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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY REPORT

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IN ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR 1981, WHICH IS PUBLISHED TODAY, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY STATED THAT NOTABLE PROGRESS IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN PRODUCING LAND TO SATISFY HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS.

THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON LYDIA DUNN, HAS RECOMMENDED TARGETS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF LAND AND HAS ASSESSED THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN RELATION TO THESE TARGETS.

AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THIS YEAR'S REPORT, WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$16, IS THE INCLUSION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN LAND PRODUCTION, ALSO CHAIRED BY MISS DUNN.

AS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONCENTRATED ON THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR HOUSING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LAND, AND THESE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH CURRENT LAND PRODUCTION FORECASTS TO ASSESS HOW WELL LAND SUPPLY WILL MATCH THE LAND REQUIREMENTS ARISING FROM POLICY OBJECTIVES.

THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN CONCLUSIONS ARE:-

- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING AT 30 000 FLATS A YEAR UP TO 1985/86 AND 5 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES. NEWLY APPROVED HIGHER DENSITY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING SHOULD ASSIST IN ACHIEVING GREATER COST-EFFECTIVENESS PER CAPITA IN LAND PRODUCTION WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO LIVING STANDARDS.
- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION AT 7 500 FLATS A YEAR FROM 1984/85 FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING SCHEMES.
- * CURRENT HIGH DENSITY PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS SHOULD PRODUCE AN AVERAGE OF 27 000 FLATS A YEAR UP TO 1983/84. BEYOND THIS, NEW LAND PRODUCTION COULD SUSTAIN PRODUCTION OF 21 000 FLATS A YEAR, IN ADDITION TO FLATS PRODUCED THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT.
- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY FOR MEDIUM AND LOW DENSITY HOUSING IS CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATE, BUT THE RELEASE OF HIGH CLASS HOUSING SITES FOR SALE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED TO ENSURE THAT NO SLIPPAGE OCCURS.

/* FORECAST LAND

- * FORECAST LAND SUPPLY FOR INDUSTRIAL USE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXCEED THAT NECESSARY SIMPLY TO SATISFY TERRITORIAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS, GIVEN CURRENT SPACE REQUIREMENTS. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT, AS INDUSTRY DIVERSIFIES, IT IS LIKELY TO BECOME MORE SPACE-INTENSIVE AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT SALES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND SHOULD CONTINUE AT CURRENT LEVELS. NEVERTHELESS THE COMMITTEE RECOGNISES THE NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE USES FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND AND IT WILL BE GIVING DETAILED CONSIDERATION TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE OVER-SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION REMAIN VALID IN PRESENT MARKET CONDITIONS.
- * THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDES THAT THE SUPPLY OF LAND FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES IS ADEQUATE IN NEW TOWN AREAS. SATISFACTORY PROVISION IN THE OLDER URBAN AREAS WILL DEPEND UPON PROGRESS MADE BY THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION.
- * THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ADDITIONAL SITES FOR OFFICES BE EARMARKED IN NEW TOWN AREAS AT KEY TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES AND PERHAPS IN SELECTED MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

IN ADDITION TO ITS WORK IN SETTING TARGETS, FORECASTING SUPPLY AND MONITORING PERFORMANCES IN LAND SUPPLY, THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO STUDIED SUCH RELATED TOPICS AS:-

- * THE RATIONALISATION OF TEMPORARY USE OF LAND. WORK IS IN HAND TO ESTABLISH A ROLLING PROGRAMME WHICH WILL ENSURE THE RELEASE OF SALEABLE SITES QUICKLY AND THE CONCENTRATION OF TEMPORARY USES IN AREAS WHERE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED. THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL BE GIVING THIS MATTER A HIGH PRIORITY IN THE COMING MONTHS.
- * THE CO-ORDINATION OF SQUATTER CLEARANCE WITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS.
- * THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED, AND EVENTUALLY COMPUTERISED LAND USE DATA SYSTEM. IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL BENEFITS OF SUCH A SYSTEM THE CONTINUING WORK ON THIS SUBJECT IS TO BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY.
- * THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN LAND PRODUCTION. THE COMMITTEE PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THE YEAR, AND SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER IT IN DETAIL. ITS MAIN CONCLUSIONS ARE:-
 - * THE EXTENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN LAND PRODUCTION SHOULD BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CRITERIA, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR ANY AREAS IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR DISPOSAL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BE SELF-CONTAINED, RELATIVELY FREE OF ACQUISITION AND CLEARANCE PROBLEMS AND COMPATIBLE WITH GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGIC PLANNING.

- * A NUMBER OF SITES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN EXISTING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS, WHICH THE WORKING GROUP IDENTIFIED AS BEING SUITABLE FOR DISPOSAL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE SOLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- * PROVISIONS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SITES SUITABLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE ENGINEERING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, IN THE PLANNING BRIEF FOR ANY NEW AREA IN WHICH IT IS DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE LARGE-SCALE URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
- * THE CONCEPT OF A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SHOULD BE STUDIED IN GREATER DETAIL BY CONSULTANTS, WHO SHOULD CONSIDER APPLICATION OF THE CONCEPT TO CONSOLIDATION OF LANDHOLDINGS AS WELL AS TO LAND PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

BESIDES ITS BASIC TASKS OF SETTING LAND PRODUCTION TARGETS AND MONITORING PERFORMANCE, THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO GIVE DETAILED THOUGHT OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS, INCLUDING:-

- * LOOKING AT THE PROBLEMS OF URBAN RE-DEVELOPMENT AND SUGGESTING WAYS IN WHICH THESE MIGHT BE OVERCOME. IN ADDITION, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL BE SETTING UP A CONSULTANCY TO STUDY THE CONCEPT OF A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE POSSIBLE USE OF SUCH A CONCEPT TO CARRY OUT URBAN RENEWAL.
- * LOOKING IN PARTICULAR AT THE EXISTING POLICY ON PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND.
- * CONCENTRATING ON MEANS OF IMPROVING LAND USE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A ROLLING PROGRAMME TO RATIONALISE TEMPORARY USES OF LAND AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A LAND INVENTORY SYSTEM.
- * REVIEWING THE CONCEPT OF +BALANCED DEVELOPMENT+ OF INDIVIDUAL NEW TOWN AREAS IN THE LIGHT OF SHIFTS OF POPULATION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, AN INCREASINGLY MOBILE WORKFORCE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUING TO BE CONCENTRATED IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS.
- * REVIEWING THE LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE DEVELOPMENT.

A GOVERNMENT NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1982 TO MAY 31, 1983 APPEARED IN THE GAZETTE ON JULY 2, 1982. IN ADDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE MR W.M. SULKE, MR GEOFFREY YEH, MR R.C.Y. POON, MR R.J. OSBORN AND THE HON W.C.L. BROWN.

AGRICULTURE IN HONG KONG - A STRATEGIC FOOD RESERVE

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AGRICULTURE IN HONG KONG ACTS AS A STRATEGIC FOOD RESERVE AND IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY BY CAREFUL AND RATIONAL PLANNING.

THIS ASSERTION WAS GIVEN TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

LAST YEAR LOCAL AGRICULTURE, WHICH PRODUCES FRESH VEGETABLES, FRESH WATER FISH, LIVE POULTRY AND PIGS, CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE VALUE (\$4 839 MILLION) OF ALL FRESH AGRICULTURAL FOODSTUFFS CONSUMED, DR LEE SAID.

+IN QUANTITY TERMS, LOCAL FARMERS PROVIDED 38 PER CENT OF THE FRESH VEGETABLES, 14 PER CENT OF FRESH WATER FISH, 55 PER CENT OF LIVE POULTRY AND 21 PER CENT OF LIVE PIGS.

+THESE ARE GENERALLY OF HIGHER QUALITY THAN THE IMPORTED STUFFS AS REFLECTED IN THE GENERAL HIGHER PRICES FETCHED IN THE MARKETS,+ HE SAID.

THE OFFICIAL POLICY IN HONG KONG TOWARDS AGRICULTURE, DR LEE SAID, IS DIRECTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING GREATER PRODUCTIVITY AND STABILITY OF PRODUCTION- THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDERLY MARKETING AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT FACILITIES.

AGRICULTURE ACTS AS A STRATEGIC RESERVE IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY WHEN SUPPLIES FROM OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING CHINA ARE INTERRUPTED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, DR LEE SAID. HE CITED NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS EARTHQUAKE, DROUGHT AND FLOODING AS EXAMPLES FOR THE INTERRUPTION.

LOCAL SUPPLIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE ALSO SERVE VERY IMPORTANT PRICING FUNCTIONS IN A FREE MARKET ECONOMIC SYSTEM, DR LEE ADDED.

HE SAID: +IMPORTED SUPPLIES OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS ARE SUBJECT TO LARGE VARIATIONS IN PRICES AND IT IS HERE THAT LOCAL SUPPLIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART AS A PRICE STABILISER, MINIMISING THE UNDESIRABLE EFFECT OF PRICE VARIATIONS.

+LOCAL AGRICULTURE, BECAUSE OF ITS INHERENT COMPETITIVE NATURE, HELPS TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET PRICES OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS. IN ITS ABSENCE, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE PRICES OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS WOULD BE HIGHER THAN THEY ARE.+

HE ADDED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL SUPPLIES OF AGRICULTURAL FRESH FOODSTUFFS HELPS TO REDUCE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DEFICIT BY AT LEAST 10 PER CENT. IT ALSO PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT.

AND ACTIVE AGRICULTURE WAS ALSO THE BEST WAY TO EFFICIENT RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT FROM A TOWN PLANNING POINT OF VIEW, DR LEE SAID.

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+THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL ARABLE LAND BY CAREFUL AND ACTIVE CULTIVATION ALSO PRODUCES A RURAL LANDSCAPE WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR A GEOGRAPHICALLY CONFINED PLACE LIKE HONG KONG.+

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS IN SEEKING TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE INDUSTRY AND BY IMPLEMENTING AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO RAISE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY BY ENCOURAGING FARMERS TO ADOPT MODERN INPUTS AND FARMING TECHNIQUES.

ONE PROBLEM BESETTING THE INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, LIES IN THE CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN ACREAGE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, WHICH DROPPED FROM A PEAK OF 13 720 HECTARES IN 1962 TO 9 850 LAST YEAR, DR LEE SAID.

ANOTHER PROBLEM RELATES TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, WITH CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER THE LIVESTOCK FARMERS DUMPING OR WASHING DOWN ANIMAL WASTE INTO WATER STREAMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WHILE SUCH PRACTICES WERE ENDURED IN THE PAST, IT IS HARDLY TOLERABLE NOWADAYS BY A MORE EDUCATED AND AFFLUENT POPULATION WHICH RANKS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.+

THESE PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR SYSTEMATIC AND STRATEGIC AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PLANNING WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CONSERVATION OF PRIME VEGETABLE LAND BY ENCOURAGING THE RE-OPENING OF ABANDONED LAND AS WELL AS RATIONALISING LIVESTOCK FARMING BY EXERCISING SUITABLE CONTROL AND BY DEVISING APPROPRIATE WASTE TREATMENT AND COLLECTION METHODS.

+ALL THESE FORM ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTS OF THE STUDIES CONDUCTED BY THE CONSULTANT GROUP COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SEARCH FOR A PREFERRED STRATEGY FOR ORDERLY GROWTH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO ITS OPTIMUM DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL,+ DR LEE SAID.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON A VISIT TO LONDON ON THURSDAY NIGHT FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN SEPTEMBER, AND ON OTHER CURRENT ISSUES.

HE IS EXPECTED TO BE AWAY FOR JUST OVER A WEEK.

DURING SIR EDWARD'S ABSENCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WILL BE THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

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HONG KONG HIT BY ITS FIRST TORNADO IN JUNE

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THE MOST UNUSUAL WEATHER EVENT LAST MONTH WAS THE TORNADO ON JUNE 2, THE FIRST EVER TO HAVE STRUCK HONG KONG SINCE WEATHER RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (TUESDAY).

JUNE WAS DRIER AND SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN USUAL. THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 205.9 MM WAS ABOUT HALF THE NORMAL FIGURE. ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 1 353 MM, WHICH WAS 36 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO CLOUDIER AND LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL.

THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES -- TYPHOON RUBY AND TROPICAL STORMS SKIP AND TESS -- DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

RUBY ORIGINATED NEAR THE CAROLINE ISLANDS ON JUNE 21 AND BECAME EXTRATROPICAL EAST OF JAPAN ON JUNE 27.

SKIP FORMED EAST OF THE RYUKYUS ON JUNE 29 AND MOVED AWAY INTO THE PACIFIC.

TESS FORMED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 27. IT RECURVED NEAR HAINAN TO MOVE EAST-NORTHEAST ROUGHLY PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND CAUSED TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS TO BE HOISTED IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

IN HONG KONG, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SOME SHOWERS ON JUNE 1. SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JUNE 2 AND MAXIMUM GUSTS OF 52 KNOTS WERE REPORTED AT TSIM BEI TSUI.

A TORNADO SWEEPED ACROSS THE NORTHWESTERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN ABOUT 10.30 AM AND 11 AM ON JUNE 2, KILLING TWO MEN AND INJURING FIVE OTHERS.

FROM THE TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION AND DESCRIPTIONS BY EYE-WITNESSES, IT APPEARED THAT THE TORNADO CROSSED PAK NAI, LO UK TSUEN, WANG CHAU, HUNG MO KIU AND DISSIPATED NEAR TAI KONG PO.

IN LO UK TSUEN, EIGHT HOUSES WERE DAMAGED WITH THE ROOFS OF FOUR BEING CARRIED AWAY, AND TREES WERE UPROOTED OR BROKEN, CAUSING INJURIES TO TWO PEOPLE.

AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN WANG CHAU, SEVERAL PEOPLE IN A WOODEN HUT WERE HURLED INTO THE AIR AND THROWN BACK TO THE GROUND. A 56-YEAR-OLD CARPENTER WAS KILLED AND TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED.

IN HUNG MO KIU, RESIDENTS REPORTED SWIRLING WOODEN PLANKS, TWIGS AND DEBRIS. A WOODEN HUT NEAR A FISH POND WAS THROWN INTO THE AIR AND COMPLETELY SHATTERED. A 49-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS KILLED, BUT HIS WIFE AND 9-MONTH OLD BABY GIRL WERE SAVED. ONE OF THE THREE YOUTHS FISHING AT THE TIME WAS INJURED.

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WINDS TURNED EASTERLY ON JUNE 3 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY. A MINOR LANDSLIP OCCURRED IN KWAI CHUNG BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

THE WEATHER BECAME FINE ON JUNE 4 AND 5. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH OF 22.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 4.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE LYING CLOSE TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG CAUSED THUNDERSTORMS ON JUNE 8 AND 9, FOLLOWING SOME SCATTERED SHOWERS ON JUNE 6 AND 7.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON JUNE 10 WITH SUNNY INTERVALS.

BETWEEN JUNE 11 AND 21 THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON PREVAILED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS SUNNY AND HOT EVERY DAY WITH A FEW SHOWERS.

ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JUNE 16 AND 18 WITH A FEW MORE IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 21. TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 31.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JUNE 21, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS WERE BROUGHT BY A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSING SOUTH ACROSS HONG KONG ON JUNE 22 AND 23.

THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY ON JUNE 24. WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST FOR A BRIEF PERIOD DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE 25 BUT MODERATED LATER.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND HOT FROM JUNE 26 TO 28. EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED AGAIN IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 27 AND MODERATED THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

HOWEVER, EASTERLY WINDS BECAME STRONG IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 28 AS TROPICAL STORM TESS DEVELOPED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. WINDS REMAINED STRONG ON JUNE 29 AND 30 WHILE TESS CAME CLOSER TO HONG KONG. MAXIMUM GUSTS OF 48 KNOTS AND 53 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND AND TATE'S CAIRN RESPECTIVELY. TESS ALSO BROUGHT FREQUENT SHOWERS AND PERIODS OF RAIN ON JUNE 29 AND 30.

DURING THE MONTH THREE PLANES WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

ON JUNE 2 THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT. ON JUNE 8-10 AND 21-23 THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON JUNE 2 AND WAS LOWERED THE SAME AFTERNOON. IT WAS ALSO HOISTED ON JUNE 25 AND 27, BUT WAS LOWERED THE FOLLOWING MORNING RESPECTIVELY.

FOR TROPICAL STORM TESS, WARNING SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED AT NOON ON JUNE 28 BUT IT WAS REPLACED BY SIGNAL NO. 3 BETWEEN 7.10 PM THE SAME DAY AND 6.10 AM ON JULY 1. IT REVERTED TO SIGNAL NO. 1, WHICH WAS LOWERED AT 6.40 PM THE SAME DAY.

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	131.1 HOURS	= 28.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	205.9 MM	= 225.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	81 PER CENT	= 6 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT	= 3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	29.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 1.2 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	27.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	25.5 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	= 1.1 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	144.6 MM	= 8.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 21 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 4.

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE VISITS HONG KONG
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THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, MR IAIN SPROAT, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

MR SPROAT HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SHIPPING AND CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS.

THIS IS MR SPROAT'S FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG. DURING HIS STAY, HE WILL BE MEETING THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT VARIOUS PORT AND AIRPORT INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT, AND SEEING REPRESENTATIVES OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND LEADING HONG KONG SHIPPING COMPANIES.

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SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR W. DORWARD TO THE RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

MR DORWARD WILL HEAD A NEW BRANCH IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WITH POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY MATTERS. THE NEW BRANCH WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON AUGUST 1.

MR DORWARD, 52, IS AT PRESENT THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN JANUARY 1954. HE JOINED THE TRADE OFFICER GRADE IN APRIL 1957 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS IN OCTOBER 1979. FROM JULY 1974 TO JANUARY 1976, WHILE SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR DORWARD WAS POSTED TO THE GENEVA OFFICE AS AN ALTERNATE AND LATER A FULL MEMBER OF THE GATT TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH ON AUGUST 1, THE EXISTING TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL BE DEFEDERALISED INTO THREE SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS: TRADE; INDUSTRY; AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

MR L.W.R. MILLS, CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, AND MR P.K.Y. TSAO, CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, WILL CONTINUE TO HEAD THE TRADE AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENTS. THEIR TITLES WILL BE CHANGED TO DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY RESPECTIVELY. BOTH MR MILLS AND MR TSAO HAVE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AT THE RANK OF STAFF GRADE B1.

MR D.A. JORDAN, CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, WILL BECOME COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

MR DORWARD IS AT PRESENT ON HOME LEAVE AND WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR P.K.Y. TSAO WILL ACT AS SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHEN THE POST COMES INTO BEING.

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HAYE STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICAL STUDIES

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EDUCATIONALISTS HAVE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS RECOGNISED THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIALITIES OF PRACTICAL STUDIES IN HELPING TO DEVELOP THE CREATIVE AND INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST YOUNG HONG KONG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMPETITION 1982 AT LA SALLE COLLEGE, MR HAYE SAID THE DAYS WHEN SCHOOLS WERE JUST CONCERNED WITH MANIPULATIVE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH STANDARD, BORING EXERCISES WERE GONE.

HE SAID PRACTICAL EDUCATION HAD DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE PAST DECADE, AND THE TITLE 'DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY' DESCRIBED MORE ADEQUATELY THAN WOODWORK OR METALWORK THE WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN SCHOOL WORKSHOPS.

HE SAID: +THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF WOODWORK AND METALWORK WAS THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF BOYS, MAINLY THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF SKILLS.

+DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXTEND THIS TO PROVIDE A FULLER EXPERIENCE IN WHICH COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT FEATURES MORE STRONGLY. THE CENTRAL AIM IS TO GIVE BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS CONFIDENCE IN IDENTIFYING, EXAMINING AND FINALLY SOLVING PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE USE OF MATERIALS.+

MR HAYE SAID DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, THROUGH THE FULL SEQUENCE OF DESIGNING AND MAKING, NOW MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF TRANSFERABLE SKILLS AND POSITIVE PERSONAL ATTITUDES.

+ALL PUPILS SHOULD ACQUIRE A GENERAL PRACTICAL COMPETENCE, AND A SOUND APPROACH TO THE RESOLVING OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE BELIEVED ALL INDUSTRIALISTS WOULD AGREE THAT MOTIVATION, KEENNESS TO LEARN AND ABILITY TO PROGRESS STEADILY WERE EXPECTED OF ALL ENTRANTS TO INDUSTRY, AND EMPLOYERS WOULD SEEK YOUNGSTERS WHO COULD WORK EITHER INDEPENDENTLY OR IN A TEAM.

HE SAID: +THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG NEEDS CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND I BELIEVE THAT DESIGN-BASED STUDIES WILL HELP TO PRODUCE THE FLEXIBLE, ADAPTABLE PEOPLE OUR INDUSTRIES WILL REQUIRE IN THE FUTURE.+

AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES AND ENTRIES WHICH RECEIVED COMMENDATION DURING THE COMPETITION, WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, WILL BE HELD AT LA SALLE COLLEGE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO JULY 23.

TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM TO NOON AND 2 PM TO 4 PM.

APPEAL FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES

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POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WITH THE WELFARE OF LOCAL PEOPLE AT HEART ARE URGED TO STAND FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 23.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE TODAY BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID TSUI, WHO POINTED OUT THAT NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES WOULD BEGIN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM AUGUST 6 TO 31.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT, AND CAPABLE OF OFFERING CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

+THE ESSENCE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO COME FORWARD TO STAND AS CANDIDATES.

+THERE WILL BE 76 VACANCIES, ONE SEAT FOR EACH OF THE 76 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE 10 CITY DISTRICTS.

+GENERALLY, A PERSON IS QUALIFIED FOR NOMINATION AS A CANDIDATE IF HE OR SHE IS A REGISTERED ELECTOR WITH 10 OR MORE YEARS OF RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.+

MR TSUI ALSO OUTLINED THE NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND OTHER ELECTION DETAILS.

A CANDIDATE MUST BE NOMINATED BY 10 REGISTERED ELECTORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, IN THE CONSTITUENCY FOR WHICH HE SEEKS ELECTION, AND A DEPOSIT OF \$1 000 IS REQUIRED.

AFTER DELIVERING HIS NOMINATION PAPERS TO THE RETURNING OFFICER, THE CANDIDATE SHOULD CALL AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE BETWEEN AUGUST 6 AND SEPTEMBER 1 TO COMPLETE CERTAIN FORMALITIES.

HE WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE RELEVANT PART OF THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS RELATED TO THE CONSTITUENCY FOR WHICH HE SEEKS ELECTION, AND COPIES OF RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS CONCERNING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MR TSUI ADVISED CANDIDATES TO READ CAREFULLY THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES ORDINANCE BEFORE UNDERTAKING CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES.

+CANDIDATES CAN PROMOTE THEMSELVES THROUGH TELEVISION, RADIO, PAMPHLETS, POSTERS AND GATHERINGS. HOWEVER, TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED CANNOT EXCEED \$10 000,+ HE SAID.

+A CANDIDATE, IF HE SO WISHES, CAN EMPLOY ONE PERSON TO ACT AS HIS ELECTION AGENT. BUT THE FEE PAYABLE TO THE AGENT CANNOT EXCEED \$3 000 WHICH WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

+CANDIDATES MAY ALSO ORGANISE PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGNING PURPOSES, SUBJECT TO GIVING ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE POLICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980.

+THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS WHO WILL SERVE AS RETURNING OFFICERS WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER ADVICE ON LOCAL FACILITIES WHICH CANDIDATES CAN USE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AFTER GIVING NOTICE TO THE POLICE AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE.

+VENUES FOR HOLDING SUCH MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL HALLS, SOCIAL WELFARE BUILDINGS, PLAYGROUNDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND CERTAIN FACILITIES OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR TSUI CONTINUED THAT EACH CANDIDATE COULD SEND ONE POSTAGE-FREE LETTER, NOT EXCEEDING 50 GRAMS, OF ELECTION COMMUNICATION TO EVERY ELECTOR IN HIS CONSTITUENCY.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO PREPARE PRINTED LEAFLETS TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES TO ELECTORS.

+A CANDIDATE MAY OF COURSE PREPARE HIS OWN POSTER TO PROMOTE HIS ELECTION, BUT SUCH POSTERS MUST NOT BE DISPLAYED IN PLACES WHERE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED,+ HE SAID.

MR TSUI ADDED THAT AS SOON AS NOMINATIONS CLOSED ON AUGUST 31 CANDIDATES WOULD BE BRIEFED ON FURTHER DETAILS OF ELECTORAL PROCEDURES.

MORE THAN 700 000 VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS, REPRESENTING 35 PER CENT OF THE TWO MILLION ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

ON ELECTION DAY, A TOTAL OF 174 POLLING STATIONS WILL OPEN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM FOR ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

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STREET MANAGEMENT FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN URBAN RENEWAL PILOT SCHEME AREA

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS EARMARKED AN AREA IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FOR A TRIAL SCHEME FOR STREET MANAGEMENT.

THE AREA IS THE URBAN RENEWAL PILOT SCHEME AREA BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL IN THE NORTH, HOLLYWOOD ROAD IN THE SOUTH, SHING WONG STREET IN THE EAST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST IN THE WEST.

A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN SET UP TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF NECESSARY CLEARANCE OPERATIONS.

ALREADY PART OF THE REQUIRED OPERATIONS HAS STARTED TODAY (TUESDAY) AND SOME ILLEGAL HAWKER STALLS AND DEBRIS ALONG LOK KU ROAD, TUNG STREET, UPPER LASCAR ROW AND NEIGHBOURING SIDE LANES HAD BEEN REMOVED, AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FURTHER CLEARANCE OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT A LATER DATE.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO TACKLE OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE AREA, SUCH AS ILLEGAL SHOP EXTENSIONS, DISPLAY OF GOODS ON PAVEMENTS, ILLEGAL PARKING AND REFUSE DUMPING.

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SEMINAR FOR CAREERS TEACHERS

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SIXTY SECONDARY SCHOOL CAREERS TEACHERS WILL ATTEND A RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR ON CAREERS EDUCATION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YEAS POINTED OUT TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING TRAINING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND CREATING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM AND STAFF OF THE YEAS.

THE MAIN THEME OF THE SEMINAR IS INTEGRATION OF CAREERS EDUCATION INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

FINDINGS OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRESENTED AT A MEETING TO BE HELD AT LA SALLE COLLEGE ON AUGUST 27, 1982.

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PUBLICATION OF TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT TABULATIONS

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THREE REPORTS ON THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS ARE PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE REPORTS, ENTITLED 'HONG KONG 1981 CENSUS - TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT TABULATIONS', DESCRIBE THE DETAILED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, RESPECTIVELY.

EACH OF THE REPORTS CONSISTS OF SETS OF TABLES SUMMARISING THE POPULATION DATA BY TERTIARY PLANNING UNITS. THE TABLES COVER SUCH TOPICS AS AGE AND SEX, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MARITAL STATUS, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INCOME, RENT, HOUSEHOLD SIZE, HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, TENURE, AND TYPE OF LIVING QUARTER. MAPS SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TERTIARY PLANNING UNITS ARE ALSO ATTACHED.

+THE 'TERTIARY PLANNING UNIT TABULATIONS' REPORTS ARE THE FIRST SERIES OF CENSUS REPORTS DESIGNED TO SHOW THE DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION BY DETAILED GEOGRAPHICAL UNIT+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

+DETAILED ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE 1981 CENSUS RESULTS ARE NOT ATTEMPTED IN THESE REPORTS. THIS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE MAIN REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED LATER THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REPORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 6 AM FROM THURSDAY (JULY 22) UNTIL SATURDAY (JULY 24) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGES.

THEY ARE:

- * SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN MODY LANE AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH;
- * MODY ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MODY LANE AND A POINT OUTSIDE SHANGRILA HOTEL; AND
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH INTO SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON SALISBURY ROAD HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CAMERON ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI SOUTH OR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MODY LANE, MODY ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

TRAFFIC ON MODY LANE SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

ACCESS TO WING ON PLAZA, MIRROR TOWER AND SHANGRILA HOTEL WILL BE MAINTAINED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND MODY ROAD EASTBOUND AND THAT TO ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL AND THE METERED PUBLIC CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE HOTEL WILL BE VIA MODY ROAD WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE GRANVILLE ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND HONG CHONG ROAD.

MEANWHILE, IN TSUEN WAN THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN TAI HO ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL ALSO BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (JULY 22 AND 23) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE TAI HO ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD TO REJOIN CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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