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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA
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FIFTY-SIX LOCAL RESIDENTS DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY RECEIVED THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (THURSDAY).

MOST OF THE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

AMONG THEM WAS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE HON. KENNETH WALLIS JOSEPH TOPLEY, J.P., WHO RECEIVED THE CMG (COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE).

OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED WERE :-

O.B.E. (M) (OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)
(MILITARY DIVISION)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN RULE HEYWOOD, E.D., J.P.

O.B.E. (OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR. JOHN HOWARD BAMFORTH

THE HON. JOHN HENRY BREMRIDGE, J.P.

MR. ALLAN FLETCHER, J.P.

MR. WILFRED THOMAS KNIGHT, J.P.

THE HON. LO TAK-SHING, J.P.

MR. M.C. OATLEY

O.B.E. (H) (OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)
(HONORARY)

MR. HENRY HU HUNG-LICK

I.S.O. (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MR. ISKANDAR AGAFUROFF

M.B.E. (M) (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)
(MILITARY DIVISION)

MAJOR AITE GURUNG, M.V.O.

M.B.E. (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR. LO HIN-SHING, J.P.

MR. JOHN WILLIAM TUCKER

MR. WATT HEW-KI, C.P.M.

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR. CHING CHUN-KAU

MR. HO MAN-CHUNG

MR. KU LUNG-MAN

MR. LO KI-CHUNG

MR. NG HON-SUM

MR. YAU KEI

MR. YEUNG YUK-LUN

B.E.M. (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MR. AU-YEUNG CHAU

MR. CHAN HUNG

MR. CHAN PING-KI

MR. CHAN YIU

MR. CHEUNG CHUNG-PAK

MR. RAJAB ABDUL CURREEM

MR. KONG CHI-HUNG

MR. LAU FAT

MR. LEUNG BUN-LOONG

MR. LI YIU-HUNG

MR. TSE TUNG-TANG

MR. YEUNG KAM-PIU

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Q.P.M. (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)

MR. PATRICK JOSEPH CLANCY, C.P.M.

I.S.M. (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR. LEUNG YIU

MR. CHEUNG HI

C.P.M. (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE)

MR. CHAN BIU

MR. CHEAH PHEE-CHUAN

MR. MALCOLM GEORGE FARNHAM

MR. HO KWAI-CHIN

MR. HSIAH CHUN-CHING

MR. JO TAI-CHANG

MR. KWAN KAM-HUNG

MR. KWONG WAH-PIU

MR. LAM LOK-BUN

MR. LEE YING-FAT

MR. LEUNG TAK-KWONG

MR. LEUNG YUEN

MR. RONALD LORRAINE REDPATH

SERGEANT GHULAM SABIR

MR. TAM YUK-FAN

MR. PETER TSAO KWANG-YUNG

MR. CHESTER H. WONG

STATION SERGEANT WONG YIU-MING

STATION SERGEANT YAU KIN-CHUNG

MR. YU KAR-KEE

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MORE DRUG ADDICTS TURN TO METHADONE
FOLLOWING LARGE DRUG HAULS
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THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS RECEIVING METHADONE TREATEMENT FOLLOWING RECENT LARGE SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT AN AVERAGE OF 100 NEW CASES EACH WEEK HAD BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINICS DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS ON THE METHADONE REGISTER NOW TOTALLED 6,800, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS THE SEIZURES WERE BOUND TO CURTAIL THE LOCAL SUPPLY OF HARD DRUGS, THUS FORCING PRICES TO SOAR, MORE AND MORE ADDICTS WERE EXPECTED TO TURN TO METHADONE TREATMENT.

HE SAID THAT EACH OF THE FOUR EXISTING METHADONE CENTRES -- EASTERN STREET HEALTH CENTRE IN WESTERN DISTRICT, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE IN SAN PO KONG, HOMANTIN HEALTH CENTRE AT PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, AND LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN -- WAS CAPABLE OF TREATING UP TO 1,000 A DAY.

+IF THE NEED ARISES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER OPENING UP MORE CENTRES SO THAT ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO GO ON THE METHADONE PROGRAMME WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID METHADONE MAINTENANCE HAD A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN THAT THE DRUG ADDICT COULD UNDERGO TREATMENT WHILE WORKING AT THE SAME TIME.

ONE DOSE OF METHADONE COULD LAST 24 HOURS, SO THE ADDICT NEED ONLY TO TURN UP AT THE CLINIC ONCE A DAY, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER WORK, HE SAID.

WITH HEROIN OR MORPHINE, AN ADDICT MUST TAKE THE DRUG SEVERAL TIMES A DAY BECAUSE ITS EFFECTS WERE OF SHORT DURATION, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINICS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD OPEN A NEW METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRE ON JUNE 7 AT THE VIOLET PEEL CLINIC IN WAN CHAI.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN DETOXIFICATION THE DOSE OF METHADONE IS GRADUALLY REDUCED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THE LENGTH OF WHICH WOULD DEPEND ON THE RESPONSE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

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+THIS REGIME IS SUPPLEMENTARY TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE OF THE METHADONE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME,+ HE ADDED.

BOTH FEMALE AND MALE ADDICTS, AGED 18 YEARS AND ABOVE AND ADDICTED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAMME.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CASES PER DAY WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 AS ALL NEW ENTRANTS TO THE PROGRAMME WILL HAVE TO BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED INCLUDING A URINE TEST.

THE CENTRE WILL OPERATE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEK DAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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SCOTT TO OPEN E.D. STAFF RECREATION CLUB

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THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF RECREATION CLUB WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. ALAN SCOTT AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY.

THE CLUB'S FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE OFFICIAL OPENING AND THE COMMITTEE ELECTED WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES.

IN A CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE STAFF, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID: +ONE OF THE REAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL HAS BEEN THE FORMATION OF A STAFF RECREATION CLUB. I INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE CLUB AND MAKE IT A SUCCESS BY YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES.+

THREE ROOMS IN YU TO SANG MEMORIAL SCHOOL ARE BEING USED AS A TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE AND THE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURT AND COVERED PLAYGROUND AREA ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS' USE DURING THE OPENING HOURS OF THE CLUB.

MR. TOPLEY SAID THERE WERE A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE PROMOTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS THROUGH THE CLUB.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CLUB AT YU TO SANG MEMORIAL SCHOOL, HOSPITAL ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY.

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MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED FOR THE DISABLED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY APPEALED TO THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY FOR GREATER EFFORTS IN PROVIDING MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED PEOPLE.

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN WHICH DONATES $9,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO UNITS OF TELEPHONE SWITCH ADAPTORS TO BE USED BY THE BLIND.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT AT PRESENT ALL BLIND TELEPHONE OPERATORS USE THESE ADAPTORS EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL SIGNALLING DEVICE AND THEIR SERVICE IS OF A HIGH STANDARD AS ALL OF THEM HAVE UNDERGONE SPECIAL TRAINING.

A BLIND TELEPHONE OPERATOR MUST HAVE FORM III OR HIGHER STANDARD IN EDUCATION AND COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH TRAINING COURSE WHICH COVERS THE OPERATION OF TELEPHONE SWITCH BOARD, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT AS AT THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, 26 BLIND PERSONS WERE EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE OPERATORS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LEADING COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

THE DIRECTOR SAID: +SINCE 1973, THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ASSIGNED AN OFFICER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PLACEMENT SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM.

+THE UNIT ALSO RUNS SHORT-TERM COURSES FOR THEM TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN COPE WITH THEIR WORK WHEN EMPLOYED.+

IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS, HE SAID, 23 BLIND PERSONS HAD FOUND JOBS IN COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND FACTORIES THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THIS UNIT. +THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE UPTURN IN INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONICS.+

MR. LEE BELIEVED THAT A SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME DEPENDED NOT ONLY ON THE CO-ORDINATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO ON THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER THE ADDRESS, MRS. WONG KEUNG OI-WAH, A TELEPHONE OPERATOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ACCEPTED THE DONATION FROM MR. WU PO-LING, PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN.

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IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR N.T. FARMERS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED THE IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN THE SHAN HA-LAM HAU AREA IN PING SHAN.

THE SCHEME, COSTING $115,000, CONSISTS OF FIVE CONCRETE DAMS, 4,200 FEET OF CONCRETE CHANNEL AND 17 SUMPS CAPABLE OF IRRIGATING 84 ACRES OF FARM LAND.

SOME 200 FARMING FAMILIES OF SHAN HA TSUEN AND LAM HAU WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME.

A HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AT 11 A.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE CEREMONY COVERED.

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CONSUMER COUNCIL GETS TWO NEW MEMBERS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL. THEY ARE MR. KAM MING-AH AND MR. PATRICK C.L. POON.

MR. KAM IS AN EXECUTIVE OF JEBSEN AND CO. AND IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HIS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IN CAUSEWAY BAY. MR. POON IS NEWS EDITOR OF THE SING TAO JIH PAO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN SPECIALISED FIELDS, THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. KAM AND MR. POON WILL ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORK OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

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DR[redacted] BOAT FESTIVAL -- A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL, WHICH THIS YEAR FALLS ON JUNE 2 (WEDNESDAY), IS ONE OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLY NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WHO WORKS FOR LESS THAN SIX HOURS A DAY OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS -- IS STILL ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY, BUT HAS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID,+ SAID MR. HENDERSON.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEES 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICES. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= YUEN LONG 12-760261 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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CLEARANCE FOR WIDENING OF TAI PO ROAD

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A FURTHER CLEARANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME TO WIDEN TAI PO ROAD, SHA TIN, BEGAN YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AT HA WO CHE, OPPOSITE LEK YUEN HOUSING ESTATES.

A TOTAL OF 63 STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SHOPS, DOMESTIC PREMISES AND FACTORIES ON THE GROUND FLOORS OF VILLAGE TYPE HOUSES, ARE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE, WHICH INVOLVES 172 PEOPLE.

OCCUPANTS OF THESE TOLERATED STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN OFFERED ACCOMMODATION IN LEK YUEN, WHILE LICENSED AREA ACCOMMODATION AT TAI WAI HAS BEEN OFFERED TO THOSE IN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES. FACTORY OWNERS HAVE EITHER ACCEPTED EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION, AMOUNTING TO ALMOST $195,000, OR THE OFFER OF FLATTED FACTORY SPACES IN KOWLOON BAY.

THE CLEARANCE INVOLVES AN AREA BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE RAILWAY, MEASURING ABOUT 150 YARDS IN LENGTH. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WEEK-END. STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN CLEARING LAND ON BOTH SIDES OF TAI PO ROAD IN ORDER THAT WIDENING WORK CAN BEGIN.

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'COMMUNITY HEALTH AND YOU' EXHIBITION

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IS ORGANISING AN EXHIBITION ON +COMMUNITY HEALTH AND YOU+ THIS WEEKEND.

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL HYGIENE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THIS HOT WEATHER.

THE EXHIBITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TSUI PING ROAD FROM 2 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 29) AND FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SLIDE SHOWS, QUIZ COMPETITIONS AND CHECK-UP ON EYE-SIGHT, BLOOD PRESSURE, WEIGHT AND HEIGHT.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT OF UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, THE KWUN TONG DAY CARE CENTRE OF HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR TAI PO DRAGON BOATS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR DRAGON BOATS WHICH WILL TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S DRAGON BOAT RACES AT TAI PO.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. TED NICHOLS, AND THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER TAI PO, MR. MICHAEL SUEN.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF THE DAI WONG YE ALTAR AT YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO, ON SATURDAY (MAY 29) AT 11 A.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AT YUEN CHAU TSAI SHORTLY BEFORE 11 A.M.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 29) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND BLOCK NOS. 17 TO 32 OF TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE.

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