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GOVERNOR TO LEAD HIGH-LEVEL TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT JAPAN FROM MARCH 9 TO 12 AS A GUEST OF THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON AND BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR WILLIAM PURVES, MR THOMAS CLYDESDALE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, MR JACK TANG, MR JAMES WU, MR MARTIN BARROW, MR DENNIS TING, MR SETO FAI AND MR JACK SO.

THE MISSION WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN TOKYO AND ONE DAY IN OSAKA. IN TOKYO, MISSION MEMBERS WILL ATTEND THE 11TH JOINT PLENARY SESSION OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN AND JAPAN/HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES.

THEY WILL ALSO CALL ON SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS. THE GOVERNOR WILL DELIVER A KEY-NOTE ADDRESS AT A LUNCHEON RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG/JAPAN SOCIETY.

THE MISSION WILL TRAVEL TO OSAKA ON MARCH 11 TO ATTEND A MAJOR PROMOTION STAGED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE DAIMARU DEPARTMENT STORE, ONE OF THE BIGGEST STORES IN JAPAN.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WILL ATTEND A DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE COUNCIL AND THE DAIMARU STORE. A GALA FASHION SHOW FEATURING HONG KONG'S LATEST DESIGNS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE DINNER.

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NEW SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED WILL BE IMPROVED THROUGH SEVERAL INITIATIVES TO BE INSTITUTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE THE INTRODUCTION OF A CENTRALISED COMPUTERISED SYSTEM NEXT MONTH TO HANDLE ALL REFERRALS AND PLACEMENTS FOR DAY AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR DISABLED ADULTS.

CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (REHABILITATION), MR LAU KAI-CHUEN, SAID: "THE SYSTEM WILL GIVE US A MORE ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION TO FACILITATE A MORE EFFICIENT UTILISATION OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND BETTER PLANNING FOR FUTURE."

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AT PRESENT, REFERRALS AND PLACEMENTS FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES ARE CO-ORDINATED AT DISTRICT LEVEL BY THE SWD'S REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY OFFICES WHILE ITS CENTRAL WAITING LIST UNIT HANDLES APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

"SUCH ARRANGEMENTS PRESENT A DISJOINTED PICUTRE OF THE DEMAND, VACANCY AND PROVISION SITUATION.

"ALSO, DOUBLE OR EVEN MULTIPLE WAIT-LISTING CAN VERY WELL EXIST," MR LAU SAID.

MOREOVER, HE SAID, THESE ARRANGEMENTS DID NOT ALLOW FOR FREQUENT UPDATING OF THE CHANGING NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF APPLICANTS, TO EFFECT A CHANGE OF "QUEUE" FROM ONE SERVICE TO ANOTHER WHEN NECESSARY.

"IN FUTURE, THERE WILL BE ONE CENTRALISED UNIT TO HANDLE REFERRALS AND PLACEMENTS FOR DAY SERVICES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND ON THE BASIS OF NEED FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, THUS ELIMINATING THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM," MR LAU SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, UNIFORMITY IN REFERRAL PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION CRITERIA WILL BE ADOPTED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITH PRIORITY FOR URGENT REFERRALS ON THE BASIS OF NEED."

ALSO COMING INTO OPERATION, IN APRIL, WILL BE A RESPITE SERVICE TO PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED MEMBERS SHORT-TERM RELIEF FROM THE CONSTANT STRAIN IN THEIR CARING DUTIES.

"IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT FAMILIES WITH A MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED MEMBER ARE UNDER PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL PRESSURE IN TAKING CARE OF THEIR LIFE-LONG DEPENDANTS," MR LAU SAID.

"THE RESPITE SERVICE AIMS TO ENABLE THESE FAMILIES TO TAKE A BREAK ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS, TO TAKE A REST OR TO ATTEND TO OTHER MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE THEIR ATTENTION."

INITIALLY, TWO PLACES WILL BE RESERVED IN THE SWD'S CHEUNG HONG HOSTEL IN TSING YI FOR RUNNING THIS PILOT PROJECT.

FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO PLACE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED MEMBERS, AGED 16 AND OVER, IN THE HOSTEL THROUGH REFERRAL BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OR MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE UNITS.

ADMISSION WILL BE ON AN ADVANCE BOOKING SYSTEM, ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. THE DURATION OF THE RESPITE PERIOD CAN BE FROM ONE DAY TO TWO WEEKS.

ANOTHER PROJECT IN THE PIPELINE IS PROVISION OF HOME-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED SCHOOL LEAVERS AWAITING POST-SCHOOL PLACEMENTS.

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MR LAU SAID THAT DUE TO THE LONG WAITING TIME AND INSUFFICIENT PLACES IN BOTH DAY AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, THERE WAS THE DANGER OF THESE STUDENTS RETAINING VALUABLE SPECIAL SCHOOL PLACES BECAUSE POST-SCHOOL PLACEMENTS WERE NOT FORTHCOMING.

"FURTHERMORE, WHAT THEY HAD LEARNT IN THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS MIGHT BE LOST DURING THE WAITING TIME AT HOME, THUS AFFECTING THEIR OPPORTUNITY IN FUTURE PLACEMENT," HE ADDED.

THE HOME-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMMES WILL BE PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS ON WAITING LISTS.

"WE ARE CONSIDERING SETTING UP FOUR TEAMS OF TRAINING STAFF AND EACH CLIENT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A NUMBER OF HOURS OF TRAINING PER WEEK UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN A PLACEMENT AWAITED IS AVAILABLE," MR LAU SAID.

DISCUSSIONS WERE BEING HELD WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CONCERNING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME, HE ADDED.

MR LAU SAID THAT THIS WAS A STOP-GAP MEASURE AND HE BELIEVED THAT SUCH PROGRAMMES WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED IN TWO TO THREE YEARS' TIME WHEN MORE FACILITIES BECAME AVAILABLE TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEEDS.

ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS, A HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, AT \$1,120 PER MONTH, WILL BE PAYABLE FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO DISABLED PEOPLE AGED 60 AND OVER AND WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING CONSTANT CARE IN A GOVERNMENT OR SUBVENTED INSTITUTION.

THIS IS TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER THEIR SEVERELY DISABLED MEMBERS BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME RELIEF.

THIS HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER OTHER AGE GROUPS BY PHASES IN THE COMING YEARS, WITH FULL IMPLEMENTATION SET AT 1990-91.

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DB CANDIDATES FORUMS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN

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RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES FORUMS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THESE FORUMS WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS SO THAT THEY COULD VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHO COULD BEST REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS.

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MR LAM ADDED THAT AT EACH FORUM, CONSIDERABLE TIME WOULD BE RESERVED FOR RESIDENTS TO ASK CANDIDATES QUESTIONS.

THE SEVEN FORUMS, WHICH WILL ALL BEGIN AT 8 PM, WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND VENUES:

CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----	DATE -----
KENNEDY TOWN WEST AND MOUNT DAVIS	YWCA, WESTERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, 9-15 VICTORIA ROAD, KENNEDY TOWN.	FEBRUARY 26 (FRIDAY)
KENNEDY TOWN EAST	ST LOUIS OLD BOYS' COLLEGE, 36-40 HILL ROAD.	FEBRUARY 27 (SATURDAY)
SHEUNG WAN	SHEUNG WAN BAPTIST CHURCH, THIRD FLOOR, 136-138 BONHAM STRAND.	MARCH 1 (TUESDAY)
SAI YING PUN WEST	WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, WESTERN STREET.	MARCH 2 (WEDNESDAY)
MID-LEVELS AND PEAK	CARITAS RESTAURANT, HONG KONG CARITAS, CAINE ROAD.	MARCH 3 (THURSDAY)
CHUNG WAN	KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL, 58 BRIDGES STREET.	MARCH 4 (FRIDAY)
SAI YING PUN EAST	WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, WESTERN STREET.	MARCH 5 (SATURDAY)

MEANWHILE, BANNERS AND BUNTING ARE PUT UP THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO REMIND PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SHOW WINDOWS OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICES COUNTERS AND SOME DISTRICT BOARD NOTICEBOARDS WERE POSTED WITH MAPS SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF EACH CONSTITUENCY AND THE LOCATIONS OF THE POLLING STATIONS.

TWO TRAMS CARRYING SLOGANS URGING RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT ON MARCH 9 AND 10. A VAN BROADCASTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THEME SONG AND ELECTION APPEALS WILL ALSO TOUR THE DISTRICT ON POLLING DAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS FOR DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

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DB ELECTION FORUMS IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SERIES OF FORUMS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 22) FOR CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE FORUMS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM 8 PM ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE EVENINGS TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS TO THE PUBLIC.

DETAILS OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	CONSTITUENCIES	VENUE	CANDIDATES
FEB. 22 (MON)	EAST (SOUTH)	LEI MUK SHUE COMMUNITY HALL, LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, TSUEN WAN	YUEN LAI LAI-BING HO MOON CHAN YUEN-SUM
FEB. 23 (TUE)	WEST (NORTH)	CHAI WAN KOK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2-10 ON YIN STREET, TSUEN WAN	TAM TAI-ON FUNG YEE-LIN YEUNG FUK-KI
FEB. 24 (WED)	CENTRAL (SOUTH)	ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL, 60 HAM TIN STREET, TSUEN WAN	CHEN YOH-WON CHEUNG SAU-CHING CHOW TIK-HIN CHENG SHIU-TAI
FEB. 25 (THU)	CENTRAL (NORTH)	LIU PO SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN, TSUEN WAN	IP YEUNG FUK-LAN, CHRISTINE CHU YIN-LEUNG
FEB. 26 (FRI)	WEST (SOUTH)	PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN	CHEUNG CHUN-YAN CHAN CHI-TAT CHAN WAI-YIP

IN TSUEN WAN, THERE ARE 18 CANDIDATES VYING FOR 12 SEATS IN THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN CONSTITUENCIES. THREE SEATS IN TWO CONSTITUENCIES ARE UNCONTESTED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DB ELECTION FORUMS IN TSUEN WAN.

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MARATHON TO START SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL START WITH A NEW YEAR MARATHON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE MARATHON, BEGINNING AT 10 AM, WILL START FROM THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE AND FINISH AT THE SPORTS GROUND.

ABOUT 400 RUNNERS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART. THEY WILL RUN ALONG A 10-KILOMETRE ROUTE WHERE THEY CAN BOTH TEST THEIR PHYSICAL FITNESS AND ENJOY THE LOCAL SCENERY.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT NOON, AFTER THE MARATHON.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WAN-HEI.

A VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING SINGING AND DANCING BY ARTISTS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE EVENING AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

MANY OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS UNTIL FEBRUARY 25. THESE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A DISCO NIGHT, CARNIVALS, CANTONESE OPERA, SPORTS DAY AND FILM SHOWS.

ADMISSIONS TO THE PROGRAMMES, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, WILL BE FREE. TICKETS AND PAMPHLETS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES AND THE RENNIE'S MILL SERVICE CENTRE.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NEW YEAR MARATHON AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE START OF THE MARATHON AT LADY MACLEHOSE VILLAGE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, AT 8.45 AM.

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TUEN MUN SPRING RECEPTION

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A RECEPTION IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL RESTAURANT AT 4.30 PM ON FEBRUARY 22 (MONDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

HEADED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES MORE THAN 30 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RURAL ASSOCIATIONS.

THE FUNCTION IS HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COMMUNITY LEADERS AND RURAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL RESTAURANT ON FEBRUARY 22 (MONDAY). IT WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM.

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EASTERN DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 22) IN THE CITYPLAZA PALACE RESTAURANT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING.

THE GATHERING WILL START AT 4.30 PM. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL JOIN THE RECEPTION AT 5 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

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## APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ADULT EDUCATION SUBVENTION

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REGISTERED NON-PROFIT MAKING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHICH OPERATE COURSES TO COMPLEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN PROMOTING EDUCATION ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION FOR THE 1988-89 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SUBVENTION SCHEME, NOW IN ITS NINTH YEAR OF OPERATION, COVERS MAINLY THE COST OF TEACHING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL STAFF, BASIC TEACHING EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, HIRE CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT RATE, AND AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$500 EACH QUARTER TO COVER TELEPHONE, WATER AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR SUBVENTION INCLUDED COURSES TO IMPROVE BASIC LITERACY IN CHINESE; GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS FACTORY WORKERS AND FISHERFOLK, INCLUDING RE-ORIENTATION TO LAND-BASED LIVING; AND RE-ORIENTATION AND CANTONESE LANGUAGE COURSES FOR NEWCOMERS TO HONG KONG FROM OTHER PARTS OF ASIA, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME ALSO COVERS JOB-ORIENTED COURSES; PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING; CAREERS EDUCATION; LABOUR EDUCATION INCLUDING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE; ADULT EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS; SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS; SOCIAL AND MORAL EDUCATION; AND ACTIVITIES IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE APRIL 30.

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## RIGHT TURN BAN ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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THE EXISTING RIGHT TURN FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WESTBOUND ON TO TUNG LOK STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED TEMPORARILY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23) TO FACILITATE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RIGHT TURN BAN FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WESTBOUND ON TO KIK YEUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE LIFTED TO IMPROVE CIRCULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AFFECTED.

VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WESTBOUND HEADING FOR YUEN LONG TOWN NORTH CAN TRAVEL VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KIK YEUNG ROAD AND ON NING ROAD, OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD, YUEN LONG TAI CHEUNG STREET, SAI TAI STREET AND ON NING ROAD.

ON THEIR YUEN LONG-BOUND JOURNEYS, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 36, 37, 38, 73, 75, 76 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG), KIK YEUNG ROAD, ON NING ROAD, SAU FU STREET AND TUNG LOK STREET.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 71, 72 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG), KIK YEUNG ROAD AND ON NING ROAD.

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