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VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS, SAYS FOREIGN SECRETARY

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THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, TODAY HAD A +VERY VALUABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE+ DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AFTER MEETING WITH EXCO SIR GEOFFREY SAID: +ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING I HAVE HAD WITH EXCO HERE IN HONG KONG, IT IS IN FACT THE FIFTH MEETING I HAVE HAD WITH THEM IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE.

+THIS MORNING WE HAVE HAD A VERY VALUABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION. IT FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION IN WHICH I AM, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, ENGAGED.+

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SHA TIN GROWTH SEEN AS 'TRIBUTE TO HK ENTERPRISE'

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THE TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN IS A REAL TRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS AND ENTERPRISE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

+THIS WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF WO CHE ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

+THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE ARE SO CONCERNED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR GEOFFREY SAID HIS FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG WITH LADY HOWE WAS IN 1973 AND THAT SHA TIN HAD NOT BEEN STARTED AT THAT TIME.

NOW IT IS A TOWN WHICH PROVIDES HOMES FOR 300 000 PEOPLE WITH A MARVELLOUS SELECTION OF SHOPS, SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES, HE SAID.

+WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE A CHANCE OF SEEING IT TODAY. MY WIFE TOO HAS BEEN VERY PLEASED TO HAVE A CHANCE OF SEEING AROUND,+ HE SAID.

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SIR GEOFFREY VISITS WO CHE ESTATE
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DURING HIS VISIT TO WO CHE ESTATE IN SHA TIN THIS AFTERNOON, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, TOURED THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND VISITED A FAMILY.

HE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

A SELF-CONTAINED ENTITY COMPLETED IN 1979, WO CHE WAS THE SECOND OF NINE PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ESTATES TO OPEN IN SHA TIN, WITH 6 075 FLATS ON 12 BLOCKS ACCOMMODATING MORE THAN 32 700 PEOPLE.

SIR GEOFFREY NEXT VISITED THE FAMILY OF MR YEUNG LAU-MAN, A HAWKER WHO LIVES WITH HIS WIFE, SIX DAUGHTERS AND A SON IN A 52.2 SQUARE-METRE FLAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF HIP WO HOUSE.

HE CHATTED WITH MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WHO HAD MOVED FROM THE LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE UNDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S RELIEF-OF-OVERCROWDING SCHEME FOUR YEARS AGO.

SIR GEOFFREY FIRST INSPECTED AN EXHIBITION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE MR FORD EXPLAINED THE FEATURES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE POPULAR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

SIR GEOFFREY THEN TOOK A WALK THROUGH THE MODERN COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE SHOPS OF VARIOUS TRADES CATERED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE ESTATE COMMUNITY.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, SIR GEOFFREY TOURED SHA TIN FOR A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT.

HE ALSO MET FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SIR GEOFFREY FIRST ARRIVED AT THE LIONS PAVILION WHERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, BRIEFED HIM ON THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER OF SHA TIN, MR C.K. CHOW, WERE ALSO ON HAND TO TALK ABOUT DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS IN THE NEW TOWN AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIR GEOFFREY THEN HAD A BRIEF SESSION WITH FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, MR NG CHAN-LAM, MR CHOY KAN-PUI AND MRS CHAN LO YIN-BING.

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MORE CONTROL OVER BUS SERVICES PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO AMEND THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES ORDINANCE TO IMPROVE ITS CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION AND PLANNING OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

THESE AMENDMENTS WOULD PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE OF THE TWO FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR PROPOSALS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED TODAY, IS A CLEARER DEFINITION OF A +PROPER AND EFFICIENT BUS SERVICE+, WHICH WILL ALLOW BETTER SUPERVISION OVER THE OPERATIONS OF A FRANCHISE GRANTEE, AND ENABLE WARNING SIGNS OF LIKELY FAILINGS TO BE IDENTIFIED AT AN EARLY STAGE SO THAT REMEDIAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN GOOD TIME.

UNDER THIS DEFINITION, THE BUS SERVICE HAS TO BE PROVIDED NOT ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRANCHISE AND THE ORDINANCE AND ANY DIRECTIONS OR REQUIREMENTS UNDER THEM, IT HAS ALSO TO BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ANY PROGRAMME AGREED BETWEEN THE GRANTEE AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

IN ORDER THAT PLANNING MAY ROLL FORWARD, THE GRANTEE WILL HAVE TO PREPARE A FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME EACH YEAR. IT MAY BE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING ACCORDING TO THIS PROGRAMME AND IT WILL HAVE TO KEEP RECORDS OF BUS ORDERS AND EXPECTED AVAILABLE DATES SO THAT ITS ABILITY TO MEET FUTURE ROUTE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE ASSESSED.

THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPERVISION OVER THE ADEQUACY OF BUSES WILL ALSO BE ENHANCED BY PROVISIONS TO COVER THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR TEMPORARY ROUTES OR TEMPORARY CHANGES TO EXISTING SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

UNDER THESE PROVISIONS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE GRANTEE HAS ADEQUATE BUSES FOR THE NEW OR TEMPORARY ROUTE AND STILL PROVIDE A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE ON ALL EXISTING ROUTES BEFORE THE ROUTE IS INTRODUCED.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED BY THE BILL CLARIFIES THAT FRANCHISES ARE SUBJECT TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AS WELL AS TO ITS AMENDMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS CLARIFICATION IS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE FRANCHISES GRANTED TO THE TWO BUS COMPANIES REFER SPECIFICALLY TO THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES ORDINANCE 1975 AND THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS EXEMPTING THEM FROM ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE.

FURTHERMORE, BEFORE EXTENDING A FRANCHISE, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE GRANTEE IS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE, BUT WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE IT TO HAVE MAINTAINED SUCH A SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE FRANCHISE PERIOD.

+IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION SHOULD BE ASSESSED ON THE GRANTEE'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE CAPABILITY RATHER THAN ITS HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT UNDER ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, CERTAIN BUS SERVICES WHICH COMPLEMENT RATHER THAN COMPETE WITH THE FRANCHISED SERVICES WILL BE EXEMPT FROM CONTROL UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND INSTEAD BE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO THE TYPE OF PASSENGERS TO BE CARRIED, THE LOCATIONS TO BE SERVED AND THE SYSTEM OF CHARGING TO BE ADOPTED.

THESE ARE 'RESIDENTS' SERVICE', NORMALLY A ROUTE DESIGNED TO SERVE A PARTICULAR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; 'INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE', WHICH COVERS AIRPORT AND HOTEL SERVICES, CROSS-BORDER SERVICES, AND SERVICES TO MAJOR RAILWAY STATIONS AND FERRY TERMINALS; AND 'MULTIPLE TRANSPORT SERVICE', WHICH IS ONE WHERE A SINGLE FARE WOULD BE PAYABLE FOR A JOURNEY ON MORE THAN ONE MODE OF TRANSPORT.

THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 2 AND IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS THIRD READING ON MAY 16.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, AT ST JOHN'S BUILDING, 8TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TRAFFIC HERE SURPRISES UK TRANSPORT CHIEF

MR DAVID MITCHELL, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, TODAY (THURSDAY) MET SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER, MR JAMES SO.

DURING THE MEETING, MR SO BRIEFED MR MITCHELL ON HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

MR MITCHELL EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE INTENSITY OF TRAFFIC AND THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY THE HIGHLY INTEGRATED MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE TERRITORY.

EARLIER, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS DOROTHY CHAN, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR MITCHELL WAS GIVEN A CONDUCTED TOUR OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE CENTRAL BUS STATION AND THE HONG KONG YAUMATEI FERRY PIERS.

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FURTHER STEP TO IMPROVE NULLAH WATER
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GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AT KAI TAK NULLAH HAVE TAKEN A STEP FORWARD WITH THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BUILD A BOX CULVERT AT KWUN TONG ROAD.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED THE \$1.4 MILLION CONTRACT TO GAR WING HUNG KEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CARRY OUT THE WORK.

THE 50-METRE LONG BOX CULVERT WILL BE LAID ACROSS JORDAN NULLAH, BETWEEN CHOI HUNG, WONG TAI SIN AND TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATES AND KWUN TONG.

WORK ON THE PROJECT COMMENCED THIS WEEK AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOX CULVERT FORMS PART OF STAGE I OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE NULLAH.

THIS STAGE CONSISTS OF MODIFYING THE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN SOME OF THE OLD RESETTLEMENT ESTATES UPSTREAM OF KAI TAK NULLAH AND DIVERTING THE POLLUTED FLOW FROM THE NULLAH TO THE PROPER SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

THIS STAGE IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1985.

WORK IN THE SECOND STAGE INVOLVES DREDGING ORGANIC SEDIMENT WHICH HAS ACCUMULATED AT KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND INSTALLING OXYGEN-INJECTION EQUIPMENT NEAR THE OUTFALL FROM KAI TAK NULLAH TO INCREASE THE OXYGEN CONTENT OF THE WATER.

DREDGING WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND THE OXYGEN INJECTION EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND STAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1986.

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TRADE, INDUSTRY CHIEF ON VISITS
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (APRIL 22) ON A PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

HE WILL VISIT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN NEW YORK. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, MR HO WILL MEET SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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HE WILL THEN FLY TO LONDON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

AT THE END OF MAY, MR HO WILL MAKE A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO VIENNA, AT THE INVITATION OF AUSTRIAN VICE-CHANCELLOR AND FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DR NORBERT STEGER, WHO VISITED HONG KONG IN 1983.

DURING MR HO'S ABSENCE, MR JOHN YAXLEY, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WILL BE ACTING AS THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

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WARNING ABOUT ENDANGERED SPECIES
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RESIDENTS VISITING NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS OR PLANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID STUFFED SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES AS WELL AS OWLS AND PANGOLINS ARE STILL BEING IMPORTED ILLEGALLY BY SOME RESIDENTS.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF SPECIES OF ANIMALS OR PLANTS UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THIS ORDINANCE GIVES EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

THE LAW PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ON CONVICTION FOR FIRST OFFENCES, AND \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES. THE ILLEGAL IMPORTS ARE GENERALLY CONFISCATED.

SUCH GOODS SEIZED LAST YEAR WERE VALUED AT \$1.5 MILLION. AMONG THEM WERE 5 977 PIECES OF PYTHON SKINS, 25 STUFFED SEA TURTLES, FIVE LIVE OWLS, ONE LIVE SEA TURTLE AND 71 OUNCES OF AMERICAN GINSENG.

+THERE HAS BEEN GROWING CONCERN WORLDWIDE OVER SOME SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS FACING THE DANGER OF EXTINCTION DUE TO POACHING AND LOSS OF HABITAT.

+CONSERVATION THUS IS AN INTERNATIONALLY CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MAXICAB HOTLINE SERVICE

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A TELEPHONE HOTLINE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES MAXICAB OPERATORS ASSOCIATION IS NOW IN SERVICE FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

THE HOTLINE OPERATES FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONCERNING MAXICAB ROUTES AND SERVICES, PLEASE CALL 3-2811160.

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NURSING DIPLOMA COURSE - 'A MILESTONE'

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THE NEW DIPLOMA COURSE IN NURSING ADMINISTRATION DEVELOPED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT WAS A MILESTONE IN HEALTH CARE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (ADMINISTRATION), MR JOHN BAMFORTH, SAID TODAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE COURSE, MR BAMFORTH SAID IT WAS THE FIRST LOCALLY-DEVELOPED COURSE OF SUCH DEPTH AND SCOPE.

IT MARKED AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVISION OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING BASED ON HIGH ACADEMIC PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS, HE ADDED.

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HAD RECOGNISED THE PROBLEMS AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE A COURSE OF HIGH STANDARD TO TRAIN NURSES IN MANAGEMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE.

MR BAMFORTH ALSO SAID THE NURSING PROFESSION WAS ALWAYS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE BATTLE TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN HEALTH, AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE OF ALL THE PROFESSIONS DEVOTED TO HEALTH CARE.

THE THREE-TERM COURSE IS OFFERED ON A PART-TIME, DAY-RELEASE BASIS OVER 18 MONTHS. IT HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 23 NURSES AND PARAMEDICS FROM VARIOUS MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS.

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TAOIST GROUP PRAISED FOR WORK

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS OWED A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE CHING CHUNG KOON'S BENEFACTORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN MANY FIELDS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

HE NOTED THAT THE KOON, A TAOIST ORGANISATION IN TUEN MUN, WAS PLANNING TO BUILD A PRIMARY SCHOOL LATER THIS YEAR AND A FOLKLORE MUSEUM IN 1986.

+FROM A TRADITIONAL PROVIDER OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE KOON HAS BRANCHED OFF OVER THE YEARS INTO A CORPORATE BODY PROVIDING AT PRESENT TWO MUCH-NEEDED KINDERGARTENS AND TWO MEDICAL CLINICS ON TOP OF THE TWO HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THE OPERATION OF WHICH THE KOON EXCELS,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 12-DAY BONSAI SHOW AT CHING CHUNG KOON IN TUEN MUN.

+CHING CHUNG KOON IS PARTICULARLY COMMENDED FOR ITS CONTINUING ENDEAVOUR AND SUPPORT WITHOUT WHICH THIS SHOW, NOW RUNNING INTO ITS FIFTH YEAR, WOULD NOT HAVE BECOME SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN TUEN MUN'S CALENDAR OF ANNUAL FESTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE SUBJECT EVERY DAY TO THE RUSH AND COMMERCIAL HUSTLE OF CITY LIFE, THIS SHOW OFFERS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO HIDE AWAY FOR A WHILE, TO RELAX AND ENJOY OURSELVES.

+IN HONG KONG WHERE SO MANY OF US LIVE IN SUCH VERY CROWDED CONDITIONS, BONSAI AND THE KEEPING OF HOUSE PLANTS ARE PARTICULARLY WORTH PURSUING AS AN INEXPENSIVE PASTIME TO BEAUTIFY AND BRIGHTEN UP OUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.+

THERE ARE MORE THAN 400 EXHIBITS AT THE SHOW, INCLUDING A VARIETY OF RARE AND VALUABLE MINIATURE TREES AND POTTED PLANTS COLLECTED BY THE KOON AND WINNING ENTRIES OF A BONSAI COMPETITION.

THE SHOW IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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WATER STREET TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

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A SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED TO RELIEVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL INCLUDE WIDENING A SECTION OF THE FOOTPATH FOR EXISTING COOKED FOOD STORES, SO THAT A TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY CAN BE PROVIDED.

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AFTER THE WORK, THE SECTION OF CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN THIRD STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE 7.3 METRES WIDE AND THE SECTION BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST 10.3 METRES WIDE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THESE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 11.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, HIGHWAYS OFFICE (HK), ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 9TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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KOWLOON STATION PODIUM TO BE EXTENDED
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THE PODIUM AT KOWLOON STATION IS TO BE EXTENDED TO ENHANCE ITS TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FACILITIES.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE EXTENSION - INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF CAISSONS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED GROUND BEAMS AND CAISSON CAPS - ARE BEING INVITED BY THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

OTHER WORK WILL INCLUDE RE-LAYING 1 600 METRES OF TRACK AT THE STATION'S GOODS YARD.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE EXTENSION, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, ARE TO BE CALLED FOR IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE AREA OF THE PODIUM WILL BE INCREASED BY ONE HECTARE TO ABOUT 6.5 HECTARES AT THE COMPLETION OF WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

EASTER TREAT FOR 2 500
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AN EASTER CARNIVAL FOR MORE THAN 2 500 RESIDENTS OF WALDORF GARDEN IN TUEN MUN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE THREE-HOUR PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 1 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE OF THE GARDEN WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCE BY TELEVISION ARTISTES, LION DANCE, MAGIC, ACROBATICS, SINGING, STALL-GAMES, A VARIETY SHOW AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG; DISTRICT COMMANDER (TUEN MUN), MR MARTIN BROWN; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GUARDIAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LIMITED, MR DAVID THOMAS; AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG HOK-YEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BADMINTON UMPIRING COURSE
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A SIX-SESSION TRAINING COURSE ON THE UMPIRING OF BADMINTON GAMES WILL START ON MAY 18.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE MEI WAN SPORTS CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM.

APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 EACH.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RSS OFFICE IN WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL, AND FROM THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR WAN CHAI FOOTBRIDGE WORK
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TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IN FORCE IN WAN CHAI FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (APRIL 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON A FOOTBRIDGE. THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE :

- * THE JUNCTION OF FLEMING ROAD WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD IN FRONT OF THE CHINA RESOURCES BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED.
- * THE SAME UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN THE CAR PARK ENTRANCE OF THE CHINA RESOURCES BUILDING AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE REROUTED TWO WAYS.
- * VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM HARBOUR ROAD INTO TONNOCHY ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, SOUTHERN VEHICLES FROM THE NORTHERN END OF FLEMING ROAD SHOULD USE HARBOUR ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD TO ENTER GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON THE NIGHTS OF APRIL 21, 22 AND 23.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HOLIDAY NEWS SERVICE
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THE DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS -- FROM APRIL 20 TO 23.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO INTERRUPTION OF THE DAILY NEWS SERVICE, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRANSMITTED AS USUAL BY TELEPRINTER AND FACSIMILE NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS.

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