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JOINT OPERATION NETS MORE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT SUSPECTS

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A JOINT TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION WAS MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION THIS WEEK AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE EVADED ARREST.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 139 PEOPLE. NINETEEN OF THEM WERE SUSPECTED TO BE EVADERS AND 10 OTHERS WERE BELIEVED TO BE AIDERS AND ABETTERS.

FORTY-FIVE OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT IN THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

OTHER HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (SATURDAY) THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

+A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 22) MORNING AND ENDED AT THE SAME TIME THE NEXT DAY, POLICE STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 31 052 PEOPLE, 2 726 VEHICLES AND 789 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

A TOTAL OF 54 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND A FURTHER 15 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF $1 000.

ANOTHER NINE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY POSSESSING IDENTITY CARDS WHICH DO NOT BELONG TO THEM.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 5 406 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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A TOTAL OF TWO PERSONS IN TWO ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER 44 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO $50 000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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SURVEY OF OYSTER BEDS BEGINS NEXT WEEK

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OYSTER FARMERS IN LAU FAU SHAN WHOSE CULTIVATED OYSTER BEDS FALLS WITHIN THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE MARKED OUT TODAY IN THE DEEP BAY FORESHORE ARE URGED TO ASSIST IN THE SURVEY EXERCISE BEGINNING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 28).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD - APRIL 28 TO MAY 1 - OYSTER FARMERS ARE REQUESTED TO MARK OUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL OYSTER BED BOUNDARIES WITHIN THE ROUTE WITH BAMBOO STICKS.

A SITE COUNTER WILL BE SET UP IN THE LAU FAU SHAN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WHERE AFFECTED OYSTER FARMERS CAN COLLECT BAMBOO STICKS WITH MARKERS AND REGISTER THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

THEY SHOULD IDENTIFY THEIR OYSTER BEDS FROM 10 AM TO NOON, AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM DAILY BETWEEN MONDAY AND THURSDAY (APRIL 27 AND 30). THE SITE COUNTER WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY (APRIL 27) TO COINCIDE WITH A LOW TIDE TO BE OBSERVED ON THAT DAY.

STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCENE THROUGHOUT THE SURVEY TO ASSIST THE OYSTER FARMERS IN THE REGISTRATION WORK AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF BAMBOO STICKS.

THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL FORM ONE OF THE BASES FOR ASSESSMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO ELIGIBLE FARMERS ACCORDING TO A RATE OF $9.4 PER SQUARE METRE OF OYSTER BED UNDER ACTIVE CULTIVATION HAVING A STOCKING DENSITY OF NO LESS THAN 70 CULTCHES PER 100 SQ. METRES.

THE RATE AND BOTTOMLINE DENSITY WAS RECENTLY REVISED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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BEFORE THE REVISION, THE ORIGINAL RATE WAS $8 PER SQUARE METRE AND THE BOTTOMLINE DENSITY WAS 35 CULTCHES PER 10 SQUARE METRES, WHICH REQUIRES A CLAIMANT TO HAVE AN OYSTER BED FIVE TIMES DENSER THAN THE REVISED ONE BEFORE HE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

COMMENTING ON THE SURVEY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS PRINCIPALLY CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL OYSTER FARMERS WHOSE OYSTER CULTIVATION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE FORTHCOMING MARINE CLEARANCE AND TO WORK OUT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT TO FACILITATE PAYMENTS OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO THEM.

WITH REGARD TO THE STATE OF OYSTER CULTIVATION IN THE AREA, THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONDUCTED A FREEZING SURVEY BY SIDE SCAN SONAR DEVICES IN JANUARY LAST YEAR WHEN THE HARVESTING SEASON OF OYSTER FARMING WAS AT ITS PEAK.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WAS COLLATED AND ANOTHER SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN JULY DURING WHICH DIVERS WERE DEPLOYED TO VERIFY THE DENSITY OF OYSTER SPREAD WITHIN THE ROUTE AS RECORDED BY THE SONAR SURVEY. THE DATA OBTAINED FROM THE FREEZING SURVEY WERE FOUND TO BE BROADLY ACCURATE.

DURING THE FORTHCOMING SURVEY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAU FAU SHAN OYSTERS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES OYSTERS AND CRUSTACEAN UNITED ASSOCIATION WILL BE INVITED TO WITNESS THE WORK AND TO ASSIST INDIVIDUAL OYSTER FARMERS.

MEMBERS OF THE TANG YAU KUNG TONG (A TSO TONG OF THE TANG CLAN) WILL ALSO BE INVITED IN VIEW OF THEIR DECLARED INTEREST TOWARDS THE OYSTER BEDS.

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TRADE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH NORWAY

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A NEW THREE YEAR BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT HAS BEEN INITIALLED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 1987.

UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT FOUR CATEGORIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER RESTRAINT WILL BE LIBERALISED. THESE ARE IMPROVEMENTS IN GROWTH RATES AND FLEXIBILITIES FOR THE 11 CATEGORIES REMAINING UNDER RESTRAINT.

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER TWO ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE FIRST ROUND WAS HELD IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 11-13 AND THE SECOND ROUND IN OSLO FROM APRIL 22-24. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO OSLO WAS LED BY MR JOSEPH WONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

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FIRST COMMUNITY-BUILT COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE OPENED

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THE FIRST COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY WAS OPENED AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

THE SECOND PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRE AFTER THE ONE AT PAK TAM CHUNG IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK, THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE BRINGS TO FOUR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITOR CENTRES IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS.

THE OTHER TWO SMALLER CENTRES IN ABERDEEN AND TAI MEI TUK WERE CONVERTED FROM OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 90 SQUARE METRES IN TAI HANG TUN, A POPULAR KITE FLYING AND PICNIC AREA, THE NEW CENTRE WAS BUILT AT A COST OF $500 000. THE PROJECT WAS CONCEIVED AND FUNDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON AND DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY ITS MEMBERS.

IN HIS ADDRESS, DR LEE SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRE MARKED A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

+I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME WOULD NOT COME TO FULL FRUITION UNLESS IT WAS TO BENEFIT ADDITIONALLY FROM THE GOODWILL AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE COMMUNITY.

+I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO STAND HERE TODAY IN FRONT OF SUCH A POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL EXPRESSION OF THAT GOODWILL,+ HE ADDED.

JOINING DR LEE IN TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CLUB'S PRESIDENT, MR EDWARD S.T. HO; THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO.

DR LEE SAID THAT THE MAIN FUNCTION OF A VISITOR CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN A POPULAR COUNTRY PARK.

+I AM SURE THAT MANY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS CENTRE AND HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES AND THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION,+ HE SAID.

DR LEE LATER PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR EDWARD HO IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION AND UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRE.

THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE WHICH FEATURES A SKYLIGHT CEILING CONSISTS OF AN EXHIBITION AREA WITH A LARGE GLASS PANEL COMMANDING A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NINEPIN GROUP.

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THE DISPLAY MOUNTED AT THE CENTRE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK AS WELL AS LOCAL VEGETATION, AND GIVES SAFETY ADVICE ON KITE FLYING.

THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK IS AMONG THE MOST POPULAR OF THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPED AND MANAGED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. ITS AREA OF 615 HECTARES FEATURES MANY FASCINATING LANDSCAPE ATTRACTIONS AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS INCLUDING THE FAMOUS TUNG LUNG FORT, THE TUNG LUNG ISLAND ROCK CARVING, THE LUNG HA WAN ROCK CARVING AND THE CENTURIES-OLD JUNK ISLAND CUSTOMS STATION.

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INMATE GIRL GUIDE UNIT FOUNDED

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) SET UP THE FIRST GIRL GUIDE UNIT FOR TRAINING CENTRE INMATES.

THE NEWLY-FORMED HONG KONG 141ST ISLAND RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT AND BAND HAS 30 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 21. NINE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, BEING THEMSELVES QUALIFIED GUIDE LEADERS, WILL HELP CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITIES FOR THE UNIT.

LADY AKERS-JONES, THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION THIS AFTERNOON. TOGETHER WITH THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR G.D. HYDES, LADY AKERS-JONES INSPECTED THE GIRL GUIDES.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, MR HYDES SAID THAT SCOUTING AND GUIDING ACTIVITIES WILL +ENHANCE THE ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE+ AND ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES, I.E., PREPARING INMATES FOR SUCCESSFUL RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY UPON RELEASE.

MR HYDES SAID THAT THE TRAINING CENTRE PROGRAMME PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AIMED AT THE PHYSICAL, ACADEMIC, MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INMATES. APART FROM CLASSROOM EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED TO CULTIVATE THE CHARACTERS OF THE INMATES.

+THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE GAINED THROUGH GUIDING WILL HELP THEM (INMATES) TO BETTER COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE,+ MR HYDES SAID.

+BY HONOURING THE GUIDING PROMISE, I AM SURE THEY WILL LEARN TO BECOME USEFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND BE PREPARED TO HELP THE NEEDY WHENEVER THE OCCASION ARISES.+

/MR HYDES .....

MR HYDES SAID THAT GUIDING ACTIVITIES FOR FEMALE INMATES HAD NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHEREAS SCOUTING PROGRAMMES INVOLVING TRAINING CENTRE BOYS EXISTED AS EARLY AS 1950.

THE FIRST INMATE SCOUT GROUP FOUNDED IN THE THEN STANLEY TRAINING CENTRE HAD TO BE DISBANDED UPON THE CLOSURE OF THAT CENTRE IN 1973. SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE SCOUTING INTO THE TRAINING CENTRE CURRICULA WERE IN VAIN BECAUSE OF ADMINSTRATIVE REASONS.

FOLLOWING A FEASIBILITY STUDY EARLY LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT EMBARKED ON REVIVING SCOUTING ACTIVITIES. THE 221ST HONG KONG SCOUT GROUP COMPRISING 78 INMATES FROM TWO TRAINING CENTRES WERE EVENTUALLY FORMED IN JULY LAST YEAR.

MR HYDES SAID TODAY'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT +MARKS ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT+. HE ALSO THANKED LADY AKERS-JONES FOR HER STAUNCH SUPPORT FOR THE GUIDING MOVEMENT IN CORRECTIONAL SETTING.

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YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD IN JULY

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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A SUMMER CAMP WHERE THEY CAN ENHANCE THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS AND ENJOY VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE 1987 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL BE HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG FROM JULY 18 TO AUGUST 2.

THE CAMP IS PRIMARILY AIMED AT DEVELOPING AND ENHANCING THE MUSICAL CAPABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING IN A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE.

+PROMISING YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL BE RECRUITED BOTH LOCALLY AND FROM OVERSEAS TO TAKE PART IN THE CAMP TO HELP FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH MUSIC,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

RENOWNED MUSICIANS WILL BE INVITED TO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS. OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE FILM SHOWS AND HI-FI MUSIC APPRECIATION.

SECTIONAL AND ORCHESTRAL REHEARSALS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE CAMPERS PREPARING THEM FOR A FINALE CONCERT TO BE HELD AT SHATIN TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 1.

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APART FROM MUSIC TRAINING, A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CAMP.

TO ADD VARIETY TO THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES, THREE ORCHESTRAS AND TWO BANDS WILL BE ORGANISED.

APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CAMP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SENIOR BAND OR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE WHILE APPLICANTS FOR THE JUNIOR BAND SHOULD BE UNDER 14 AS AT JULY 17 THIS YEAR.

FEES FOR CAMP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MEMBERS ARE $420 EACH WHILE THOSE FOR OTHER BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS ARE $200.

ALL CAMP FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF TUITION FEES, THREE MEALS EACH DAY AND ACCOMMODATION.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE FROM APRIL 24 ONWARDS.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 9. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8235314.

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COURSES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

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THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL CONDUCT TWO IDENTICAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS STARTING SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE COURSES ARE OPEN TO NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A 16-WEEK FULL-TIME COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED BY 18 MONTHS OF SUPERVISED TEACHING PRACTICE IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

THE COURSES CATER FOR TEACHERS OF SEVEN AREAS OF SPECIALISATION, INCLUDING EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY, VISUALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, OF THOSE WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, OF THOSE WHO ARE MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED, AND MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROBLEMS.

A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO TEACHERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE SUCCESSFULLY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY; THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUB-OFFICE ON 7TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK; SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD IN KOWLOON, AND ITS ANNEXE AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD IN SHA TIN.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD THROUGH SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE AT SHA TIN BEFORE MAY 29.

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FINANCIAL BOOST FOR SPORTS AID FOUNDATION

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SIR OSWALD CHEUNG, WILL PRESENT A $5 MILLION CHEQUE TO THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT ON MONDAY (APRIL 27) AT 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROOMS, 5TH FLOOR, ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, HONG KONG.

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DB TO DISCUSS LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (APRIL 27) TO DISCUSS THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY AND THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL 1987.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN FLAT HILL QUARRY AREA, NGAU TAU KOK, AND THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORT ON CLEARANCE OPERATION AND REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 27) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TAIKOO SHING

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MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAIKOO SHING FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 28).

TAIKOO SHING ROAD AND TAIKOO WAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI WING AVENUE AND TAI YUE AVENUE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND AND ONE-WAY EASTBOUND RESPECTIVELY.

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IN ADDITION, TAI MOU AVENUE AND TAI FUNG AVENUE BETWEEN TAIKOO SHING ROAD AND TAIKOO WAN ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND AND ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE SAME TIME, CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE 21, 83, AND 721 AFTER LEAVING TAIKOO SHING BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI FUNG AVENUE, TAIKOO SHING ROAD, TAI MOU AVENUE AND TAIKOO WAN ROAD.

ROUTE 780 ON ITS JOURNEY TO CENTRAL ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA TAIKOO SHING ROAD, TAI MOU AVENUE AND TAIKOO WAN ROAD, WHILE ON ITS JOURNEY BACK TO CHAI WAN (EAST), IT WILL TRAVEL VIA ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, TAIKOO WAN ROAD, TAI WING AVENUE, TAIKOO SHING ROAD, TAI MOU AVENUE. TAIKOO WAN ROAD, TAI WING AVENUE AND TAIKOO SHING ROAD.

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SHEUNG FOO STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

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TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK DUE TO A WATERMAINS BURST IN SHEUNG FOO STREET OUTSIDE HOMANTIN ESTATE BLOCK NO 3, SHEUNG FOO STREET WHICH IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE, KMB BUS ROUTES 7B, 8, 17, 18 AND 109 ARE BEING DIVERTED.

ROUTES 7B, 8, AND 18 ARE DIVERTED VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD AND SKIP SHEUNG SHING STREET ON RETURN JOURNEYS.

ROUTE 17 IS DIVERTED TO OPERTATE VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET AND OMIT SHEUNG FOO STREET ON RETURN JOURNEYS.

MEANWHILE, ROUTE 109 IS DIVERTED VIA SHEUNG SHING STREET INSTEAD OF SHEUNG FOO STREET.

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REPROVISIONING OF WESTERN CARGO AREA

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WORK ON THE REPROVISIONING OF WESTERN DISTRICT PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND HAS BEGUN, A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 360 METRE X 30 METRE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IN BITUMINOUS MATERIALS, A PERIMETER WALL ABOUT 340 METRES LONG, AND THE ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON APRIL 21 AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS/HONG KONG REGION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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LOK MAN ROAD IN CHAI WAN RE-ROUTED

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 27), LOK MAN ROAD IN CHAI WAN FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG MAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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