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TUEN MUN TOWN PARK OPENS THURSDAY

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TUEN MUN TOWN PARK, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN, WILL BE OPENED TO RESIDENTS ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 29).

THE 11.5-HECTARE PARK IS SITUATED ON RECLAIMED LAND SOUTH OF PUI TO ROAD, NEXT TO THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THE MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OF YAU OI, ON TING AND SAN FAT.

CONSTRUCTED IN PHASES, STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT, OCCUPYING 6.5 HECTARES, HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (TUEN MUN), MR JIMMY CHOW, RECALLED THAT THE PARK WAS THE SITE OF A PUBLIC DUMP IN 1973.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO TRACE OF THIS RATHER UNPLEASANT ORIGIN ON THE SITE TODAY. INSTEAD, THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL FEATURES WHICH WILL NOT BE FOUND IN EXISTING PUBLIC PARKS, HE ADDED.

THESE INCLUDE A MAN-MADE LAKE FOR BOAT ROWING, A FULLY AUTOMATIC COMPUTER-CONTROLLED IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND AN AMPHITHEATRE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE IS AN ISLAND ON WHICH STANDS A CAFE BUILT IN THE STYLE OF A TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAGODA,+ MR CHOW SAID.

TWO ARCHED BRIDGES WHICH PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE ISLAND HAVE SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE TO ALLOW BOATS TO PASS.

PART OF THE LAKE IS ALSO SET ASIDE FOR MODEL BOATING ACTIVITIES. IT IS BOUNDED BY A STEPPED EDGE ON ONE SIDE AND A LINE OF BUOYS ON THE OTHER TO PREVENT MODEL BOATS FROM STRAYING INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE LAKE.

AT THE NORTH-EASTERN CORNER OF THE LAKE IS THE AMPHITHEATRE, ALSO WITH A CHINESE PAGODA-TYPE ROOF, FOR THE STAGING OF THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL EVENTS.

FACING THE STAGE IS A SEMI-CIRCULAR STAND WITH SEATING FOR 600. A FURTHER 1 000 SPECTATORS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE GRASS MOUND BEHIND.

FOR YOUNGSTERS, THERE IS A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH A VARIETY OF PLAY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A SPACENET FOR CLIMBING. OTHER FACILITIES IN THE EXTENSIVELY LANDSCAPED PARK INCLUDE SITTING-OUT AREAS, PAVILIONS AND A LOOKOUT POINT.

THE PARK IS CONVENIENTLY LINKED BY TWO FOOTBRIDGES TO THE TOWN CENTRE IN THE EAST, AND TO SAN FAT ESTATE AND THE NEIGHBOURING COMMERCIAL AREA IN THE NORTH.

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REFERRING TO THE FULLY AUTOMATIC COMPUTER-CONTROLLED IRRIGATION SYSTEM, MR CHOW SAID THAT SPRINKLERS AND DRIPS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE PARK COULD BE PROGRAMMED TO OPERATE AT NIGHT TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO VISITORS. THE QUANTITY OF WATER USED COULD ALSO BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF PLANTS AND PREVAILING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PARK WOULD BE POPULAR WITH THE 260 000 RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR ANDY LEWIS, WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, SAID THAT THE PARK +REPRESENTS AN IDEAL BLEND OF CHINESE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND MODERN WESTERN TECHNOLOGY+.

WORK ON STAGE TWO OF THE PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS YEAR WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 160-METRE WATER CASCADE, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL BECOME THE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION IN THE \$85 MILLION PARK WHICH WILL PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT OF RECREATION FOR RESIDENTS OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

MORE PARKS ARE TO BE BUILT FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO PROVIDE BETTER LEISURE FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE NEW TOWNS.

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TAI PO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME A SUCCESS
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THE SUCCESS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN TAI PO WAS THE RESULT OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR -- PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE -- AND CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR NG WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY OF A POP CONCERT WHICH MARKED THE END OF THE TAI PO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

HE SAID THAT THE PROGRAMME WAS A MEANINGFUL PROJECT WHICH NOT ONLY PROVIDED HEALTHY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, BUT ALSO ENCOURAGED THEM TO MAKE USE OF THEIR LEISURE TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE SEVEN-WEEK SYP INCLUDED ABOUT 140 RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 30 000 PEOPLE.

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EXPANDED DEPOT TO PUT VEHICLES IN ORDER
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THE SERVICING AND MINOR REPAIR WORK OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S 440 VEHICLES IN KOWLOON CAN BE DONE IN-HOUSE WHEN THE EXPANDED VEHICLE SERVICING FACILITIES AT THE COUNCIL'S SAI YEE STREET DEPOT GO INTO FULL OPERATION IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

THE NEW FACILITIES COSTING SOME \$2.3 MILLION INCLUDE A LUBRICATION PIT, TWO INSPECTION AND REPAIR PITS AND 10 REPAIR BAYS WHICH WILL BE HOUSED IN A COVERED AREA TOTALLING ALMOST 600 SQUARE METRES.

+AT PRESENT ALL THE REPAIR WORK IS DONE IN AN OPEN AREA, WHICH MEANS THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE REPAIR WORK MIGHT SOMETIMES BE HELD UP BY RAINY WEATHER,+ ACCORDING TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TRANSPORT MANAGER (KOWLOON), MR STEPHEN SHUM.

+WITH THE PROVISION OF THE COVERED REPAIR PITS AND BAYS, MAINTENANCE WORK CAN BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IRRESPECTIVE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THEREBY REDUCING THE DOWN-TIME RATE OF VEHICLES AND IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VEHICLE FLEET,+ SAID MR SHUM.

THE DEPOT COMPOUND, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 6 000 SQUARE METRES, ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES: A HYDRAULIC REPAIR SHOP, A TYRE REPAIR SHOP AND TYRE STORE, A BATTERY CHARGING ROOM, A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE, A GENERAL STORE, 60 VEHICLE PARKING SPACES, VEHICLE WASHING BAYS, FUEL FILLING STATIONS, DRIVERS REST ROOMS, WORKSHOPS, AND OFFICES.

THE EXPANDED DEPOT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A NUMBER OF COMPRESSED AIR POINTS, WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE USE OF PNEUMATIC TOOLS IN THE MAINTENANCE WORK, THEREBY IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK TEAM.

THE COUNCIL'S VEHICLE FLEET IN KOWLOON COMPRISES 180 REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES, 169 GENERAL PURPOSE VEHICLES, 92 OTHER SPECIALIST VEHICLES SUCH AS MECHANICAL SWEEPERS, STREET FLUSHERS, GULLY CESSPIT EMPTIERS, HYDRAULIC CRANE AND GRAB LORRIES, A MOBILE LIBRARY, A MOBILE TOILET, CEMETERY VANS, BY-PRODUCTS VANS AND MEAT VANS, ETC.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE PROVISION OF VEHICLE SERVICING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT THE COUNCIL'S WHITFIELD DEPOT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL START IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS.

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ATTRACTING VOTERS WITH ENTERTAINMENT
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A VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING SERVED A DUAL PURPOSE WHEN PARTICIPANTS WERE URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS WHILE BEING ENTERTAINED AT A PLAYGROUND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING.

STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WERE OUT IN FORCE TO SIGN UP ELIGIBLE ELECTORS DURING THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHICH LASTS UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, URGED PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER SO THAT THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+ANYONE WHO IS OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR SHOULD REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR SO THAT HE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+TO DATE, ABOUT 35 000 OF THE 60 000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT ARE REGISTERED ELECTORS,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES TO NOTIFY THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER VARIETY SHOW AT CHOI YUEN ESTATE ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO PUBLICISE THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, AND STAFF OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SIGN UP.

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RESIDENTS SIGN UP AS VOTERS ON FUN DAY
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HUNDREDS OF SAI KUNG RESIDENTS TODAY (SUNDAY) SIGNED UP AS ELECTORS DURING A FUN DAY OUTING ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

TRAVELLING IN COACHES SOME 600 PARTICIPANTS TOURED SEVERAL DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, STOPPING AT THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTION IN TSUEN WAN AND THE SUNG DYNASTY VILLAGE IN LAI CHI KOK.

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DURING THE STOPOVERS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HELPED PARTICIPANTS REGISTER AS ELECTORS AS PART OF THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH LASTS UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ORGANISE SIMILAR OUTINGS EACH YEAR TO ENHANCE CLOSER TIES WITH RESIDENTS AND TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THE FUN DAY OUTING WAS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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INJURED WORKERS' JOB RIGHTS EXPLAINED

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) WARNED THAT EMPLOYERS WHO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN INJURED WORKER DURING HIS SICK LEAVE COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND ARE LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

THE WARNING FOLLOWS A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY IN KWUN TONG WAS FINED THE MAXIMUM OF \$5 000 FOR DISMISSING AN INJURED WATCHMAN DURING SICK LEAVE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER SECTION 48 OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYER SHOULD NOT TERMINATE, OR GIVE NOTICE TO TERMINATE, THE CONTRACT OF SERVICE OF AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAD SUFFERED INCAPACITY IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ENTITLE HIM TO COMPENSATION.

ADVICE ON THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION, HE ADDED.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO SEE HOW BOARD WORKS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISTRICT AFFAIRS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE FOUR COMMITTEES OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS, FOLLOWING THE REGULAR DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS, WHICH ARE ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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THEY ARE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

PEOPLE WISHING TO ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 5-8921239 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE MEETINGS:

- + ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE : AUGUST 27 (4 PM).
- + COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE : SEPTEMBER 3 (4 PM).
- + TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE : SEPTEMBER 10 (4 PM).
- + CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE : SEPTEMBER 17 (4 PM).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETINGS.

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DB MEETING ON HOUSING GREEN PAPER
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TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 27).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON PROPOSALS TO ENACT LAWS TO CONTROL VILLAGE VEHICLES.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND THE REVISED DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 27) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

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WORKSHOP ON REMEDIAL ENGLISH TEACHING

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A WORKSHOP ON REMEDIAL ENGLISH TEACHING WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS TEACHING REMEDIAL CLASSES.

THE THREE-MEETING WORKSHOP, CONDUCTED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE ENGLISH TEACHING CENTRE AT TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, STARTING SEPTEMBER 26.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT A NAME LIST OF TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12.

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YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL

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IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL ON OCTOBER 13 AND OCTOBER 20.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES) OF THE RSD, MR DAVID MAK, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CARNIVAL AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 27).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE MOVING
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NOW OPERATING IN TWO DIFFERENT ADDRESSES IN CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 30) WHILE IT MOVES TO ITS NEW ADDRESS AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, SIXTH FLOOR, CENTRAL.

THE OFFICE WILL OPEN AT ITS NEW ADDRESS THE NEXT DAY, SATURDAY (AUGUST 31).

AT PRESENT, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SECTIONS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE OF RSD ARE HOUSED IN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 21ST FLOOR, AND THE LEISURE SERVICES SECTION IN CONNAUGHT BUILDING, 55 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, 2ND FLOOR.

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KOWLOON TONG TRAFFIC CHANGES
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A NEW TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF KAM SHING ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF WESTERN SECTION OF KAM SHING ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED BY ABOUT 60 METRES WESTWARDS.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN KOWLOON BAY
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WANG CHIU ROAD BETWEEN KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES SOUTH OF KAI CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 28) TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON WANG CHIU ROAD IN THE DIRECTION OF KAI CHEUNG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, RICHLAND GARDENS AND KAI YIP ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KAI CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE
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HORNSEY ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 28) TO SATURDAY (AUGUST 31) FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE ROBINSON ROAD AND GLENEALY.

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REPULSE BAY WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE REPULSE BAY AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 28) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY HOUSE NOS. 45-99 AND 28-44 OF REPULSE BAY ROAD, BELLEVIEW DRIVE AND HOUSE NOS. 19-55 AND 34-52 OF ISLAND ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED.

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