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HIGH PRIORITY PLACED ON TRAINING TO MEET ECONOMY'S DEMAND

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT'S INTENT OF PLACING A HIGH PRIORITY ON ENSURING THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE EDUCATED AND TRAINED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR ECONOMY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH MARKS THE FORMAL BEGINNING OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY.

SIR DAVID SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF A GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS EMPHASISING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES, WAS A DELIBERATE DECISION.

"A DYNAMIC ECONOMY IS VITAL TO HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY. TO MAINTAIN A BUOYANT ECONOMY WE HAVE TO BE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE IN THE GOODS WE PRODUCE AND IN THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE.

"PUT SIMPLY, WE MUST KEEP UP WITH, AND WHERE POSSIBLE KEEP AHEAD OF, OUR COMPETITORS. WE MUST ALWAYS BE CONSCIOUS OF ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND IN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL FIELDS," SIR DAVID SAID.

NOTING THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE ONE OF HONG KONG'S FEW NATURAL RESOURCES, SIR DAVID SAID WHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST STUDENTS GRADUATED IN SIX YEARS TIME, HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL SECTORS COULD LOOK FORWARD TO A LARGER AND CONSTANT FLOW OF GRADUATES AND POST-GRADUATES WITH THE SKILLS AND RESEARCH CAPABILITY THAT THEY NEEDED.

SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIR S.Y. CHUNG FOR THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF WORK THE COMMITTEE HAD DONE FOR THE FORMAL SETTING UP OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY.

"THE UNIVERSITY HAS ACQUIRED A MARVELLOUS SITE FOR ITS CAMPUS; ITS OWN ENABLING LEGISLATION; AN OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AND ADMINISTRATOR AS ITS FIRST VICE-CHANCELLOR; A MAGNIFICENT DESIGN FOR ITS BUILDINGS - AND A VERY APPROPRIATE NAME; THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"OUR NEW UNIVERSITY IS NOW SET TO ADMIT ITS FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS IN OCTOBER 1991, THREE YEARS AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

"THESE ARE CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENTS BY ANY STANDARD. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN THEM. I CONGRATULATE YOU, SIR SZE-YUEN, AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON A JOB WELL DONE," SIR DAVID REMARKED.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH, SIR S.Y., CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY, SAID ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS WAS THE RECRUITMENT OF TOP CLASS SENIOR STAFF WHICH WAS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

"IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE OF STARTING A NEW MODERN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY IN A PLACE AS DYNAMIC AND EXCITING AS HONG KONG WILL APPEAL TO ACADEMICS OF EXPERIENCE AND DISTINCTION.

"ANOTHER TOP PRIORITY," SAID SIR S.Y., "IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMPUS AT CLEAR WATER BAY IN TIME FOR THE FIRST INTAKE OF STUDENTS IN 1991."

HE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS DONATION OF \$1.5 BILLION TO MEET THE MAJOR PART OF THE CAPITAL COST OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FOR PROVIDING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INCLUDES SOME FORMER LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

MR CHENG HON-KWAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WAH-SUM, AS TREASURER, AND MR STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN, DR CHAN NAI-KEONG, MRS ALICE LAM, MR STEPHEN K.L. POON, MR GORDON M. MACWHINNIE AND MR IAN MACPHERSON HAVE BEEN APPOINTED MEMBERS.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TO THE COUNCIL.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, PROFESSOR DAVID GARDNER, WILL JOIN OTHER OVERSEAS ACADEMIC MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - PROFESSOR L.M. BIRT, DR G.R. HIGGINSON, PROFESSOR P.G. MOORE AND PROFESSOR DAVID J. TEDFORD - TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL.

SIR S.Y. POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE TERMS OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORDINANCE 1987, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.

"TO THOSE WHO ARE STEPPING DOWN I WISH TO EXPRESS MY WARMEST THANKS FOR THEIR VALUABLE WORK.

"IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE NOT ONLY TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE UNIVERSITY, BUT THAT THEY WILL IN FACT AGREE TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO ASSIST IT IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ITS WORK," SIR S.Y. SAID.

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STUDY ON REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO CARRY OUT A 15-MONTH STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR A REPLACEMENT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR AREA.

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR THORPE, HAS SIGNED A \$14.4 MILLION CONTRACT WITH THE NETHERLANDS AIRPORT CONSULTANTS B.V. WHO WILL COMMENCE WORK NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 18).

THE LATEST STUDY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A SERIES OF CONSULTANCIES TO INVESTIGATE THE FUTURE AIR TRANSPORT NEEDS AND THE ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT.

THE APPOINTED CONSULTANT WILL INITIALLY IDENTIFY AREAS IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR A MAJOR AIRPORT, BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF PHYSICAL OBSTRUCTIONS ALONG THE PLANNED FLIGHT PATHS.

LATER IN THE PROCESS, ADDITIONAL OBSTRUCTIONS CREATED BY POSSIBLE ADJACENT CONTAINER PORT DEVELOPMENTS AND CONSEQUENT SHIP MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

"THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR AIRPORT LOCATION AND AIRCRAFT APPROACH AND DEPARTURES PATH ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE EXAMINED JOINTLY WITH THE PROPOSED PORT DEVELOPMENTS OPTIONS PRESENTED BY THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CONSULTANT, SO THAT AN OPTIMUM COMBINATION OF BOTH FACILITIES CAN BE DETERMINED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR," THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR OLIVER, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE OPTIMUM COMBINED SCHEME WILL FORM THE BASIS OF FURTHER DETAILED CONSIDERATION.

"THIS TOGETHER WITH OTHER DATA ON THE BUILDING COSTS AND THE EXTENT OF RECLAMATION AND GROUND ACCESS WORKS, WILL EVENTUALLY HELP GOVERNMENT SETTLE ON A PREFERRED SITE FOR THE AIRPORT," HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THIS, THE ALTERNATIVE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITES STUDY WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN, THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE MAJOR FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE COMPILATION OF COST INFORMATION.

SINCE LAST OCTOBER, AN 11-MONTH STUDY ON KAI TAK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY RMP ENCON, A LOCAL SUBSIDIARY OF THE U.S. RALPH M. PARSONS CONSULTANCY COMPANY. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO FORECAST THE TRAFFIC TREND UP TO 2010, AND TO DEFINE THE ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT AS WELL AS TO EXPLORE ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS.

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A THIRD STUDY IS PLANNED TO START IN MAY, BY THE RALPH M. PARSONS COMPANY, TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE SHELVED CHEK LAP KOK REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PLAN PREPARED BY THE COMPANY BETWEEN 1979 AND 1982.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS WILL BE REVISED AGAINST THE LATEST TRAFFIC TRENDS AND IN STEP WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURAL PLANNING UNDER THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

THE REVISED SCHEME WILL THEN BECOME ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S FINAL SELECTION OF THE FUTURE AIRPORT SITE, EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF A GROWTH IN BOTH PASSENGER AND CARGO TRAFFIC, THE EXISTING AIRPORT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE INCREASING DEMAND WITHOUT INTRODUCING SOME CONSTRAINTS IN THE FUTURE," MR OLIVER COMMENTED.

"CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IS THE MORE DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE TO KEEP UP WITH THE FUTURE NEEDS AND THUS MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF AIR TRANSPORT TO HONG KONG.

"THE COMMISSIONING OF THESE STUDIES IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TO HELP GOVERNMENT IN REACHING ITS DECISION ON WHEN AND WHERE TO BUILD AN AIRPORT TO REPLACE KAI TAK," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA TO 91

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INSIGNIA FOR 91 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

SEVENTY-SEVEN RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE 14 WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

C.B.E. (HON.)

THE HON ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI

O.B.E.

MR CHAN SUI-KAU
MR LEONARD CHIU KUNG-PHOO
MR RAYMOND CHOW TING-HSING
THE HON RITA FAN HSU LAI-TAI
MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI
THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN

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MR GORDON PENRHYN BLENKINSOP
DR SYLVIA CHAN CHUI SAI-HUN
MR PATRICK SHAM PAK

M.B.E.

LADY AKERS-JONES
MR LEE WING-TAT
DR JUDITH MARY LONGSTAFF MACKAY
MR YIP KWOK-HUNG

M.B.E. (HON.)

MR FONG KING-WAH
MRS CHIN-KWA KELLER-LIM

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION)

WING COMMANDER ROYSTON WEBB BROOKS

B.E.M.

MR CHAN WAI-CHAN
MR HUNG NGOK-HUNG
MR KWAN KONG
MR KWOK SUI-TONG
MR LAM BEE-CHEUK
MR LAU SHIU-NIN
MR LEUNG PARK-MING
MR LUI PUI-PING
MRS GANITH BUX NG
MISS LUCY TANG
MR TING CHU-KAN
MR TSE SIK-KEE
MR WAN CHAT-TONG
MR WOO MAN-KAI

B.E.M. (MILITARY DIVISION)

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 1 SIVA LIMBU
STAFF SERGEANT PRAKASH RAI
STAFF SERGEANT PAUL JOHN BLACKHURST
STAFF SERGEANT AINE MAIN GODFREY
SQUADRON QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT TAM WING-CHU
FLIGHT SERGEANT ALAN JAMES DAY

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MR CHAN WAN
MR CHEUNG YEE-FAI
MR CHEUNG YUK-LAU

Q.P.M.

MR HUI KI-ON

C.P.M.

ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE

MR NG CHING-KWOK
MR TERENCE ORSLER
MR JOHN CHRISTIE DUNN
MR EDWARD JOSEPH STEVENSON
MR JAMES HENRY WALKER
MR WU SHIU-CHEUK
MR GERARD NIGEL FRITH
MR KEITH BRAITHWAITE
MR DAVID MICHAEL WRIGHT
MR RONALD ARTHUR WHITLEY
MR GREGORY LAM KWAI-BUN
MR CHENG KOON-KWAN
MR LI SHU-FUNG
MR RAB NAWAZ
MR LO KEI
MR LAM CHO-KIN
MR CHAN MING-CHIT
MR CHU KWOK-WAI

FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MR LAI YUN-SHAN
MR LAM PAK-KIT
MR LEUNG CHI

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MR CHAN SZE-BUN
MR CHENG SING-YIP
MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU
MR CHUNG WAI-PING
MR FU YUEN-PING
MR HO KWONG-HUNG
MR HSU CHUNG-CHI
MR LAW KWEI-CHUNG
MR LO YUK-TING
MR NG KWOK-POON
MR WAN HO-KAN
MR WAN SEK-LUEN
MR WONG WAI-KWAN
MS YEUNG KAM-CHUN
MR YUE HUI-KWONG

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

MR HARRY LAU WAH-ON
MR ALBERT WILLIAM RICHARD BROOKS
MR CHENG SUNG-NGAR
MR CHENG YAN-CHEE
MR JOSEPH FUNG KWOK-HIM
MR MICHAEL HO CHUNG-WAI
MR LEUNG YIU-CHUNG
MR LUI TAT-KAN
MR NG KAH-KIN
MR NG KAI-KAI
MR YAN KAM-FUN
MR RODNEY JOHN STARLING
MR MALCOLM JOHN MACKAY
MR CHAN KAI-SUEN

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GOVERNOR COMMENDS RESIDENTS

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A TOTAL OF 15 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN COMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR THIS YEAR FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO FIVE OF THE RESIDENTS.

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THEY ARE MR LEE MAN-BAN, MR TO FUK-TIM, MR YIM KWOK-BUN, MADAM CHAN KIU AND MR HUI YU-FAT.

MR LEE MAN-BAN WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND LONG TERM SUPPORT IN PROMOTING REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

MR TO FUK-TIM WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE MATTERS SINCE 1949.

MR YIM KWOK-BUN WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE WAN CHAI WEST AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1974.

MADAM CHAN KIU WAS COMMENDED FOR HER EXEMPLARY VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY, THE INFIRM AND THE HANDICAPPED AND FOR SETTING A MODEL FOR OTHER ELDERLY PEOPLE TO FOLLOW.

MR HUI YU-FAT WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS SINCE 1973 IN ORGANISING A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN YAU MA TEI, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT AND TO SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

ANOTHER GROUP OF FIVE RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13). THEY ARE MR MIU KAM-TOA, MR MAN CHI-KONG, MR CHAN MING-FAI, DR MICHAEL LEE YUK-KWAN AND MR FU HOP.

MR MIU KAM-TOA HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND MOTIVATION OF OTHERS IN CARRYING OUT VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SHA TIN.

MR MAN CHI-KONG HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MEDIATORY WORK IN THE CLEARANCE OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILL SQUATTER AREA AND HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE SQUATTER VILLAGERS.

MR CHAN MING-FAI HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE PROMOTION OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG.

DR MICHAEL LEE YUK-KWAN HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN WONG TAI SIN.

MR FU HOP HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SHAM TSENG AND TSUEN WAN.

THE LAST BATCH OF FIVE RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15). THEY ARE MR YEUNG KA-SHU, MADAM KWONG MAN-NUI, MR WONG WING-ON, MR DUN CHI-KONG AND MADAM YAU SUI-FONG.

MR YEUNG KA-SHU HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

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MADAM KWONG MAN-NUI HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT IN PROMOTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

MR WONG WING-ON HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1976.

MR DUN CHI-KONG HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK AND IN PARTICULAR FOR HIS EFFORTS IN FACILITATING THE CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AROUND CHUNG KING MANSIONS IN 1985.

MADAM YAU SUI-FONG HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HER UNTIRING EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982 TO RECOGNISE CITIZENS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR PHYSICAL EFFORTS OR INNOVATIVE IDEAS.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO ENSURE ELECTRICAL SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO GUARD AGAINST HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF ELECTRICITY AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN FACTORIES.

THE PLEA WAS MADE FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR WAS FINED \$20,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE.

THE CONTRACTOR HAD FAILED TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THAT WAS EXPOSED TO WEATHER, WATER CORROSIVE ATMOSPHERE OR OTHER ADVERSE CONDITIONS WAS INSULATED, PROTECTED AND SAFEGUARDED TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARD OR OTHER DANGER.

THE CASE INVOLVED A WORKER WHO WAS ELECTROCUTED AFTER FALLING INTO A POOL OF WATER TOGETHER WITH AN ELECTRODE HOLDER AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN QUARRY BAY IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING LAST YEAR, 10 PERSONS DIED FROM ELECTROCUTION - SIX AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AND FOUR IN FACTORIES.

THE MAJOR CAUSES WERE DUE TO LEAKAGE OF CURRENT FROM FAULTY EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PROPER EARTHING AND WORKING ON "LIVE" WITHOUT TAKING THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

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"AS FAULTY EQUIPMENT CAN LEAD TO FATAL ACCIDENTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE ALL EQUIPMENT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND EFFECTIVELY EARTHED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF WORKING ON 'LIVE' IS NECESSARY, WORKERS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM WORKING ALONE AND SUITABLE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MUST BE USED."

EMPLOYERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ELECTRICITY) REGULATIONS ARE LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF \$30,000.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A GUIDE TO THE REGULATIONS WHICH IS AVAILABLE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

ANYONE SEEKING FURTHER ADVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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BALANCED BLUEPRINT FOR NORTH DISTRICT

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THE BLUEPRINT OF NORTH DISTRICT PROVIDED A BALANCED APPROACH FOR BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL AREAS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 19TH TERM OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER OVERLOOKED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE CITED THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE BORDER TOWNSHIP OF SHA TAU KOK WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AND THE PLANS FOR A RURAL CENTRE IN TA KWU LING AS EXAMPLES OF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID: "THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, ON COMPLETION, WILL UPGRADE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF RESIDENTS IN THE TWO SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS OF YIM LIU HA AND TSOI YUEN KOK."

WORK ON A SERIES OF URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY STARTED LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

AS FOR THE FANLING SUB-DISTRICT, VARIOUS PROJECTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, HE SAID.

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THEY INCLUDED THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE RIVER COURSE OF MA WAT AND TO A TRACK AT TSUNG HIM TONG VILLAGE, CONSTRUCTION OF A VAN TRACK AT SIU HANG TSUEN IN LUNG YEUK TAU, PLAYGROUNDS, SITTING-OUT AREAS AND RAIN SHELTERS, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF VILLAGE LIGHTING AND THE PROVISION OF POST BOXES TO IMPROVE MAIL DELIVERY.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT PLANS WERE BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE MORE FUNDS FOR RURAL AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR RURAL AREAS HAD BEEN FORMULATED.

SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS HAD BEEN FORMED TO STUDY DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS.

THESE STUDIES, WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND FUNDING, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT CONSULTATION WOULD BE MADE WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK, RURAL COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT BOARDS BEFORE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE FINALISED.

MR CHEUNG PRAISED THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

HE WELCOMED A PROPOSAL BY THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE TO INVITE NON-INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO WERE DEVOTED TO PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO SIT ON THE COMMITTEE.

"THIS WOULD IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VILLAGERS AND NEW TOWN RESIDENTS, THUS STRENGTHENING THE REPRESENTATIVENESS OF RURAL COMMITTEES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL," HE SAID.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO FORWARD BY THE END OF THE MONTH THEIR VIEWS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, ON THE CURRENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ELECTORAL SERVICES), MR WAN YIU-SING, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY WILL START REVIEWING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE RECENT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MAY," MR WAN SAID.

"VIEWS ARE SEPARATELY BEING SOUGHT FROM THE CANDIDATES.

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"IT WILL BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF THE PUBLIC WOULD SEND IN THEIR SUGGESTIONS BY APRIL 30 TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI."

MR WAN INDICATED THAT THE REVIEW WOULD PROBABLY BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER AND GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT ALL SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

"WHERE APPROPRIATE, IMPROVEMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE INTRODUCED AT THE 1989 URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS," HE ADDED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 38.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 223.209 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 309.214 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 52.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CUT ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15) FROM 8 PM IN THE EVENING TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD INCLUDING AREA 23, LAU YUEN, AREA 25, HO FUK TONG COLLEGE, FUK TONG LAU, BUT SAN SCHOOL, AREA 26, OLD MARKET, CHENG TAU TSUEN, AREA 36, SAN HUI TSUEN, WONG KAR WAI, AREA 4B, HO SING BUILDING, KWONG CHOI MARKET, KAM BO BUILDING, HO FAT BUILDING, LAK SHORE BUILDING, KAM FAT BUILDING, COMMON BONG BUILDING, DOR BOA BUILDING, ELITE GARDEN, KAM MEN MANSION, WAH LEE BUILDING, SZE PO BUILDING, HIP BOND BUILDING, LUK YUEN, MAN CHEUNG BUILDING, ON LAI BUILDING, CHEUNG LUNG BUILDING, TUNG WAI COURT, AREA 4A, PRIME VIEW GARDEN, AREA 22, GRANDEUR GARDEN AND ELEGANCE GARDEN.

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ROUTE 86C RE-ROUTED TEMPORARILY

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS CARRIED OUT BY HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO, KMB ROUTE NO. 86C (CHEUNG SHA WAN TO HENG ON) ON ITS JOURNEYS TO SHA TIN HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, PAK TIN STREET, WOH CHAI STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE MEASURE, IMPLEMENTED TODAY (MONDAY), WOULD BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

A TEMPORARY BUS STOP FOR ROUTE 86C HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT WOH CHAI STREET OUTSIDE BLOCK 30, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE. AT THE SAME TIME, FOUR BUS STOPS OF ROUTE 86C IN SHAM SHUI PO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY. THESE BUS STOPS ARE LOCATED AT:

- * YEN CHOW STREET SOUTHBOUND NEAR FUK WING STREET.
- * CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 236.
- * CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 172.
- * NAM CHEONG STREET OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 175.

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