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HONG KONG OFFERS EXTENSIVE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GERMANY

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THERE ARE EXTENSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GERMAN BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY IN THE SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS, A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC CENTRE WAS TOLD IN COLOGNE EARLIER THIS WEEK.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON WAS THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EEC, MR STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON, WHO IN HIS SPEECH ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

MR WEBB-JOHNSON SAID IMPORTS FROM GERMANY INTO HONG KONG HAD GROWN BY 30 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

ON THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, HE POINTED TO THE MANY ASSURANCES GIVEN BY CHINA OF ITS INTENTION TO HONOUR THE AGREEMENT AND THE RESULTING RETURN OF CONFIDENCE TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

POINTING TO HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA, MR WEBB-JOHNSON STRESSED THAT THE TERRITORY'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND LOCALLY AVAILABLE EXPERTISE IN TRADE WITH CHINA SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED BY BUSINESSES LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A BASE IN THE REGION.

THE ASIAN PACIFIC CENTRE ACTS AS A CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR THOSE WISHING TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION AND WHO SEEK CONTACTS OR ADVICE ON THE COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC-REGION. IT COMPRISES 150 MEMBERS, MAINLY MEDIUM-SIZED FIRMS.

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SECOND TUBE OF JUNK BAY TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL TODAY (SATURDAY) MOVED A FURTHER STEP CLOSER TO COMPLETION WITH THE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE SECOND TUBE OF THE TUNNEL.

OFFICIATING AT THE BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER/NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR C.K. CHOW.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1990, THE 900-METRE TWIN-TUBE TUNNEL WILL PROVIDE A TWO-LANE VEHICULAR ACCESS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM THE BURGEONING JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO KWUN TONG AS WELL AS A ROUTE FOR UTILITY SERVICES INCLUDING LARGE-DIAMETER WATER MAINS.

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ITS CONSTRUCTION FORMS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN FOR A DESIGN POPULATION RECENTLY INCREASED BY 100,000 TO 325,000.

MAJOR POPULATION INTAKE OF THE NEW TOWN WILL COMMENCE EARLY NEXT YEAR ON COMPLETION OF SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE BLOCKS IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE TUNNEL STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 1986 WITH THE BREAKTHROUGH OF ITS FIRST TUBE IN LAST JULY.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE TUNNEL COST ABOUT $135 MILLION WHILE THE ENTIRE PROJECT, COMPRISING THE PROVISION OF APPROACH ROADS, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, A TOLL PLAZA, AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATIONS, WILL COST MORE THAN $500 MILLION.

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RECREATIONAL TRAINING COURSES FOR PRISONERS

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THIRTY-TWO GERIATRIC PRISONERS WERE AMONG THE LATEST BATCH OF OFFENDERS WHOSE RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL WAS CULTIVATED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN AN INNOVATIVE TRAINING SCHEME FOR INMATES IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE SCHEME, KNOWN AS ADVANCED RECREATIONAL TRAINING (ART), WAS INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT EARLY THIS YEAR AS AN ACTIVITY PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP INMATES' ABILITIES AND IMPROVE THEIR RECREATIONAL SKILLS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE SCHEME, EXPERTS WOULD BE INVITED TO TEACH INMATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SKILLS AT THE INSTITUTIONS, AND THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE NECESSARY ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES.

"IT IS ULTIMATELY HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, TEAM SPIRIT, SPORTSMANSHIP AS WELL AS SELF CONFIDENCE MAY BE PROMOTED, AND THEREBY FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK," HE ADDED.

TWO TOP-NOTCH SPORTSMEN AND AN ARTIST - HONG KONG'S NATIONAL SOCCER COACH, MR KWOK KA-MING, HONG KONG'S NATIONAL TABLE-TENNIS COACH, MR CHENG CHUNG-YIN, AND RENOWNED LOCAL PAINTER, MR KONG KAI-MING - HELPED TO START A THREE-MONTH ART PILOT SCHEME IN MARCH WHEN THEY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO TEACH 77 INMATES SOCCER, TABLE-TENNIS AND PAINTING AT THE LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE, PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND SHEK PIK PRISON RESPECTIVELY.

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THE RESPONSE FROM THE INMATES WAS MOST ENCOURAGING AND AFTER A RECENT REVIEW, THE COURSES ARE NOW CONDUCTED ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

TWO MORE COURSES - MONOCHROME DRAWING AND TAI CHI - HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED, AND MORE SUBJECTS ARE IN THE PIPELINE FOR INMATES IN OTHER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THESE INCLUDE BASKETBALL, BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL.

THE MONOCHROME DRAWING COURSE WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THIS THREE-MONTH BASIC PROGRAMME FOLLOWED THE PAINTING COURSE AT SHEK PIK PRISON, AND WAS ALSO CONDUCTED BY MR KONG KAI-MING, A LECTURER OF THE EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

NINETEEN PRISONERS, AGED BETWEEN 24 AND 38, PARTICIPATED IN THE DRAWING COURSE WHICH WAS HELD IN A STUDIO AT STANLEY PRISON BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCTOBER. THEIR KEEN INTEREST IN PURSUING THE SUBJECT PROMPTED THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER ORGANISING A WATER COLOUR PAINTING COURSE FOR THE GRADUATES.

TAI CHI IS THE LATEST ACTIVITY INTRODUCED UNDER THE ART SCHEME. THE FOUR-MONTH COURSE IS LAUNCHED IN MID-OCTOBER AT MA HANG PRISON TO PROMOTE GERIATRIC PRISONERS' FITNESS AND HEALTH.

THIRTY-TWO PRISONERS IN THE INSTITUTION, AGED FROM 55 TO 77, HAVE JOINED THE COURSE AND ARE PRACTISING THREE TIMES A WEEK UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A REGISTERED TAI CHI INSTRUCTOR OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MR KWOK KA-HUNG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ART SCHEME IS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MANY PROGRAMMES TO HELP THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INMATES AND MORE SUBJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ART SCHEME IF THERE IS A DEMAND AND RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, ARTS, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL COURSES WILL START IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME, AND ABOUT 40 INMATES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

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CYC MEMBERS TAKE OATH

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MORE THAN 1,300 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS TODAY (SATURDAY) TOOK AN OATH TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN A MASS RALLY AT VICTORIA PARK ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND RTHK TO LAUNCH A TV SERIES TO PROMOTE THE CYC MOVEMENT AND TO ENLIST MORE MEMBERS.

THE OATH WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT OF CYC.

THE TV SERIES LAUNCHING CEREMONY WAS ALSO CHARACTERISED BY THE LIGHTING OF THE CYC FIRE BY THE DRIECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, AND THE HOISTING OF THE CYC FLAG BY THE CHAIRMAN OF SING TAO LTD, MISS AW SIAN, WHO HAS SPONSORED THE EVENT.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE RALLY IS A STUNT PERFORMED BY SUPERSTAR JACKIE CHAN WHO DESCENDED FROM A ROPE ATTACHED TO A HELICOPTER HOVERING 50 FEET ABOVE THE CENTRAL LAWN OF VICTORIA PARK.

HIS SPECTACULAR ARRIVAL AS 'FRIEND OF CYC' WAS GREETED WITH CHEERS AND APPLAUSE BY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ALSO JOINED HIM TO SING THE CYC THEME SONG FOR THE TV SERIES.

THE RALLY WAS HELD WITH POMP AND COLOUR. THERE WAS A PARADE OF CYC MEMBERS FROM THE 19 DISTRICTS IN DASHING TRACK SUITS, A MARCH BY A NUMBER OF SCHOOL BANDS AND A MUSICAL SHOW ON THE CIVIC EDUCATION THEME BY PUPILS OF THE GCEPSA KWUN TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CLASSICAL MUSIC BY CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

ADDING CHEERFULNESS TO THE OCCASION WAS A GROUP OF RTHK DANCERS WHOSE GRACEFUL MOVEMENTS BROUGHT OUT THE THEMES OF THE 13-EPISODE TV SERIES.

A RELEASE OF DOVES AND COLOURFUL BALLOONS ADDED COLOUR TO THE MASS RALLY WHICH ENDED WITH A CUTTING OF THE CYC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE BY MR LI, MISS CHEUNG, MISS AW AND SUPERSTAR JACKIE CHAN AND A GARDEN PARTY FOR THE GUESTS.

THE CYC TV SERIES WILL BE BROADCAST FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS COMMENCING TOMORROW ON TVB-JADE AT 4.15 PM.

THE ACTIVITIES OF CYC WILL BE PORTRAYED THROUGH A GROUP OF CYC MEMBERS WHO ARE CAST AS MEMBERS OF AN EDITORIAL BOARD CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PUBLISH A CYC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER. THERE WILL BE GUEST STARS IN EACH OF THE EPISODES.

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DRAMA PRESENTS DRUG PERILS

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MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE FROM MUTAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, YOUTH CENTRES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICTS WERE ENTERTAINED TO THREE PERFORMANCES OF A STAGE PLAY WITH AN ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AS PART OF THE DISTRICTS' CAMPAIGNS, THE PLAY, ENTITLED "A DANGEROUS GAME", WAS PRESENTED BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY AT THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TUEN MUN YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AND AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

WITH SPONSORSHIP AND ADVICE FROM THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), "A DANGEROUS GAME" IS A PLAY FOR TEENAGERS AND THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT TEENAGERS.

"EVEN WITH A SMALL CAST AND SIMPLE SETTING, THE PLAY CARRIES A STRONG AND IMPORTANT MESSAGE WHICH WARNS THE AUDIENCE OF THE DANGERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE," A SPOKESMAN OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID.

THE THEME SONG FOR THE PLAY "A DANGEROUS GAME" SUNG BY POPULAR LOCAL GROUP RAIDAS HAS ALSO BECOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG FOR THIS YEAR.

"A DANGEROUS GAME" COMPOSED BY MR KENNETH WONG WITH LYRICS WRITTEN BY MR LIN XI, IS CHOSEN BY ACAN AS THIS YEAR'S ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG BECAUSE IT ATTEMPTS TO DEPICT THE DANGERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE AND WARN YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

THE SONG IS RECORDED IN RAIDAS' NEWLY RELEASED ALBUM UNDER THE SAME TITLE.

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SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED

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A 20-MEMBER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED IN SAI KUNG TO CO-ORDINATE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

CHAIRED BY A SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MRS ANITA CHAN, THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VILLAGES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ADVISE ON THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HELD BETWEEN THIS MONTH AND NEXT JUNE TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VISITS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, ATTENDING DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS, A YOUTH REPORTER SCHEME AND ACTIVITIES JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

"WE HOPE THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTS PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THEIR DISTRICT AND BE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BESIDES, ON KNOWING MORE ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SOCIETY AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

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PLANTS, BIRDS, FISHES ON DISPLAY

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MORE THAN 1,500 EXHIBITS ARE ON DISPLAY AT A TWO-DAY FISH, BIRD AND PLANT EXHIBITION WHICH OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THEY INCLUDE PRECIOUS PET BIRDS, FINELY CARVED CAGES, CHINESE AND JAPANESE GOLDFISH, FANCY CARP, TROPICAL FISH, BONSAI, ORCHID AND POTS OF CUT FLOWER.

THIS IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND 26 ORGANISATIONS, SHOPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXHIBITION WORKING GROUP, MR LAU TAK-KI, POINTED OUT THAT THE PET FISH, BIRD AND PLANT TRADES WERE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT.

"THEY HAVE BECOME MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF MONG KOK BOTH FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS.

"I HOPE THE EXHIBITION NOT ONLY ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE TRADES BUT ALSO HELP THEM TO CULTIVATE THE WHOLESOME HOBBY OF REARING PETS AND GROWING PLANTS," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, AND THE DEPUTY POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MONG KOK, MR ROBIN LEUNG.

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CARNIVAL FUN FOR THE ELDERLY

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ABOUT 1,500 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL SHARE THE FUN IN A CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CHOI YUEN COVERED PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES, THE CARNIVAL IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT TO SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

PROGRAMME FOR THE CARNIVAL INCLUDES CANTONESE OPERA, GAMES STALLS AND TELEMATCH.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN LEUNG; POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER (FRONTIER), MR CHEUNG CHI-KEUNG AND THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER FOR TAI PO AND NORTH, MR CHOW SHUE-WING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2.30 PM AT THE CHOI YUEN COVERED PLAYGROUND IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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YOUTH CHOIR TO GIVE CONCERT IN WONG CHUK HANG

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CONCERT BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING IN THE OPEN SPACE NEAR WONG CHUK HANG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE WONG CHUK HANG ELDERLY RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS AND POPULAR CHINESE SONGS.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONCERT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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ISLANDS DB TO DISCUSS TAI O DEVELOPMENT

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A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR TAI O ON LANTAU, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING PUBLIC HOUSING AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE WHILST MAINTAINING THE CHARACTER OF THE EXISTING VILLAGE AREAS, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 14).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE INVITED TO COMMENT ON ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL SUCH AS PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON FLOODING, CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND CLEARANCE OF STILTED STRUCTURES, PROVISION OF FOUL SEWERS, DREDGING OF BASE SHELTER AND THE BUILDING OF A FOOTBRIDGE AND A SAMPAN ANCHORAGE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING A DB OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR NEXT YEAR AND THE PROPOSED MARICULTURE ZONE AT TAI O.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROGRESS OF SOUTH LANTAU COAST PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY, SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR DISTRICT FESTIVALS AND ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 14) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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BAND MUSIC TO ENTERTAIN LOCAL RESIDENTS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL HOLD WEEK OF BAND MUSIC ACTIVITIES FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE YOUTH BAND WEEK, WHICH IS PART OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROGRAMME, WILL FEATURE GUEST PERFORMANCES BY THE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURAL HAMAMATSU COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND, THE GOLD PRIZE WINNER OF THE 1986 ALL JAPAN BAND COMPETITION.

THE BAND HAS 58 MEMBERS AND PERFORMS UNDER THE BATON OF ITS DIRECTOR, EIICHI TOHYAMA.

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SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1955, THE BAND HAS TAKEN PART IN MANY BAND CONTESTS AND HAS ATTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. IT WON THE GOLD PRIZE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF JAPAN BAND COMPETITION IN 1983, AND AGAIN IN 1984 AND 1985.

THE YOUTH BAND WEEK WILL BEGIN WITH A STUDENT CONCERT AT WONG FUT NAM COLLEGE AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY. THE HAMAMATSU COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM JAPAN WILL PERFORM.

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, A SPECTACULAR PROGRAMME, BAND GALORE, WILL BE STAGED AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 2.30 PM. IN ADDITION TO THE GUEST BAND FROM JAPAN, THE GALORE WILL ALSO INVOLVE FIVE LOCAL SCHOOL BANDS AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S SYMPHONIC BAND, THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE MUSIC OFFICE DISTRICT YOUTH BANDS.

A SERIES OF FOUR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS WILL BE PRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ON DECEMBER 20. IN THE MORNING, THE ISLAND YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WILL DELIGHT THE PATIENTS OF THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS SANDY BAY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL WITH WONDERFUL MUSIC.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE JAPANESE GUEST BAND AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND WILL PERFORM AT NEW TOWN PLAZA AT 2 PM WHILE THE EAST NEW TERRITORIES YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WILL GIVE ANOTHER CONCERT AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AT 4 PM.

ON DECEMBER 21, 10 SCHOOL BANDS WILL COMPETE IN A MARCHING BAND CONTEST AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 3 PM. CASH COUPON PRIZES AMOUNTING TO $8,000 WILL BE DONATED BY TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY LIMITED.

THE BAND WEEK WILL REACH ITS CLIMAX ON DECEMBER 23 WITH A CHRISTMAS BAND GALA AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 8 PM. SPECIAL STAGE EFFECTS TOGETHER WITH A NIGHT OF LIVELY MUSIC WILL MAKE THE CONCERT A MEMORABLE ONE FOR ALL THE AUDIENCE.

TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAND GALA, PRICED AT $5 AND $10 EACH, ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-283257 AND 3-7226240.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG WAN, FANLING

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

ON TUESDAY THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE AT 107-147 CAINE ROAD, PO HING FONG, KUI IN FONG, TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN KUI IN FONG AND LADDER STREET, BRIDGES STREET, SHING WONG STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD POLICE QUARTERS, WAH IN FONG WEST, WAH IN FONG EAST, WAH IN FONG, PO WA STREET, WING LEE STREET AND U LAM TERRACE.

ON THURSDAY THE WATER CUT WILL AFFECT THE PREMISES AT 76-130 HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND CIRCULAR PATHWAY, CIRCULAR PATHWAY, SHING WONG STREET BETWEEN GOUGH STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD, 270-276, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND TSUI ON LANE.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN FANLING WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 17) FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD FROM TAN CHUK HANG TSUEN TO SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING TAN CHUK HANG TSUEN, KWAI TAU LENG TSUEN, KAN TAU WAI TSUEN, LENG PEI TSUEN, HOK TAU TSUEN, TUNG SHAN HA TSUEN, TAI LONG TSUEN, WANG SHAN KEUK TSUEN, LOI TUNG TSUEN, MAN UK PIN TSUEN, SHEUNG WO HANG TSUEN, HA WO HANG TSUEN, HA MA CHEUK LENG TSUEN, SHEUNG MA CHEUK LENG TSUEN, SHEK KIU TAU TSUEN, YIM TSO HA TSUEN, SHEK CHUNG AU TSUEN, TONG TO TSUEN, SAN TSUEN, MUK MIN TAU TSUEN, HA TAM SHUI HANG TSUEN, SHEUNG TAM SHUI HANG TSUEN, KONG HA TSUEN, YIM LIU HA TSUEN AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET.

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LONG VEHICLE BAN, URBAN CLEARWAY IN CENTRAL

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TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS, A LONG VEHICLE BAN AND AN URBAN CLEARWAY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15).

ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 10 METRES IN LENGth WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS:

* WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN LYNDHURST TERRACE AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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* ABERDEEN STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND WELLINGTON STREET; AND

* COCHRANE STREET BETWEEN GAGE STREET AND STANLEY STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, A 30-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WELLINGTON STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS. NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN YAU MA TEI
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YAU MA TEI FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15) FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* THE SECTION OF WING SING LANE BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND RECLAMATION STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ROAD SECTION DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM.

* VEHICLES ON PUBLIC SQUARE STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT ON TO SHANGHAI STREET NORTHBOUND.

* KMB ROUTE NOS. 2E, 4A, 12, 30, 36B, 68 AND 68X AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 31M TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC SQUARE STREET EASTBOUND AND HEADING FOR SHANGHAI STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RECLAMATION STREET, WING SING LANE AND SHANGHAI STREET.

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WAN CHAI TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN SEAFRONT ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15) TO FRIDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

VEHICLES ON HUNG HING ROAD CAN TRAVEL VIA TONNOCHY ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND HARBOUR ROAD TO JOIN THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER.

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PROHIBITED ZONES IN NEW TERRITORIES

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 15), LAM KAM ROAD AND THE YAU OI (SOUTH) BUS TERMINUS IN TUEN MUN AREA 16 WILL BE MADE PROHIBITED ZONES OPERATING AROUND THE CLOCK.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 11 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE BANNED FROM USING LAM KAM ROAD, WHILE IN THE YAU OI (SOUTH) BUS TERMINUS, ONLY THE ENTRY OF FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED.

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