING METERS FOR KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA

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A TOTAL OF 153 ONE-HOUR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS WHICH CHARGE 50 CENTS FOR 30 MINUTES WILL BE INSTALLED ON SEVERAL STREETS OF THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE PARKING METERS WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL AS FOLLOWS:-

DATE AND TIME

LOCATION

JULY 7, 9 AM
(THURSDAY)

HUNG TO ROAD -- BETWEEN LAI YIP STREET
AND KING YIP STREET

JULY 8, 9 AM
(FRIDAY)

CHONG YIP STREET -- BETWEEN LAI YIP
STREET AND HOW MING
STREET

HOW MING STREET -- BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD
AND CHONG YIP STREET

TSUN YIP STREET -- BETWEEN HOW MING
STREET AND WAI YIP
STREET

SHING YIP STREET -- BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD
AND
HING YIP STREET AND KING YIP STREET

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WATER MAINS TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 8) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY ABERDEEN STREET, CAINE ROAD, KUI IN FONG, LADDER STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD, INCLUDING LADDER STREET TERRACE AND U LAM TERRACE.

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