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FOREIGN SECRETARY TO ARRIVE ON SATURDAY

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

THIS WILL BE MR HURD'S FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG SINCE HE TOOK OVER AS FOREIGN SECRETARY IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME OF HIS VISIT WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OMELCO MEMBERS AND A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE WILL ATTEND AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND SIT IN ON A DISTRICT BOARD MEETING IN ADDITION TO HAVING LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AND BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE WHERE HE WILL DELIVER A KEYNOTE SPEECH.

MR HURD WILL TAKE AN EXTENSIVE HELICOPTER TOUR TO SEE HONG KONG'S LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND VISIT SHA TIN AND A FACTORY IN THE TAIPO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL ALSO INCLUDE VISITS TO A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMP AND A VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE.

MR HURD WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) AFTERNOON BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE EVENING.

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DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR PRAISES CSD'S WORK

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WORK IN LOOKING AFTER INMATES AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHEN HE VISITED FOUR INSTITUTIONS ON HEI LING CHAU THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID SAID, "THE REHABILITATION OF INMATES AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN VARIOUS DETENTION CENTRES ARE ARDUOUS AND DIFFICULT TASKS.

"THE STAFF ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB DESPITE CONSTRAINTS AND DIFFICULTIES, AND I AM SURE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO RELY ON THEIR DEVOTION TO SERVICE."

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SIR DAVID FIRST TOURED THE HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE WHICH WAS OPENED IN 1975.

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MR CHAN EXPLAINED TO SIR DAVID THAT THE TREATMENT CENTRE IS OPERATED UNDER THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE ORDINANCE AND PERSONS SENTENCED UNDER THE ORDINANCE ARE DETAINED IN THE CENTRE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF 12 MONTHS, DEPENDING ON THEIR HEALTH, PROGRESS AND LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR REMAINING FREE FROM DRUG ABUSE FOLLOWING RELEASE.

THEY ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO ONE YEAR OF AFTERCARE SUPERVISION UPON RELEASE.

AT THE LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE COMPREHENSIVE CORRECTIVE PROGRAMME SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND SHOWN THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AVAILABLE THERE, INCLUDING TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND CLASSROOMS.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS PROVIDED AT THIS INSTITUTION FOR ALL YOUNG OFFENDERS, AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED PRIMARY EDUCATION ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND HALF-DAY SCHOOLING.

EVENING REMEDIAL EDUCATION CLASSES ARE ALSO ORGANISED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED PRIMARY SIX EDUCATION, BUT PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.

SIR DAVID ALSO VISITED THE HEI LING CHAU DETENTION CENTRE AND THE NEI KWU DETENTION CENTRE AND TOURED THE FACILITIES AND DORMITORIES FOR THE 4,500 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN THE CENTRES.

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PLANS FOR REDUCING POLLUTANTS IN AIR OUTLINED

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE MORE EFFECTIVE AND QUICKER SOLUTION TO REDUCING SULPHUR DIOXIDE IN AIR IS TO REDUCE SULPHUR CONTENT IN INDUSTRIAL FUEL OIL.

SPEAKING AT A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON, MR BARNES ALSO SAID THAT UNLEADED PETROL WOULD BE INTRODUCED A YEAR FROM NOW.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN INTRODUCE STRINGENT EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NEW VEHICLES.

MR BARNES SAID IN ORDER TO BRING THE SULPHUR DIOXIDE IN THE AIR DOWN TO A SAFE LEVEL, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A 75 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE GAS FROM MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

HE SAID AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEAL WITH IT WAS TO REQUIRE FACTORIES TO USE INDUSTRIAL DIESEL OIL WHICH CONTAINED LESS SULPHUR.

"REDUCING THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUEL OIL FROM 2.5 PER CENT TO 0.5 PER CENT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULT," HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE COST OF USING LOW SULPHUR INDUSTRIAL DIESEL WOULD BE SOME 40 PER CENT HIGHER THAN HIGH SULPHUR HEAVY FUEL OIL WHICH WOULD MEAN INCREASING OPERATING COSTS OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, MR BARNES STRESSED THAT WE MUST BE SURE THAT THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SUFFER.

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT INDUSTRY'S COUNTER PROPOSAL OF A PHASED REDUCTION IN USE OF HIGH SULPHUR HEAVY FUEL OIL WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

"PHASING THE REDUCTION OF SULPHUR CONTENT WOULD MEAN A DELAY IN REDUCING THE EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE TO POLLUTION, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT SITUATION DURING THE EARLY PHASES," HE SAID.

ON METHODS TO REDUCE OXIDES OF NITROGEN AND PARTICULATES EMITTED BY MOTOR VEHICLES, MR BARNES SAID IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROGRAMME OF CONTROLLING SMOKY VEHICLES HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF SMOKE SPOTTERS FROM 150 TO 230.

FURTHER DETERRENT MIGHT BE NEEDED IN THE FORM OF AN AUTOMATIC FINE APPLIED TO THE OFFENCE OF USING A SMOKY VEHICLE ON THE ROAD, HE ADDED.

"ALSO, A MORE SUBSTANTIAL FINE, WHEN COMBINED WITH A STRICT TEST, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF LICENCE CANCELLATION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, SHOULD SEE A DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN THE EMISSION PERFORMANCE OF IN-USE VEHICLES.

"ALL THESE POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING EXAMINED," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO REDUCE THE RELIANCE ON DIESEL-ENGINED VEHICLES BECAUSE THEY EMITTED MUCH MORE NITROGEN OXIDES AND RESPIRABLE PARTICLES.

"THIS IS, HOWEVER, A COMPLICATED ISSUE AND WE ARE STILL EXAMINING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING FISCAL AND REGULATORY MEASURES," HE SAID.

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CIVIL SERVICE CAREER MORE THAN JUST AN 'IRON RICE BOWL'

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THE GOVERNMENT OFFERS MORE THAN JUST AN "IRON RICE BOWL" TO LOCAL TALENTS WHO WANT TO JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR LEI SAID THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFERED NO FANTASTIC FINANCIAL INDUCEMENT OR OFFER THAT COULD NOT BE REFUSED.

"NEITHER DOES IT PROMISE PASSPORTS NOR RIGHTS OF ABODE," HE SAID.

"WHAT WE DO OFFER IS AN IDEA. THE IDEA THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ULTIMATELY FOR THE PEOPLE; AND TO BE PART OF THAT GOVERNMENT IS TO BE OF THE PEOPLE," MR LEI SAID.

REVIEWING HIS 35-YEAR EXPERIENCE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE DIRECTOR SAID THE JOB HAD BEEN A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE.

"MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, I HAVE HAD A HAPPY CAREER AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYED WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING," HE SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT TWO POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT A CIVIL SERVICE CAREER -- THAT CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING UNLESS THEY HAVE TO OR UNTIL THEY ARE FORCED INTO IT AND THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH THEIR HANDS WOULD NEVER GET TO THE TOP OF THE PILE.

DISAGREEING WITH THESE, MR LEI SAID: "WE DO OFFER A CHALLENGING CAREER AND PARTICIPATION IN AN EVER-VIBRANT WORKING ATMOSPHERE WHERE YOUR TALENTS CAN DEVELOP AND PROSPER, YOUR IDEAS TRANSLATED INTO REALITIES AND YOUR TRAINING GIVEN EVERY CHANCE TO BE EXERCISED AMONG COLLEAGUES WITH THE SAME ASPIRATION," HE SAID.

HE LIKENED A CIVIL SERVICE CAREER TO A LARGE AND HEAVY BOWL THAT A PERSON WOULD NEED SKILLED HANDS AND A FIRM GRIP TO HOLD IT.

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SIZE OF REGISTERED ELECTORATE REMAINS AT 1.6 M

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THE 1989 FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

THERE IS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SIZE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORATE. THE REGISTER CONTAINS 1,597,567 ENTRIES, AS COMPARED TO 1,604,048 IN THE 1988 ISSUE.

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THERE WERE 25,582 ADDITIONS, OFFSET BY A DELETION OF 32,063 ENTRIES DUE TO DEATH AND LOSS OF CONTACT, RESULTING IN A MINOR NET REDUCTION OF 6,481 ELECTORS.

THE CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF POPULATION FROM THE URBAN AREAS IS EVIDENT. OVER THE YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN A LOSS OF 21,616 ELECTORS FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

"ELIGIBLE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO GET ENROLLED MAY SEND IN THEIR APPLICATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION EXPLAINED.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO APPEALED TO REGISTERED ELECTORS TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY LETTER OR BY USING THE SAME REGISTRATION FORM.

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FIVE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES IN 1990

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THERE WILL BE FIVE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUES THIS YEAR, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY ARE:

* YEAR OF THE HORSE (JANUARY 23)

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENT, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5.

THERE WILL BE A RELATED PRODUCT, YEAR OF THE HORSE ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABELS, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 21.

THE LABEL PAPER BEARS THE DESIGN OF A MOUNTAIN PATTERN IN THE BACKGROUND, AND THE LABELS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 10 CENT, 60 CENT, \$1.40 AND \$1.80.

* HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CUISINE (APRIL 26)

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL DEPICT SOME OF THE POPULAR CUISINES IN HONG KONG, NAMELY CHINESE, INDIAN, THAI, JAPANESE AND FRENCH.

IT WILL COMPRISE SIX DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENT, 70 CENT, \$1.30, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5.

* UNITED NATIONS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (JUNE 5)

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, AND WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENT, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5.

* ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ELECTRICITY IN HONG KONG (SEPTEMBER)

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL DEPICT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY IN HONG KONG AND WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS. A PRESTIGE STAMP BOOKLET AND SOUVENIR SHEET WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

* CHRISTMAS (NOVEMBER)

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SET OF CHRISTMAS GREETING STAMPS TO BE ISSUED IN HONG KONG.

MR WONG ADDED THAT FURTHER DETAILS OF EACH STAMP ISSUE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE.

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POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ON HOME CLEANLINESS

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TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AT HOME, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST WILL HOLD A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE COMPETITION IS ALSO INTENDED TO FOSTER POSITIVE EFFORTS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CLEANLINESS AT HOME AND TO ENCOURAGE THE RAISING OF STANDARDS IN HOME CLEANLINESS.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION FOR PRIMARY 5 AND 6 STUDENTS, AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION FOR SECONDARY 1 TO 5 PUPILS.

ENTRIES IN THE FORM OF PAINTING, PRINT COLLEGE OR ANY OTHER TWO-DIMENSIONAL UNMOUNTED WORK IN THE SIZE OF A3 (297 MM X 420 MM) WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE THEME FOR THE WORK IS HOME CLEANLINESS.

THERE WILL BE THREE TOP PRIZES AND 10 MERIT PRIZES IN EACH GROUP.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT LEE GARDENS, FOURTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE FEBRUARY 28.

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CONNAUGHT ROAD UPGRADING ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE FINAL STAGES OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONNAUGHT ROAD UPGRADING AND DUALLING PROJECT AT A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

SOME MEMBERS WILL ASK WHEN THE REMAINING LANES OF THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

THE SEQUENCE OF REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROAD SURFACE AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED, AND ENGINEERS FROM THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUERIES ON THE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SOCIAL WELFARE PAPER

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER ENTITLED "SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND" AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER INVITING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE PREFERENTIAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS AND FUND APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STORY CARPARK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL STUDY A SURVEY ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROBLEMS AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PREPARED BY NINE REGIONAL COUNCILLORS, THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT IN SIX NEW TOWNS INCLUDING TUEN MUN LAST AUGUST.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF CONTAINER DEPOTS ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE CONTROL ON UNNECESSARY NOISE PRODUCED BY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE USAGE PATTERN OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL VENUES IN THE DISTRICT, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, AND THE ATTENDANCE RATE AT CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH MEETING FOR 1989-90 TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, PROGRESS REPORTS ON DB-SPONSORED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURAL COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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HEALTH DAY FOR ELDERLY IN EASTERN

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A HEALTH DAY FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) TO ENHANCE SENIOR CITIZENS' KNOWLEDGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND HOME SAFETY.

IN ADDITION TO TALKS AND AN EXHIBITION, FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS WILL BE GIVEN.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED EASTERN DISTRICT MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE MADAM CHAN WAI-CHOW MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

COUPONS FOR THE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE, STARTING AT 1.45 PM.

AN ENVIRONMENTALIST, DR CHOW SHIU-CHEONG, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED WILL GIVE TALKS ON THE EFFECT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON HEALTH AND HOME SAFETY RESPECTIVELY.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A TAICHI DEMONSTRATION, A MAGIC SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS.

OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LINDA SO; EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MR TSANG KAM-YAN; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING GROUP, MR SHUM CHI-KIN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT ELDERLY HEALTH DAY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE MADAM CHAN WAI-CHOW MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, 82 MARBLE ROAD, NORTH POINT. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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SPECIAL OFFER DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

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ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE OFFERED DISCOUNTS ON THEIR PURCHASES AT SHOPS IN FOUR SHOPPING CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE "SPECIAL OFFER DAY" WILL BE HELD AT THE SHOPPING CENTRES IN CHOI WAN, CHUK YUEN, LOK FU AND WONG TAI SIN ESTATES BETWEEN 9 AM AND 9 PM FOR RESIDENTS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SERVING OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

"IT AIMS TO PROMOTE THE COMMITTEE'S FEE REDUCTION SCHEME AS WELL AS LOVE AND CONCERN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"RED PACKETS AND LEAFLETS WITH INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE SHOPPING CENTRES," HE ADDED.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITIONS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS AT THE SHOPPING CENTRES.

THERE WILL BE SINGING, LION DANCE AND A MAGIC SHOW AT THE CHUK YUEN SHOPPING CENTRE BETWEEN 1 PM AND 3 PM.

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IN ADDITION TO AN EXHIBITION ON ELDERLY SERVICES, A FUN FAIR AND FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CHOI WAN SHOPPING CENTRE BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM.

A HEALTH EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5.30 PM. ANOTHER EXHIBITION FEATURING USEFUL APPLIANCES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN SHOPPING CENTRE BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 6.30 PM.

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SEMINAR ON HOUSEHOLD FIRE PREVENTION

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RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON HOUSEHOLD SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.

IT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE TIN PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI FROM 8.30 PM TO 10 PM. A SLIDE SHOW ON FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON FIRE PREVENTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM 8.30 PM TO 10 PM AT THE TIN PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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FOUR CSD TEAMS JOIN COMMUNITY CHEST WALK

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAS FORMED FOUR TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE HONG KONG WALK, ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE TEAMS WILL REPRESENT THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS AND THE OFFICERS' CLUB OF THE CSD, SCOUT MEMBERS OF THE TRAINING CENTRES, AND INMATES AND STAFF OF THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE ON HEI LING CHAU.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS GIVEN GREAT SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND OTHER CHARITY ACTIVITIES.

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"A SPECIAL 'WALK FOR MILLIONS' WAS HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT AT TAI LAM IN 1988 AND RAISED \$450,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST," A CSD'S SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TEAMS FROM THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS AND THE OFFICERS' CLUB TAKING PART IN THE WALK INCLUDE SENIOR OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

"THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO ARRANGED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FOR SCOUT MEMBERS OF THE TRAINING CENTRES TO TAKE PART IN THE WALK AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL AWARENESS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE INMATES AND STAFF OF THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE WILL WALK UNDER THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) BANNER, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP.

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CFPA APPROVES GRANTS TO GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS

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OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) HAS APPROVED 19 PROJECT GRANTS, TOTTALLING NEARLY \$0.67 MILLION, TO 14 PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS.

THEY ARE THE HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY, THE HONG KONG COMPOSERS' GUILD AND MR KUNG CHI-SHING IN THE MUSIC FIELD; AND THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, THE MANY-LEVELS IN PERFORMANCE AND MR DANNY SO KAI-LEUNG IN THE DANCE FIELD.

IN THE DRAMA FIELD, GRANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE CHING YING DRAMA SOCIETY, THE ANONYMITY DRAMATIC CLUB, THE PERFORMERS, THE BESTREBEN DRAMA SOCIETY, THE NOVICE, THE HONG KONG CANTONESE MUSIC RESEARCH CENTRE, THE CARLSBERG WANCHAI THEATRE AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT GRANTS CAN BE MADE ANY TIME IN THE YEAR. THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE PLANNED PERFORMANCES DATES TO ALLOW TIME FOR ASSESSMENT BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES.

THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION MUST BE AN APPROVED CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING BODY.

THE NEXT ROUND OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH. THOSE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR APPLICATION ASSESSED SHOULD SUBMIT THEM NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 23.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL'S SECRETARIAT ON THE 25TH FLOOR, SHUI ON CENTRE, 6-8 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 8660649.

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EMPLOYEES MUST BE INSURED

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THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYERS LAST YEAR FOR FAILING TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPENSATING THEIR EMPLOYEES IN CASE OF WORK ACCIDENTS.

ACCORDING TO LABOUR DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, 251 SUCH CASES WERE HEARD IN COURT LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 140 IN 1988.

TOTAL FINES IMPOSED ALSO INCREASED FROM \$189,650 TO \$324,300.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYERS WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER THEIR FULL LIABILITIES TO COMPENSATE THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH AT WORK.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT AN INJURED EMPLOYEE WILL OBTAIN COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED UNDER THE LAW," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"EMPLOYERS MUST BEAR THE FULL COST OF THE POLICIES AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DEDUCT IT FROM THE EARNINGS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES," HE ADDED.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO DISPLAY AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE WORKPLACE A NOTICE SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF THE INSURANCE POLICIES AND TO PRODUCE THE POLICIES FOR INSPECTION BY LABOUR INSPECTORS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AN EMPLOYER OF A FACTORY AND ANOTHER OF A BAKERY WERE EACH FINED \$3,500 RECENTLY BY A FANLING MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO INSURE THEIR EMPLOYEES.

"ANY EMPLOYER WHO CONTRAVENES THE PROVISION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS," HE SAID.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION MAY BE MADE TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 8524030.

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MARICULTURISTS FINED FOR FAILING TO DISPLAY LICENCE NUMBERS

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SIX MARICULTURISTS WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,400 BY THE SAN PO KONG AND SHA TIN MAGISTRACIES TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR FAILING TO DISPLAY THEIR FISH FARM LICENCE NUMBERS CONSPICUOUSLY ON THEIR FISH RAFTS.

THE MARICULTURISTS, OPERATING IN YIM TIN TSAI, TIU CHAM WAN AND TAI TAU CHAU, WERE PROSECUTED UNDER REGULATION 7A OF THE MARINE FISH CULTURE REGULATIONS.

AN AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR 37 MARICULTURISTS WERE PROSECUTED FOR THE OFFENCE AND WERE FINED FROM \$100 TO \$500 EACH.

"THE REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY THE FISH FARM LICENCE IS TO FACILITATE EASY IDENTIFICATION OF THE LICENSEES OF THE FISH RAFTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. ANYONE FOUND BREACHING THE REGULATION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500," HE SAID.

"REGULAR PATROLS OF THE FISH CULTURE ZONES ARE UNDERTAKEN BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING AND REGULATORY SECTION.

"OPERATORS NOT COMPLYING WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE WARNED AND THOSE WHO FAIL TO HEED THE WARNINGS ARE PROSECUTED AND FINED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED OPERATORS THAT UNDER SECTIONS 6 AND 7 OF THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE, ALL FISH CULTURE OPERATIONS MUST BE PRACTISED UNDER LICENCE WITHIN DESIGNATED FISH CULTURE ZONES.

"THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR PRACTISING WITHOUT A LICENCE AND OPERATING OUTSIDE DESIGNATED CULTURE ZONES ARE \$20,000 PLUS ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND \$5,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY," HE SAID.

IN 1989, 54 OPERATORS WERE BROUGHT TO COURT FOR BREACHING SECTIONS 6 AND 7 OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, AND IN DOING SO, IT WOULD ALSO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

CURRENTLY 28 FISH CULTURE ZONES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED IN HONG KONG AND 1,780 LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO MARICULTURISTS.

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SHARP CONTRAST IN DECEMBER WEATHER

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THERE WAS A SHARP CONTRAST BETWEEN THE WEATHER IN THE FIRST PART OF DECEMBER AND THAT IN THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH. THE FIRST PART WAS CHARACTERISED BY CLEAR SKY AND BRILLIANT SUNSHINE WHILE THE LATTER PART WAS CLOUDY AND RAINY, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

TWO MAJOR RAIN EPISODES OCCURRED DURING THE PERIODS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR. TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO 40.2 MILLIMETRES, WHICH WAS 59 PER CENT ABOVE THE AVERAGE FOR DECEMBER.

THE ANNUAL TOTAL WAS 1,944.6 MILLIMETRES, REPRESENTING 87 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 2,224.7 MILLIMETRES.

FOR THE FIRST 17 DAYS OF THE MONTH, SOUTHERN CHINA WAS DOMINATED BY DRY CONTINENTAL AIR. NIGHT-TIME CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY COOL BUT DAY-TIME WEATHER WAS MILD WITH LONG HOURS OF SUNSHINE.

THE WINTER MONSOON WAS RELATIVELY MILD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. TEMPERATURES CLIMBED STEADILY DURING THE PERIOD AND THE MAXIMUM OF 23.3 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 7 WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH. UNDER A VERY STABLE ATMOSPHERE, HAZE OCCURRED AT TIMES DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 5 TO 9 AND FROM DECEMBER 14 TO 16.

FRESH EASTERLY WINDS SET IN EARLY ON DECEMBER 17, AND THE WEATHER TOOK A NOTICEABLE TURN FOR THE WORSE THE NEXT DAY. FROM DECEMBER 18 ONWARDS, AN EXTENSIVE AREA OF CLOUD AND RAIN AFFECTED SOUTHERN CHINA.

LOCALLY, SOME LIGHT RAIN OCCURRED IN THE NIGHT HOURS OF DECEMBER 18 AND 19.

THERE WERE PERIODS OF SUNSHINE ON DECEMBER 21 AFTER A FEW TRACES OF RAINFALL IN THE MORNING.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ACTIVE UPPER AIR DISTURBANCES, RAIN FREQUENTLY DEVELOPED AND MOVED IN FROM THE WEST. RAIN BECAME HEAVIER AND MORE PERSISTENT IN THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 22.

THE RAIN EASED OFF AFTER THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 25, BUT THE WEATHER REMAINED RATHER COOL. SINCE THE START OF THE RAIN EPISODE, TWO MOVEMENTS OF COOL AIR ARRIVED FROM THE NORTH ON DECEMBER 23 AND 26.

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 13.1 DEGREES RECORDED IN THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 24 AND AGAIN ON DECEMBER 27 WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

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IT WAS A MUCH BRIGHTER DAY ON DECEMBER 28 BUT CLOUDY WEATHER RETURNED THE NEXT DAY FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF A WEAK COLD FRONT. LIGHT RAIN OCCURRED IN THE TWO MORNINGS THAT FOLLOWED AND HEAVIER RAIN SET IN DURING THE EVENING ON DECEMBER 30. RAINY AND COOL WEATHER THEN PERSISTED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1-4 AND 5. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 6-9, 10 AND 14-17.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
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WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 10 00.00 AM	DECEMBER 10 9 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 18 11 AM	DECEMBER 19 9 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 19 10.40 PM	DECEMBER 20 7 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	164.1 HOURS	;	15.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	9.69 MJ/ SQUARE METRE	;	2.54 MJ/SQUARE METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	40.2 MM	;	14.9 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	45 PER CENT	;	7 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	74 PER CENT	;	5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	19.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	15.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	69.0 MM	;	47.0 MM BELOW NORMAL

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED IN KWUN TONG

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SIX ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG WERE DEMOLISHED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THE STRUCTURES, LOCATED AT THE REAR LANE OF KA LOK STREET, WERE USED FOR STORAGE PURPOSES. NO ONE WAS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

IT WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SAI YING PUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13), THE EXISTING BAN ON LEFT-TURNING FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST INTO CENTRE STREET IN SAI YING PUN WILL BE LIFTED.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST HEADING FOR WESTERN STREET AND POK FU LAM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT INTO CENTRE STREET AND THEN VIA WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO JOIN WESTERN STREET.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN TO FACILITATE URGENT ROAD REPAIR WORKS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

A SECTION OF WONG TAI SIN ROAD BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO WONG TAI SIN UPPER ESTATE HAS BEEN CLOSED.

VEHICLES ON SHATIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHATIN PASS ROAD, NGA CHUK STREET AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD.

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VEHICLES ON MA CHAI HANG ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR SHATIN PASS ROAD OR FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA CHAI HANG ROAD, SLIP ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, SLIP ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

VEHICLES ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR SHATIN PASS ROAD OR FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, SLIP ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD.

KMB BUSES ON ROUTE 211 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO TSUI CHUK GARDEN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHATIN PASS ROAD, NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD INSTEAD OF SHATIN PASS ROAD AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD.

MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTE 38M (NORMAL SERVICE) ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO WONG TAI SIN MTR STATION WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, FLYOVER, FUNG MO STREET, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND CHING TAK STREET INSTEAD OF NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, SLIP ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CHING TAK STREET.

MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTE 38M (SHORT-WORKING SERVICE) ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO WONG TAI SIN MTR STATION (SHATIN PASS ROAD) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD WESTBOUND, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, SLIP ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, SLIP ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD INSTEAD OF NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD EASTBOUND, SHATIN PASS ROAD, MING FUNG STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND FUNG TAK ROAD.

ON THEIR WAY TO CHUK YUEN (NORTH) ESTATE, MINIBUSES ON THIS SERVICE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHATIN PASS ROAD, NGA CHUK STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, CHUK YUEN ROAD EASTBOUND AND WING CHUK STREET INSTEAD OF SHATIN PASS ROAD, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, NGA CHUK STREET, CHUK YUEN ROAD WESTBOUND AND WING CHUK STREET.

MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTE 52 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO SAN PO KONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA CHAI HANG ROAD, FLYOVER, FUNG MEI STREET, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD INSTEAD OF MA CHAI HANG ROAD, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN TO KWA WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13), THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TO KWA WAN ROAD BETWEEN KWEI CHOW STREET AND SAN MA TAU STREET, EFFECTIVE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CONVERTED TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13), THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN) TO CHIU'S VILLA IN YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE FOR VEHICLES EXCEEDING SIX METRES IN LENGTH.

ALL VEHICLES WITH A LENGTH EXCEEDING SIX METRES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ZONE, 24 HOURS DAILY.

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WATER CUT IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 6 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 15) TO FACILITATE THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER PIPES.

THE AREA AFFECTED INCLUDES KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, CHUN MAN COURT AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATE.

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