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RAPID GROWTH POSES UNIQUE FIRE-FIGHTING PROBLEMS  
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THE RAPID PHYSICAL CHANGES IN HONG KONG HAVE BROUGHT MANY PROBLEMS IN FIRE SUPPRESSION TACTICS AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS FIRE PROTECTION PRACTICE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR MAURICE LANE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 18 OFFICER AND 82 FIREMAN GRADUATES AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, MR LANE SAID HONG KONG HAD GROWN FROM +A RELATIVELY PEACEFUL LOW-RISE, TWIN CITIES AND RURAL HINTERLAND TO A HIGH-RISE, MULTI-CITIED TERRITORY.+

+IN MANY AREAS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRECEDENTS TO FOLLOW SINCE THE SITUATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO MEET HAVE NOT EXISTED ELSEWHERE AND THEREFORE WE HAVE HAD TO RELY UPON OUR OWN PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO DEVISE AND TEST NEW THEORIES AND PRACTICES,+ HE SAID.

+OUR SUCCESS MAY I FEEL BE MEASURED BY OUR FAVOURABLE LIFE AND PROPERTY LOSSES COMPARED WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND THE FACT THAT FIREMEN FROM MANY CITIES VISIT US TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE,+ HE SAID.

MR LANE, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE FIRE SERVICES FOR 31 YEARS, 25 OF THEM IN HONG KONG, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE PASSING OUT PARADE WAS HIS LAST AS HE WOULD BE RETIRING IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PARADE WAS THE COMMANDANT OF MACAU FIRE BRIGADE, MR R.F. DE ASSIS.

MR LANE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEY HAD WEATHERED A VERY TOUGH AND DEMANDING COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE, AND AFTER THIS THEY WOULD BE SENT TO VARIOUS UNITS FOR EXPERIENCE.

+THIS WILL TAKE TIME AND CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY ATTENDING THE MANY DIFFERING KINDS OF INCIDENT TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED, TO PERSONS IN DANGER AND DISTRESS AND TO PROPERTY AT RISK,+ HE SAID.

+I WOULD ASK YOU TO TRY TO LEARN FROM EACH INCIDENT- THEY WILL ALL BE DIFFERENT, FOR NOT ONLY WILL THIS MAINTAIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL INTEREST BUT ALSO MAINTAIN A STEADY INPUT TO YOUR 'COMPUTER' MEMORY BANK TO AID YOU IN DEALING EFFICIENTLY WITH PROBLEMS ALWAYS STILL TO COME.

+IF YOU ALL STAY THE HARD COURSE OF A FIREMAN'S LIFE, YOUR CAREER WILL SPAN AT LEAST ANOTHER 25 YEARS AND INTO THE 21ST CENTURY,+ HE SAID.

HE ADVISED THE GRADUATES THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO KEEP THEIR MINDS, METHODS AND SYSTEMS FLEXIBLE TO DEAL WITH CHANGES AND CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

+GRADUATING OFFICERS HAVE NOW TO GO THROUGH A FURTHER LONG PERIOD OF DIRECTED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND GRADUATING FIREMEN WILL BE THE FIRST TO GO TO UNITS UNDER THE REVISED MODULAR TRAINING SYSTEMS JUST COMING IN FORCE,+ MR LANE SAID.

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SURVEYS BEING CARRIED OUT  
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A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR NON-AGRICULTURAL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IS BEING CONDUCTED THIS MONTH BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY SHORT TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS, BUT ALSO INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

A SAMPLE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED ON 25 616 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS, WHILE A FULL SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED ON GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS, WHICH ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL RELATING TO THE APRIL TO JUNE PERIOD.

FURTHERMORE, ABOUT 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE SELECTED AND REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL.

MANAGEMENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED ON JULY 17.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING, SEEKING INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES, VACANCIES, AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF NECESSARY.

MR DENNIS TING, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SURVEY WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE MANY CHANGES SINCE THE ONE CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO.

ANYONE HAVING ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PLASTICS SURVEY MAY APPROACH MRS W.M. LEE ON TELEPHONE 5-7216024 OR MR P.H. MA OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-281380 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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FIVE NT SITES FOR AUCTION

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FIVE NEW TERRITORIES SITES ARE TO BE SOLD AT A GOVERNMENT AUCTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE ARTS CENTRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

FOUR SITES ARE IN SHA TIN, OF WHICH TWO ARE FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REMAINING TWO FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USE.

A PENG CHAU SITE IS FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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NEW DRIVING TEST DATES

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CANDIDATES FOR DRIVING TESTS CANCELLED ON JULY 6 AND 7 BECAUSE OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN WILL BE ADVISED ABOUT THEIR NEW TEST APPOINTMENTS BY REGISTERED POST.

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTICE BY JULY 15 SHOULD TELEPHONE EITHER 5-263523 OR 3-317723 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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CHEMISTRY TEACHERS TO ATTEND WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENT  
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SEVENTY CHEMISTRY TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ON SATURDAY, JULY 11, AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

THE WORKSHOP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND AIMS AT PROMOTING AN AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL SECTOR.

THE FIRST PART OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DR DANIEL LAU OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND DR TING TAI-LUN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

THEY WILL BE DELIVERING LECTURES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WATER AND AIR POLLUTION, REVIEW OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY IN HONG KONG, AND MEASURES TO CONTROL SUCH POLLUTION.

NEED FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SOCIAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS POLLUTION DAMAGE AND POLLUTION CONTROL, AND THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WILL ALSO BE TOUCHED ON.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL SESSION IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE OPERATION OF ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE STUDY OF WATER AND AIR POLLUTION PARAMETERS.

+PARTICIPANTS WILL FIND THIS WORKSHOP PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS IT BEARS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYLLABUS CONTENT ON POLLUTION IN THE REVISED CDC CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS FOR FORMS 4 AND 5,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY, JULY 11 IN THE DEMONSTRATION ROOM OF THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.

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HONG KONG YOUTHS ON EXCHANGE VISIT TO BRITAIN

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG ARRIVED IN BRITAIN TODAY (THURSDAY) TO JOIN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL.

THE AIM OF THE PROGRAMME, WHICH RUNS FROM TODAY TILL JULY 31, IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD TO SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, AND PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS.

THE SIX HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES ARE: MR FRANCIS AU TAT-KWONG, STUDENT- MISS VIVIEN FONG, CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICER, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT- MR FRANK IP YUEN-MING, STUDENT- MISS SPRING MONEY LO MAN-YI, STUDENT- MISS NG YIM-HO, STUDENT- AND MR RAYMOND TSENG HING-NING, SOCIAL WORKER. THEY ARE ALL INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY WORK.

UPON ARRIVAL IN BRITAIN, THEY WERE RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN COUNTY.

DURING THE TWO WEEKS' STAY, THE REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT SCHOOLS, SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRES, LAW COURTS, FACTORIES, NEWSPAPER OFFICES, RADIO STATIONS AND THE CITY HALL TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE AREA.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET CHINESE RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY.

IN THE THIRD WEEK, THE SIX YOUNG VISITORS WILL GO TO LONDON TO JOIN AND LIVE TOGETHER WITH OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS IN THE PROGRAMME.

ON JULY 29, THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO WITNESS THE ROYAL MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER.

THE VISIT WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEME ORIGINATES FROM A SPECIAL PROGRAMME TO MARK THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE IN 1977. BECAUSE OF ITS SUCCESS, IT WAS REVIVED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

IN 1979, SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAMME IN SOUTH WALES, UK. AND IN RETURN, HONG KONG PLAYED HOST TO SIX VISITORS FROM SOUTH WALES LAST AUGUST.

THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL HAS INDICATED THAT THE PROGRAMME WILL BE EXTENDED IN THE FUTURE TO INCLUDE AS MANY COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.

THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, BELIEVES THAT HONG KONG HAS BENEFITED FROM THE PREVIOUS PROGRAMMES BECAUSE THE VISITS HAVE BROADENED THE MINDS AND OUTLOOK OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE RETURNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF YOUTH WORK HERE.

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TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS  
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TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, IN A BID TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE LIVING IN HONG KONG.

THE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE HONORARY LIFE DIRECTORS, LIFE MEMBERS, ORDINARY MEMBERS, JUVENILE MEMBERS AND CORPORATE NOMINEE MEMBERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION SAID 1 000 APPLICATION FORMS HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND MORE THAN 80 PROCESSED SO FAR.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS SET UP IN MAY LAST YEAR BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES LOCALLY AND TO ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS THROUGH SPORT BETWEEN TAI PO AND THE REST OF HONG KONG.

TO PROMOTE ITS ACTIVITIES THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW BUILDING A \$12 MILLION INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE ON A 2 700 SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR TAI PO OLD MARKET WHICH WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FUTURE NEW TOWN CENTRE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE A THREE-STOREY BUILDING WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 5 200 SQUARE METRES.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A SPORTS HALL WHICH CAN BE USED FOR GYMNASTICS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL OR BADMINTON, A 24-LANE BOWLING ALLEY, A DANCE STUDIO, A RECREATION ROOM, AN OFFICE, A MEETING ROOM AND A RESTAURANT FOR 80 PEOPLE. TENNIS COURTS WILL BE BUILT ON THE ROOF.

THE CENTRE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN TAI PO. IT WILL SERVE THE FUTURE POPULATION OF 220 000.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT MEMBERSHIP CAN BE MADE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S TEMPORARY OFFICE AT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

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QUIZ WINNERS VIE FOR PRIZES

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NINE LUCKY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WINNING A \$4 500 COLOUR TELEVISION SET, FREE TRIPS TO JAPAN, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES AS WELL AS OTHER PRIZES.

THEY HAVE ALREADY CROSSED THE FIRST HURDLE - THE PRELIMINARY OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, REDIFFUSION TELEVISION AND HONG KONG DAILY NEWS.

THE LUCKY NINE WERE PICKED FROM A TOTAL OF 3 324 CORRECT ENTRIES IN THE FIRST LINE DRAWING AND MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION AND ANSWER COMPETITION.

THEY ARE MR TANG CHIU-HUNG (20), MR CHEUNG YU-MAN (24), MR TONG SANG (48), MR YEUNG CHI-YING (34), MR CHU CHUNG-SING (19), MR SIU PAK-BIU (34), MR LEUNG WING SANG (19), MR CHENG KING-CHAU (30) AND MISS NG KAM-FAN (20).

THEIR NEXT HURDLE WILL BE A QUIZ CONTEST - SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON RTV'S +HAPPY HOUR+ PROGRAMME ON MONDAY - AND DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THERE ARE NINE PRIZES TO BE SHARED AMONG THE NINE CONTESTANTS WHO HAVE TO COMPETE FOR THE BETTER ONES.

THE PRIZES ARE ONE PHILIPS 22 INCHES COLOUR TV SET (DONATED BY PHILIPS HONG KONG)- PACKAGE TOURS TO JAPAN, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES (DONATED BY HONG KONG DAILY NEWS)- AN RTV SPECIAL PRIZE OF ONE MINIATURE 24K GOLD SAFETY HELMET WORTH \$1 200- ONE ATARI VIDEO ELECTRONIC TV GAME WORTH \$1 250 (DONATED BY KONG KING TRADING CO.)- AND THREE STEREO CASSETTE PLAYERS EACH WORTH \$650 (LABOUR DEPARTMENT PRIZES).

LINE DRAWINGS AND MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS FOR THE SECOND PRELIMINARY ARE BEING PUBLISHED BY HONG KONG DAILY NEWS, HONG KONG TV NEWS AND RTV'S TV TIMES.

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DESIGN COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING AN INTER-DISTRICT STRUCTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION AS PART OF THE FORTHCOMING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS YEAR, THE ADOLESCENT HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE TARGET GROUP FOR THE TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN BECAUSE OF THE UPSURGE IN JUVENILE CRIME.

THE DESIGN COMPETITION IS INTENDED FOR YOUTHS AND AIMED AT PROMOTING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FAMILY THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR DESIGNS.

THE THEME FOR THE COMPETITION IS +THE ADOLESCENT AND THE FAMILY+ -- THE SAME AS FOR THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING ENTRIES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 21 YEARS THROUGH SCHOOLS, YOUTH AGENCIES AND RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 1, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ENTRANTS SHOULD ONLY SUBMIT THEIR DESIGNS IN THE FORM OF A SKETCH AND ILLUSTRATION.

THE SKETCH SHOULD MEASURE NOT LARGER THAN 1M X 1M X 4M HIGH, BUT NOT SMALLER THAN 1/2M X 1M X 1M HIGH, AND TOGETHER WITH THE ILLUSTRATION, SHOULD GIVE DETAILS OF THE DESIGN, THE MATERIALS TO BE USED AND THE COST TO BE INCURRED.

INITIAL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SCREENED ON A DISTRICT BASIS FIRST BEFORE ONE ENTRY IS SELECTED FROM EACH OF THE 11 DISTRICTS.

SUCCESSFUL ENTRANTS WILL THEN BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THE ACTUAL DESIGN WITH CASH SUBSIDIES FOR FINAL ADJUDICATION AT A MAMMOTH YOUTH CARNIVAL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER TO KICK OFF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, HE SAID.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A CASH PRIZE OF \$1 500, AND THE RUNNERS-UP, \$1 000 AND \$500, HE ADDED.

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FLYOVER CONGESTION EXPECTED

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MOTORISTS USING THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, NORTH OF QUEENSWAY, ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER TRAFFIC CONGESTION FOR THE NEXT 3-1/2 MONTHS.

THE REASON, ACCORDING TO A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, IS THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, JULY 11, A START WILL BE MADE ON REPAIRING THE UP-RAMP OF THE FLYOVER AND THE GROUND-LEVEL, OFF-SIDE CARRIAGEWAY OF COTTON TREE DRIVE.

+BECAUSE OF THE REPAIR WORK, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE ONE OR TWO TRAFFIC LANES, ALTHOUGH EXISTING TRAFFIC PATTERNS AT GROUND LEVEL AND ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE MAINTAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FLYOVER, WESTBOUND MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO THE PEAK OR TO THE MID-LEVELS ARE URGED TO USE THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM QUEENSWAY TO COTTON TREE DRIVE+

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