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SENIOR CARTOGRAPHER RETIRES AFTER MERITORIOUS SERVICE

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IT IS NOT OFTEN ONE WANDERED INTO A PROFESSION, STAYED IN IT FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND WAS RECOGNISED FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE BY PRESTIGIOUS PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO MR HAL EMPSON, SENIOR CARTOGRAPHER OF THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, WHO RETIRED AS HEAD OF ITS CARTOGRAPHIC UNIT LAST WEEK.

LAST YEAR, THE UNIT WON THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY DESIGN AWARD AND THE HIGHLY COMMENDED CATEGORY OF THE JOHN BARTHOLOMEW AWARD IN THEMATIC CARTOGRAPHY IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

BORN IN SURREY, UNITED KINGDOM, MR EMPSON'S TANNED COMPLEXION AND VIGOROUS PHYSIQUE - ACQUIRED FROM PLENTY OF OUTDOOR AND WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES - BELIES HIS 60 YEARS. HIS INTRODUCTION TO HIS LIFE WORK WAS ALMOST AS CASUAL AS HIS MANNERISMS.

WITH BARELY A YEAR OF TRAINING UNDER HIS BELT AS A TRAINEE ESTATE SURVEYOR, HE DECIDED IT WAS NOT QUITE HIS SCENE AND JOINED THE ORDNANCE SURVEY IN 1945 AS A TRAINEE MAPPING SURVEYOR/DRAUGHTSMAN.

CALLED UP FOR NATIONAL SERVICE IN 1946 FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN ROYAL ENGINEERS, HE UNDERWENT FURTHER TRAINING AT THE SCHOOL OF MILITARY SURVEY, WHERE THE SELECTION CRITERION ON WHO DID SURVEY OR CARTOGRAPHY/AIR SURVEY WAS ON THE BASIS OF "THOSE WHO COULDN'T DRAW DID SURVEY". THUS WERE THE CAREERS OF MR EMPSON AND HIS PEERS DECIDED.

HIS ARMY CAREER SAW HIM SERVING IN THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE WHERE HE WORKED ON MAPS OF PARTS OF PALESTINE (NOW ISRAEL) AND PRODUCING AIR-PHOTO MOSAICS OF SENSITIVE AREAS INVOLVED IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

THEN BACK AS A CIVILIAN HE BECAME A CARTOGRAPHER WITH THE DIRECTORATE OF OVERSEAS SURVEYS PRODUCING MAPS OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT; THEN AS A OIL COMPANY CARTOGRAPHER PRODUCING OIL EXPLORATION AND GEOLOGICAL MAPS AND DIAGRAMS OVER WIDE AREAS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN 1952, HE JOINED THE OVERSEAS CIVIL SERVICE AS A CARTOGRAPHER WITH THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF TANGANYIKA, ENDING UP AS CHIEF CARTOGRAPHER IN 1964 WHEN HE HAD TO RETIRE AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

BACK TO THE U.K. AT THE AGE OF 36 WITH A GOLDEN HANDSHAKE PLUS A NOMINAL PENSION OF FIVE POUND STERLING PER WEEK, HE WAS ALSO JOBLESS WITH A WIFE AND TWO YOUNGSTERS.

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BUT THE OVERSEAS CIVIL SERVICE AGAIN BECKONED WITH THREE JOB OFFERS. HIS CHOICE WAS CHIEF DRAUGHTSMAN/NEW TERRITORIES, AND HE EVENTUALLY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER 1964.

THE ACTUAL TASK OF BRINGING SOME SORT OF ORDER TO THOSE INCREDIBLE OLD DISTRICT OFFICE CARTOGRAPHIC SECTIONS CAME AS A BIT OF A SHOCK BUT SOME SEMBLANCE OF ORDER WAS EVENTUALLY ACHIEVED.

AFTER ONE TOUR, HE WAS JOB HUNTING AGAIN, SINCE THE NT POST OFFERED NO SECURE FUTURE AND THE ONLY OTHER SUITABLE POST IN HONG KONG - CARTOGRAPHER/CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE - WAS HELD BY A CAREER OFFICER.

HE HAD JUST BEEN OFFERED THE POST OF CARTOGRAPHIC TRAINING OFFICER IN SABAH WHEN WORD CAME THAT THE INCUMBENT CARTOGRAPHER HAD DIED AND IT WOULD BE WORTH RETURNING TO HONG KONG.

MR EMPSON ASSUMED THE POST OF CARTOGRAPHER IN JUNE 1969. AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS LITTLE REAL MAP MAKING ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG. ALL THAT WAS DONE THEN WAS REALLY LARGE SCALE SURVEY DRAUGHTING WITH ALL TOPOGRAPHIC AND OTHER COLOURED MAPS PRODUCED IN THE U.K.

THE SITUATION IMPROVED SLOWLY WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LATEST METHODS AND NEW REPROGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, AND THE PUBLICATION OF COLOURED MAPPING EXPANDED RAPIDLY.

LOOKING BACK ON HIS NEARLY TWO DECADES AS HEAD OF THE CARTOGRAPHIC UNIT, HE WAS PROMPTED TO QUIP THAT "PUTTING HONG KONG ON THE MAP" AND CREATING THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME SUPERB LOCAL CARTOGRAPHERS WERE HIS MOST SATISFYING AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

IT WAS HARDLY AN EMPTY BOAST. HONG KONG IS NOW PROBABLY THE BEST MAPPED TERRITORY IN THE WORLD AND THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BEEN RECOGNISED.

IN 1986, THE CARTOGRAPHIC UNIT ENTERED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND WON A HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD PRESENTED BY THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY FOR ITS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP "THE TERRITORY OF HONG KONG", WHICH APPEARED AT THE FRONTISPIECE OF THE 1986 HONG KONG YEAR BOOK.

THE 1987 BCS DESIGN AWARD WAS FOR THE "COUNTRYSIDE SERIES MAP OF THE NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES", WHILE THE JOHN BARTHOLOMEW AWARD WAS FOR A MAP - ENTITLED "HONG KONG BUYING FROM THE WORLD" - WHICH APPEARED AS THE END-PAPER MAP IN THE 1987 HONG KONG YEAR BOOK.

IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE THAT THE USUALLY PLACID VETERAN CARTOGRAPHER SHOWED TRACES OF ANNOYANCE WHEN PEOPLE STILL THINK THAT HONG KONG MAPS ARE BEING PRODUCED OVERSEAS OR SOMEHOW APPEAR AS IF BY MAGIC DIRECT FROM THE PRINTING PRESSES.

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"I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME WE RECEIVE DUE RECOGNITION. CONSIDERING OUR TRACK RECORD, AND THE FACT THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN FOR YEARS ONE OF THE FASTEST CHANGING TERRITORIES IN THE WORLD, WHICH PRACTICALLY REQUIRES A NEW MAP CYCLE EVERY TWO TO THREE YEARS, WE HAVE DONE VERY WELL INDEED," MR EMPSON SAID.

FIGURES PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES SHOWED THAT THE HONG KONG OFFICE GUIDE AND MAPS AND BOOKS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE SERIES PRODUCED BY MR EMPSON'S STAFF, HAVE BEEN EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR ITEMS SOUGHT BY LOCAL BUYERS AND TOURISTS.

NOT YET WILLING TO ADMIT THAT HIS CAREER IN MAP MAKING IS ENDED, MR EMPSON IS NOW SETTING UP A CARTOGRAPHIC CONSULTANCY AND MAP PRODUCTION SERVICES PRACTICE, WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL KEEP HIM TIED TO THESE SHORES FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.

EVENTUALLY, HE AND FAMILY HOPE TO RETIRE TO QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

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CONSULTANTS FOR PORT, AIRPORT STUDY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED CONSULTANTS TO PRODUCE A LONG TERM PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) FOR HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE GIVEN 22 MONTHS TO PRODUCE THEIR REPORT.

"THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE \$44-MILLION STUDY ARE TO IDENTIFY FUTURE NEEDS AND OPTIONS FOR THE LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE, AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TOURIST CENTRE AND AN ENTREPOT FOR THE WIDER REGION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STUDY WILL ASSUME A TIME HORIZON OF 2011 AND WILL PRODUCE ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR TWO BROAD SCENARIOS WHICH ARE:

- * PORT EXPANSION AND THE RETENTION OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND
- * PORT EXPANSION AND THE RELOCATION OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CEREMONY MARKING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CONSULTANTS MOTT, HAY & ANDERSON HONG KONG LIMITED AND SHANKLAND COX WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE

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MORE THAN 164,000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10 AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED THEM TO MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR RIGHT.

SPEAKING AT THE "DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PROMOTION DAY" AT YUE WAN ESTATE, MR YEUNG SAID THE LARGE NUMBER OF VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT SHOWED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE CIVIC-MINDED AND CARED FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"FORTY-FIVE CANDIDATES FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY WILL VIE FOR 22 SEATS IN THE 13 CONSTITUENCIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT," MR YEUNG SAID.

ONLY TWO CANDIDATES FROM THE QUARRY BAY NORTH CONSTITUENCY ARE UNOPPOSED.

MR YEUNG BELIEVED THAT THE CANDIDATES COULD WELL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AND VIEWS OF ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

NOTING THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME DEPENDED ON PUBLIC SUPPORT, HE SAID THE TURNOUT OF MORE VOTERS ON POLLING DAY WOULD MEAN MORE SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OF THE 45 CANDIDATES CONTESTING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, 15 ARE SERVING DB MEMBERS.

THE 45 CANDIDATES COMPRISE 36 MEN AND NINE WOMEN AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 66, WITH 22 CANDIDATES FALLING WITHIN THE 31 TO 40 AGE GROUP.

ABOUT 44.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ARE EXECUTIVES, 24.5 PER CENT ARE PROFESSIONALS AND 17.8 PER CENT ARE EDUCATIONISTS.

THE MOST HOTLY CONTESTED CONSTITUENCY IS CHAI WAN NORTH WHERE THERE ARE SEVEN CANDIDATES VYING FOR TWO SEATS. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY NORTH POINT NORTH WITH FIVE CANDIDATES VYING FOR TWO SEATS.

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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE ON MARCH 10

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT NEW YEAR CARNIVAL, MRS FUNG SAID THAT IN MONG KOK, ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE MONG KOK EAST, WEST AND TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCIES TO RETURN FIVE CANDIDATES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SIX CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN ONLY THREE AS THE FIVE CANDIDATES OF THE OTHER THREE CONSTITUENCIES ARE UNOPPOSED.

MRS FUNG ALSO COMMENDED THE CARNIVAL'S ORGANISER, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, FOR PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN ORGANISING WHOLESOME RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KWOK-MING; AND MANAGER OF THE MONG KOK BRANCH OF HONGKONG BANK, MR R.J.C. CROMWELL.

ABOUT 3,000 RESIDENTS PACKED THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TODAY TO TAKE PART IN THE CARNIVAL.

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ELECTION FORUMS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD SEVEN FORUMS ON MARCH 5 AND 6 FOR DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES TO MEET THE PUBLIC.

THERE ARE 24 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR 16 SEATS IN EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT. FORUMS WILL ONLY BE HELD IN SEVEN CONSTITUENCIES AS THE TWO CANDIDATES OF THE HO MAN TIN NORTH CONSTITUENCY ARE UNOPPOSED.

THE FORUMS WILL ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES.

THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

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A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN URGED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO ATTEND THE FORUMS SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO CHOOSE THE CANDIDATES THAT WOULD BEST REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

DETAILS OF THE SEVEN FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
MARCH 5, 1 PM	KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WEI	HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, 57 FU LING STREET, TO KWA WAN
MARCH 5, 1.30 PM	TO KWA WAN SOUTH	CHEUNG CHUK SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL 22 SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN
MARCH 5, 5.15 PM	LUNG SHING	CANOSSIAN HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL 102 JUNCTION ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.
MARCH 5, 5.30 PM	TO KWA WAN NORTH	HOLY CARPENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL 14 KWEI CHOW STREET, TO KWA WAN
MARCH 6, 1.30 PM	HUNG HOM NORTH	POO OI PRIMARY SCHOOL 5 DYER STREET, HUNG HOM
MARCH 6, 11.30 PM	HO MAN TIN SOUTH	OI MAN ESTATE HALL, OI MAN ESTATE
MARCH 6, 3 PM	HUNG HOM SOUTH	HUNG HOM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 68 GILLIES AVENUE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEVEN ELECTION FORUMS TO BE HELD IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ON MARCH 5 AND 6.

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PUBLIC FORUMS ARRANGED FOR SAI KUNG DB CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT WILL MEET THE PUBLIC IN A SERIES OF ELECTION FORUMS BETWEEN TUESDAY (MARCH 1) AND SATURDAY.

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FORUMS AIM AT ENABLING RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS.

THERE ARE FIVE CONSTITUENCIES IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT -- SAI KUNG ISLANDS, SAI KUNG CENTRAL, SAI KUNG PAK SHA WAN, HANG HAU AND JUNK BAY.

HOWEVER, FORUMS WILL BE HELD IN ONLY FOUR CONSTITUENCIES AS THE CANDIDATE IN THE JUNK BAY CONSTITUENCY IS UNOPPOSED.

DETAILS OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	CONSTITUENCY	VENUE
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MARCH 1	8 PM	SAI KUNG ISLANDS	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN.
MARCH 3	8 PM	SAI KUNG CENTRAL	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN.
MARCH 4	8 PM	SAI KUNG PAK SHA WAN	SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, HO CHUNG.
MARCH 5	3 PM	HANG HAU	CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICT, CHUK KOK, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

DURING THE FORUMS, CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS AND THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

AN INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS IN THE FORUMS FOR THE PAK SHA WAN AND HANG HAU CONSTITUENCIES.

LEAFLETS GIVING INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS AND DETAILS OF THE ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ATTEND THE FORUMS.

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TAI PO DB TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1) TO DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE 1987 TAI PO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

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'DOUBLE-JOURNEY ENTRY PERMIT' SCHEME

THE "DOUBLE-JOURNEY ENTRY PERMIT" SCHEME FOR RESIDENTS OF TAIWAN WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MARCH 1, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THIS ENTRY PERMIT WILL ENABLE RESIDENTS OF TAIWAN TO COME TO HONG KONG, AND TO MAKE A SIDE TRIP TO OTHER TERRITORIES DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ENQUIRE MORE ABOUT THE SCHEME MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111.

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NEW WARRANT CARD FOR TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER

THE AUTHORISATION AND APPOINTMENT CARDS ISSUED TO OFFICERS OF THE TRADE CONTROLS GROUP OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REPLACED WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE NEW CARDS ARE OF POLAROID TYPE AND WILL BEAR THE NAME, SIGNATURE AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OFFICER CONCERNED TOGETHER WITH AUTHORISATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF LEGISLATION COVERING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, RESERVED COMMODITIES, TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND COPYRIGHT.

THE TRADE CONTROLS GROUP COMPRISES THE TRADE INSPECTION AND VERIFICATION BUREAU, THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU, AND THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU.

MEMBERS OF THE TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER GRADE OPERATE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND ARE PROVIDED WITH AUTHORISATION AND APPOINTMENT CARDS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE. THEY MUST PRODUCE THE CARDS ON ENTERING ANY PREMISES.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE THE POLICE OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRADE CONTROLS GROUP OFFICES IF THEY HAVE DOUBTS AS TO PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE TRADE CONTROLS OFFICERS:

A. TRADE INSPECTION AND VERIFICATION BUREAU

BUREAU HEAD	5-764245
DEPUTY BUREAU HEADS	
HONG KONG DIVISION	5-771814
KOWLOON EAST DIVISION	3-7212715
KOWLOON WEST DIVISION	3-7221164
NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION	0-4166477

B. TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU

BUREAU HEAD	5-8523270
DEPUTY BUREAU HEADS	
ORIGIN FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS	5-8523269
LICENSING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS	5-8523271

C. TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU

BUREAU HEAD	5-8523273
DEPUTY BUREAU HEADS	
TRADE COMPLAINTS AND PROSECUTIONS	5-8523250
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY INVESTIGATIONS	3-7158558

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CASUALTY RATE OF BICYCLE ACCIDENTS DOWN

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THE CASUALTY RATE OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING BICYCLES HAD DROPPED BY 20.5 PER CENT LAST YEAR WHEN COMPARED TO 1986, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC) OF THE POLICE, MR PEDRO CHING KWOK-HOO, REVEALED THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CYCLING PROFICIENCY PILOT SCHEME HELD AT THE TAI WAI CYCLE PARK.

THE PILOT SCHEME WHICH COMMENCED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING FREE BASIC TRAINING TO INEXPERIENCED CYCLISTS TO IMPROVE THEIR RIDING TECHNIQUES, AND TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS SO THAT THEY WOULD BE LESS PRONE TO ACCIDENTS.

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ALTOGETHER SIX PARTICIPANTS FROM THE BEGINNERS' COURSE AND 17 FROM THE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE HAD COMPLETED A SERIES OF TESTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CYCLING. THESE INCLUDE ROAD USERS' KNOWLEDGE, CYCLING TECHNIQUES, AND BICYCLE MAINTENANCE.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES TODAY WILL HELP TO PROMOTE CYCLING SAFETY TO BENEFIT OTHERS," MR CHING SAID.

AS TO FUTURE PLANS, MR CHING SAID THE BASIC IDEA WAS TO TRAIN JUNIOR CYCLING INSTRUCTORS FOR VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL GROUPS, SO THAT THEY COULD IN TURN TRAIN THEIR OWN MEMBERS.

BESIDES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE PILOT SCHEME. THEY INCLUDED THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION, THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, AND THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON FURNITURE INDUSTRY BEGINS

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THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 29 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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NEW CONDITIONS FOR TRANSPORTING LONG AND WIDE LOADS

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH NEW RULES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF LONG LOADS AND WIDE LOADS FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS STIPULATE THAT A LONG LOAD PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANY LOAD WHICH PROTRUDES MORE THAN 1.5 METRES BEYOND THE FOREMOST PART, OR MORE THAN 1.4 METRES BEHIND THE REAR MOST PART OF THE CONVEYANCE VEHICLE.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE LOAD PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CARRIAGE OF ANY LOAD WHICH EXCEEDS 2.5 METRES IN WIDTH.

UNDER THE NEW PERMIT CONDITIONS, A LONG LOAD OR WIDE LOAD PERMIT WILL ONLY BE ISSUED TO THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MEDIUM OR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE WHOSE OVERALL LENGTH IS AT LEAST 9.1 METRES.

IN THE CASE OF LOADS WHICH OVERHANG MORE THAN TWO METRES TO THE FRONT OR MORE THAN THREE METRES TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, THE LENGTH OF THE CONVEYANCE VEHICLE MUST AT LEAST BE 10 METRES.

ESCORT VEHICLES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE LOAD-CARRYING VEHICLE IS ALSO MADE MANDATORY.

AN ESCORT VEHICLE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN AMBER FLASHING LIGHT AND MUST DISPLAY IN A PROMINENT POSITION EITHER A "LONG LOAD" OR "WIDE LOAD" SIGN, DEPENDING ON THE LOAD ESCORTED, TO WARN OTHER MOTORISTS.

"TO ENSURE THAT THE 'LONG LOAD' OR 'WIDE LOAD' SIGNS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO OTHER ROAD USERS, THE SIGN ON THE FRONT ESCORT VEHICLE MUST BE DISPLAYED TO THE FRONT FACING ONCOMING VEHICLES, WHILE THAT ON THE REAR ESCORT VEHICLE SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO THE REAR FACING TRAFFIC TRAILING BEHIND.

"ALTERNATIVELY, THE SIGNS MAY BE MOUNTED ON THE ROOF OF THE ESCORT VEHICLES AND IN THAT CASE, THE SIGNS MAY BE DOUDLE-SIDED," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT THE DESIGN, COLOUR AND DIMENSIONS OF THE "LONG LOAD" AND "WIDE LOAD" SIGNS MUST COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS LAID DOWN IN THE PERMIT CONDITIONS.

MOREOVER, THE FITTING OF FLASHING AMBER LIGHTS ON ESCORT VEHICLES SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS. APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION HAS FIRST TO BE SOUGHT BEFORE THESE LIGHTS ARE FITTED.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER STRESSED THAT EVEN WITH A LONG LOAD OR WIDE LOAD PERMIT, THE HEIGHT OF ANY LOAD WHEN PLACED ON THE GOODS VEHICLE MUST NOT EXCEED 4.6 METRES ABOVE THE GROUND.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LONG LOAD OR WIDE LOAD PERMIT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES WHILE ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MADE ON 5-262982 OR 3-7714306.

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NON-INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES TO LET BY TENDER

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TWO NON-INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES ARE TO BE LET BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE IS A TWO-STORY STRUCTURE AT 106A POK FU LAM VILLAGE, AND MEASURES 47 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON MARCH 4 AND 11.

THE OTHER INVOLVES THE GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT OF A BUILDING AT 481 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

UNDER THE TENANCY AGREEMENT, THE 102.7-SQUARE-METRE PROPERTY CANNOT BE USED AS A GODOWN.

PERSONS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS OF THE LETTING SHOULD RING THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 3-884111, EXT. 248, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE TENANCIES FOR THE TWO PROPERTIES ARE ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 25.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR WORKS TO IMPROVE PO TUNG ROAD FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

THE WORKS INVOLVE WIDENING AND REALIGNING THE SECTION OF PO TUNG ROAD, PROVISION OF A SIGNAL-CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, CONSTRUCTION OF THE INITIAL PORTION OF TAN CHEUNG ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 18 THIS YEAR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN, STANLEY

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAU KEI WAN AND STANLEY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

IN SHAU KEI WAN, VEHICLES ON KAM WA STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING ON TO SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

ALSO, KAM WA STREET BETWEEN MONG LUNG STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WILL BE CONVERTED INTO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC; AND THE PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON THIS SECTION OF KAM WA STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS FOR TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORK.

IN STANLEY, STANLEY MOUND ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 18 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY BEACH ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, STANLEY MOUND ROAD WEST OF HOUSE NO. 18 WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT NINE DAYS FOR MAINSLAYING WORK.

MEANWHILE, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE UNNAMED LANE BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 18 AND 20 CARNARVON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY. THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS ON CARNARVON ROAD AND CAMERON LANE.

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ONE-LANE OPERATIONS FOR FLYOVER WORK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON FEBRUARY 29 (MONDAY), MARCH 1 AND MARCH 2, WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON THESE TWO SECTIONS, MOTORISTS SHOULD AVOID USING THEM AND TAKE OTHER ROUTES.

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