



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW \$56M SHA TIN STATION IN 1979

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A NEW \$56 MILLION RAILWAY STATION IS TO BE BUILT AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH WILL RIVAL THE HUNG HOM TERMINUS IN DESIGN AND FACILITIES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO CALL TENDERS FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA RAIL TRAFFIC RESULTING FROM THE GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, MR. LEUNG MIN-SUN, SAID TODAY THAT IN THE FIRST STAGE, THE NUMBER OF TRACKS PASSING THROUGH THE STATION WILL BE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FOUR.

+TWO MORE COVERED ISLAND PLATFORMS WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO PERMIT MORE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO TRAINS, AND IMPROVE PASSENGER SAFETY BY SEGREGATING THEM FROM THE TRACKS.+ HE SAID.

MR. LEUNG ADDED THAT THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE WORKS, EARTHWORKS AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

IN THE NEXT STAGE, A NEW STATION WILL BE BUILT ON A REINFORCED CONCRETE PODIUM EXTENDING OVER THE PLATFORMS AND RAILWAY TRACKS.

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT +THE STATION CONCOURSE WILL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE 2,600 PASSENGERS AND WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES TO RIVAL THOSE AVAILABLE AT HUNG HOM.+

+IT WILL INCORPORATE BOOKING AND STATION-MASTER OFFICES, A PUBLIC RESTAURANT AND BAR, A BOOKSTALL, A MINI-BANK AND A CANTEEN AND CHANGING ROOMS FOR KCR STAFF.+

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT THE NEW STATION COMPLEX WOULD BE COMMISSIONED TOWARDS THE END OF 1979.

+AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME,+ HE SAID, +DOUBLE TRACKING BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND LO WU SHOULD BE COMPLETED, CONSIDERABLY IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE NEW TOWN.+

THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS ALSO CALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL TRACKS WITHIN THE SHA TIN STATION BOUNDARY FOR THE STABLING AND MARSHALLING OF GOODS TRAINS.

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A BUSY YEAR FOR POST OFFICE
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THE POST OFFICE HANDLED A RECORD 292.5 MILLION POSTAL ARTICLES OR SOME 800,000 A DAY IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1977.

THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT IN WORK-LOAD COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE POST OFFICE.

THIS HIGHER VOLUME OF BUSINESS, ALONG WITH THE EFFECTS OF A RATES REVISION FOR OVERSEAS MAIL INTRODUCED IN JANUARY 1976 ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONVENTION, BROUGHT THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR TO NEARLY \$290.7 MILLION -- AN INCREASE OF \$40.2 MILLION OR SOME 16.3 PER CENT OVER 1975-76.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOWED THAT AIRMAIL LAST YEAR FROM HONG KONG, INCLUDING LETTERS, POST CARDS, PRINTED PAPERS, SMALL PACKETS AND PARCELS, WEIGHED MORE THAN 2.8 MILLION KILOGRAMMES, OR ALMOST 25 PER CENT MORE THAN THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN LETTER MAIL, FOR DELIVERY AS WELL AS FOR DESPATCH, REFLECTING THE WORLD-WIDE INTERESTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE, CONTINUED TO OCCUPY ABOUT HALF THE VOLUME OF MAIL, INCREASING FROM 133.8 MILLION ITEMS IN 1975-76 TO 137.7 MILLION ITEMS LAST YEAR.

LOCAL LETTER MAIL ALSO RECORDED A 10.1 PER CENT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC OVER 1975-76, FROM 135 MILLION ITEMS TO 148.7 MILLION.

PARCEL MAIL, HOWEVER, EXCLUDING AIRMAIL PARCELS WHICH INCREASED IN WEIGHT BY 25 PER CENT, WAS GENERALLY ON THE DECREASE. IT DROPPED IN THE CASE OF LOCAL PARCELS BY OVER 23 PER CENT FROM A HIGH OF MORE THAN 104,000 ITEMS IN 1975-76.

THE NUMBER OF PARCELS DESTINED FOR CHINA ALSO CONTINUED TO FALL, FROM 773,900 TO 555,800, WHILE OVERSEAS PARCELS FOR DELIVERY TO LOCAL ADDRESSES DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN QUANTITY FROM 526,900 TO 523,800 ITEMS.

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HONG KONG TO BUILD FIRST SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLANT
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW \$38 MILLION SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLANT AT CHAI WAN TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF REFUSE GENERATED BY THE RAPID GROWTH OF HONG KONG.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS AND THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR HONG KONG'S FIRST PULVERISING AND COMPOSTING PLANT WILL BE INVITED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR. K.C. WONG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR, THE NEW PLANT WILL INITIALLY BE CAPABLE OF DISPOSING 240 TONNES OF MIXED URBAN REFUSE PER DAY.

THE NEW COMPOSTING PLANT WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,300 SQUARE METRES ON RECLAIMED LAND AT SUN YIP STREET OFF CHAI WAN ROAD.

APART FROM THE STEEL-PILE FOUNDATIONS WORK AND A STEEL FRAME BUILDING SUPERSTRUCTURE, THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE TWO-STOREY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, WORKSHOP AND STORE BUILDING, AND A STEEL FRAME BUILDING FOR THE COMPOST STOCKING AREA, TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

MR. WONG SAID THAT THE NEW PLANT REPRESENTED A MAJOR STEP IN THE P.W.D.'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BETTER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF DISPOSING REFUSE.

+THE MECHANISED COMPOSTING PROCESS IS A RELATIVELY NEW SYSTEM OF REFUSE DISPOSAL WHICH IS BECOMING MORE WIDELY USED IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IS BEING INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY BOOST OUR PRESENT FACILITIES AND , TOGETHER WITH THE EXISTING INCINERATOR AT KENNEDY TOWN, WILL ÉNABLE US TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ISLAND'S REFUSE UNTIL WELL INTO THE 'EIGHTIES',+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, SOME 760 TONNES OF REFUSE ARE COLLECTED EACH DAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND. OF THIS, 620 TONNES ARE BURNT AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR WHILE THE REST IS DUMPED AS FILL AT P.W.D. CONTROLLED TIPS.

MR. WONG SAID THE COMPOSTING PLANT FORMED PART OF AN OVERALL 10-YEAR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG AS RECOMMENDED BY THE P.W.D.'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MAUNSELL'S CONSULTANTS ASIA.

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PLANS WERE IN HAND FOR BUILDING A SECOND PULVERISING AND COMPOSTING PLANT TO BE LOCATED AT SHA TIN.

HE SAID ONE OF THE BIG ADVANTAGES OF THE COMPOSTING PROCESS -- WHICH BASICALLY INVOLVES THE BREAKING DOWN OF SOLID WASTES INTO HYGIENICALLY SAFE, INERT AND INOFFENSIVE MATERIALS -- WAS THAT IT DID NOT CAUSE ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

+ANOTHER ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE SOLID WASTE IS REDUCED TO ABOUT ONE-FOURTH ITS ORIGINAL VOLUME, WHICH MAKES TRANSPORTATION TO MAINLAND FILL AREAS THAT MUCH EASIER,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW PLANT WAS DESIGNED TO ACCEPT DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, INCLUDING BULKY REFUSE.

HE SAID THE COMPOST PRODUCED WOULD BASICALLY BE DISPOSED OF AS LAND FILL BUT SOME MIGHT BE USED AS TOP SOIL FOR RESTORING BORROW AREAS AND QUARRIES AND FOR TURFING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS TO ATTEND PING PONG COMPETITION
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. F.K. LI, WILL ATTEND THE TABLE TENNIS OPEN COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT CHEUNG SHA WAN INDOOR GAMES HALL ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 21) EVENING.

OVER 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION AS A SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR THE UNDER 20S. THE COMPETITION WILL LAST ABOUT A MONTH.

MR. LI WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OPERATION), URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER (RECREATION PROMOTION), MRS. HANNY YEUNG.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OCCASION. MR. LI WILL ARRIVE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN INDOOR GAMES HALL AT 6 P.M.

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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT REORGANISED
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THE REORGANISATION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOMETIME, HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED AND GOES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE REORGANISATION, THE FIRST IN MORE THAN TEN YEARS, WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ENABLE IT TO STAY ON TOP OF THE WORKLOAD WHICH HAS INCREASED VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN SCOPE AND VOLUME.

THE CHANGE PROVIDES FOR THE SPLITTING UP OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT INTO TWO DEPARTMENTS - A DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND A DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, EACH WITH ITS OWN HEAD, BUT UNDER THE OVERALL CONTROL OF A DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

THE ACTING HOLDER OF THE FORMER POST OF DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. BILL DORWARD, NOW BECOMES ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS. MR. ROY PORTER IS ACTING COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS. MR. PETER TSAO IS ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE UNTIL SEPTEMBER WHEN HE LEAVES FOR GENEVA TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS. THIS POST IS HELD AT PRESENT BY MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, WHO WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

+AN ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF AUTHORITY WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED, THE NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS BEING GIVEN DEPUTIES WHO WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF ADMINISTRATION AND SHARE THE BURDEN OF OVERSEAS TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS PART OF A SEPARATE EXERCISE, THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE HAS BEEN RETITLED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN ORDER TO ACCORD IT AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED TITLE AND TO MAKE ITS FUNCTIONS MORE READILY UNDERSTOOD OVERSEAS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS- THIS CHANGE IN TITLE HAS NO IMPLICATIONS IN REGARD TO THE CONTINUED FREE PORT STATUS OF HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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EXTERNSHIP FOR +LICENTIATE DOCTORS+ NEXT MONTH

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL IN THIS YEAR'S LICENTIATE EXAMINATION WOULD COMMENCE THEIR EXTERNSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING IN APPROVED HOSPITALS ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1977.

OF THE 112 CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL IN THE FINAL PART OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION, 99 HAVE SO FAR INDICATED A WISH TO COMMENCE THEIR EXTERNSHIPS NEXT MONTH BUT THREE HAVE ASKED TO DEFER STARTING THEIR EXTERNSHIP FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

THE SECRETARY OF THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE, MR. I.A.S. YOUNG, SAID THAT EXTERNS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM DUTIES SIMILAR TO THOSE UNDERTAKEN BY INTERNS AND TO ATTEND A PROGRAMME OF LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR EXTERNSHIP THEY WILL BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT AT THE SAME RATE AS INTERNS.

THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE HAS AGAIN CALLED FOR APPLICATIONS FROM UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS IN HONG KONG TO REGISTER AS CANDIDATES, AND CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FAILED IN THIS YEAR'S EXAMINATION TO BE RE-REGISTERED FOR EXAMINATION IN 1978.

MR. YOUNG WENT ON TO SAY THAT PERSONS REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME AND CANDIDATES WHO FAILED IN PART I OF THE EXAMINATION THIS YEAR SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 17. CANDIDATES WHO FAILED IN PART II OR III OF THE EXAMINATION MAY RE-REGISTER ANY TIME UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1977.

IN ADDITION, THIS YEAR ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A NON-REFUNDABLE STATUTORY REGISTRATION FEE OF \$100 WITH THEIR APPLICATION FORMS.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO SIT THE EXAMINATION ARE UNCHANGED. THESE ARE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST HOLD A MEDICAL QUALIFICATION AWARDED AFTER COMPLETING AT LEAST FIVE YEARS FULL-TIME MEDICAL STUDY, HAVE PERMISSION TO RESIDE AND WORK IN HONG KONG AND BE OF GOOD CHARACTER.

APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT A LATER DATE TO VERIFY THEIR CREDENTIALS AND EXPERIENCE AND TO PRODUCE THE ORIGINALS OF ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT NEXT YEAR'S EXAMINATION IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD FROM APRIL TO JULY AND WILL AGAIN BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PARTS - A MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, A SIMPLE WRITTEN TEST OF PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH AND AN ORAL EXAMINATION OF CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR REGISTRATION OR RE-REGISTRATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE EXAMINATION IN 1978 MAY BE OBTAINED BY APPLYING WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE, TO THE LICENTIATE SECTION (EXAMINATION APPLICATION), BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 91, LEIGHTON ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, HONG KONG OR BY CALLING IN PERSON AT THE LICENTIATE SECTION.

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JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS

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TWO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO HONG KONG STUDENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES UNDER THE MOMBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE 1978 ACADEMIC YEAR.

ONE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL MAJOR IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE AT THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES AND THE OTHER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES AT A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 18 AND UNDER 22 YEARS OF AGE ON APRIL 1, 1978. THEY MUST BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF EITHER OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IN HONG KONG OR POSSESS HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS REGARDING THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND UNIVERSITY COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, SECOND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 13, 1977.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL OFFICE, CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

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SPEEDPOST CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS SIGNED

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A CONTRACT FOR A SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL AND THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE.

AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN THE OFFICE OF MR. KARL KIRCHER, VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN EXPRESS, MR. A.C. HEATHCOTE, DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL, ASSURED THAT THE SERVICE WOULD PROVIDE CLIENTS WITH FAST, RELIABLE AND ECONOMICAL FACILITIES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

HE SAID THAT SPEEDPOST WAS AN EXPANDING SERVICE AND REVEALED THAT THE NUMBER OF ITEMS HANDLED LAST YEAR WAS DOUBLE THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE GROWTH IN SPEEDPOST BUSINESS WOULD BE SIMILAR THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

+THE HONG KONG BUSINESS COMMUNITY REQUIRED EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND I AM SURE THAT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICES MEET THIS CRITERIA,+ HE SAID.

MR. KIRCHER SAID THAT SIMILAR SPEEDPOST CONTRACTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD FOLLOW.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON NT ROADS

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON A NUMBER OF ROADS IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 23).

BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT EACH DAY, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES:

- * LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM A POINT 66 FT. SOUTH OF SHING MUN RIVER BRIDGE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO ROAD,
- * TAI PO ROAD FROM 160 FT. WEST OF THE LEVEL-CROSSING IN TAI WAN TO ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, AND
- * SHA TIN BYPASS ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO A POINT 130 FT. SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO ROAD.

DURING THESE PERIODS ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS.

ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES:

- * THE TWO UNNAMED ROADS LEADING FROM SHA TIN BYPASS TO LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN NEW TOWN,
- * PUI TO ROAD, AND
- * KEI TAI ROAD, BOTH IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

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