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GOVERNOR HOPES ARRANGEMENTS ON RETURN OF II'S WOULD RESUME SOON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID HE HOPED THE LONG-STANDING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO CHINA WOULD RESUME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE GET BACK TO A NORMAL ARRANGEMENT ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE BORDER.

"THAT IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE OUR OBJECTIVE," SIR DAVID SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS CONCERNED AT THE ACTION THAT THE CHINESE HAD TAKEN ON THE QUESTION OF RETURNING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO CHINA.

ASKED FOR HIS COMMENT THAT CHINA HAD REPEATEDLY ACCUSED HONG KONG OF VIOLATING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND OVERSTAYERS, SIR DAVID SAID: "IN HANDLING THE YANG YANG CASE, WHICH WAS A VERY DIFFICULT CASE BECAUSE THE WAY IT WAS USED BY VARIOUS GROUPS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, IN HANDLING IT, WE HAVE NOT IN ANY WAY GONE AGAINST THE 1982 UNDERSTANDING."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THESE LONG-STANDING ARRANGEMENTS DATED BACK TO THE 1970'S.

"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IN HANDLING THESE MATTERS WE SHOULD TRY TO DEAL WITH THEM IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT DO DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"IT'S MUCH BETTER IF, BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE CHINESE, WE CAN ARRANGE THINGS AND GET BACK TO NORMAL HANDLING OF MATTERS ON THE BORDER, BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT CONFIDENCE IS MAINTAINED IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

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DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS AT RATING AND VALUATION DEPT

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR GORDON BLENKINSOP, COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, WILL RETIRE ON OCTOBER 16 THIS YEAR.

MR BARRY WOODROFFE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, WILL SUCCEED MR BLENKINSOP AS COMMISSIONER AND MR PANG TSAN-WING, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, WILL BECOME DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

/MR GORDON

MR GORDON BLENKINSOP, ISO, JP

AGED 58. MR BLENKINSOP JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1965. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN 1983, AND WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN 1984. ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR BLENKINSOP WILL HAVE COMPLETED 24 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR BARRY WOODROFFE, JP

AGED 49. MR WOODROFFE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A RATING AND VALUATION SURVEYOR IN 1966. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN 1979 AND TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN 1985. MR WOODROFFE HAS ACTED AS COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR PANG TSAN-WING, JP

AGED 42. MR PANG JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A VALUATION ASSISTANT III IN 1967. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL RATING AND VALUATION SURVEYOR IN 1979 AND TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN 1984. MR PANG HAS ACTED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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MOU SIGNED FOR MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND A WEST GERMAN QUALITY CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY, TUV ESSEN, HAVE AGREED TO CO-OPERATE WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE CAPABILITIES OF HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS IN PRODUCING GOODS TO RELEVANT GERMAN AND EEC STANDARDS.

IN A CEREMONY THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TUV ESSEN, PROFESSOR BERNT BUHNEMANN, SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN THIS RESPECT.

NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THE SIGNING HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY (QUALITY SERVICES), MR ERNEST EVANS.

TUV ESSEN IS A WEST GERMAN TESTING, INSPECTION AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORGANISATION. IT IS RECOGNISED BY THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION OF "GERMAN SAFETY (GS)" MARKING TO PRODUCTS.

/SPEAKING AFTER

SPEAKING AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, MR LEUNG SAID THE MOU WOULD FACILITATE MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS LEADING TO THEIR SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATION WHERE APPROPRIATE.

HE SAID THE MOU WOULD ALLOW FOR ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY TUV ESSEN FOR A WIDE RANGE OF QUALITY SERVICES.

"UNDER THE MOU, CONSULTANCIES MAY BE ARRANGED TO ASSIST MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY WITH GERMAN QUALITY STANDARDS SO THAT THE 'GS' MARK MAY BE APPLIED HERE TO PRODUCTS DESTINED FOR THE WEST GERMAN MARKET," MR LEUNG SAID.

"OTHER ASSISTANCE MIGHT ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HONG KONG INSPECTION AND TESTING AGENCIES LIKELY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS," HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS IN OBTAINING 'GS' MARKS, CERTIFICATES ON PRODUCT QUALITY, CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH EEC STANDARDS AND SO ON, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND TUV ESSEN HAVE AGREED, THROUGH PRE-ARRANGED PROGRAMMES, TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ASSISTANCE.

AREAS WHERE CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES WOULD BE BENEFICIAL INCLUDE INFORMATION SERVICES, INSPECTION SERVICES, TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING PRODUCT QUALITY AND AWARDING OF CONFORMITY MARKS.

THE MOU IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HONG KONG HAS SIGNED WITH A FOREIGN ORGANISATION IN THE FIELD OF PRODUCT CERTIFICATION.

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10 ORGANISATIONS ACCREDITED IN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING

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A TOTAL OF 10 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED ACCREDITATION IN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES BY THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) TODAY (TUESDAY).

PRESENTING THE CERTIFICATES TO THE LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES WAS THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR LEUNG SAID HOKLAS WOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER MAJOR SCHEMES IN THE WORLD.

"SUCH AGREEMENTS NOT ONLY SERVE TO PROMOTE THE RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S TESTING LABORATORIES OVERSEAS, BUT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING OTHER NATIONAL SCHEMES AND BEING ASSESSED, THEY ALSO ENSURE THE HOKLAS AND ITS ACCREDITED LABORATORIES OPERATE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS," MR LEUNG SAID.

/IN MARCH

IN MARCH THIS YEAR, HOKLAS HAD ENTERED INTO A MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT ACCREDITATION SERVICE (NAMAS) OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO SERVED TO RECOGNISE AND PROMOTE THE ACCEPTANCE OF ENDORSED TEST REPORTS ISSUED BY LABORATORIES ACCREDITED UNDER EITHER HOKLAS OR NAMAS, MR LEUNG SAID.

HE SAID WORK WAS ALSO IN HAND ON POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER WELL-ESTABLISHED OVERSEAS SCHEMES SUCH AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES (NATA) OF AUSTRALIA, THE TESTING LABORATORY REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND (TELARC) AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (AZLA) OF THE UNITED STATES.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM OVERSEAS SCHEMES - DR JOHN ROGERS OF NAMAS AND MISS LYNE FORSTER OF TELARC - WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG TO EVALUATE THE LOCAL SCHEME, WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

HOKLAS WAS LAUNCHED FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO. MR LEUNG SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT SINCE THEN, THERE HAD BEEN INCREASING INTEREST IN LABORATORY ACCREDITATION.

INITIALLY, HOKLAS CATERED ONLY FOR THE LABORATORY TESTING NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT INDUSTRY. IT SOON HAD TO EXTEND ITS SERVICES TO COVER TESTING FOR THE DOMESTIC SECTOR, PARTICULARLY, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ACCORDING TO MR LEUNG.

"HOKLAS HAS CONTINUED TO RESPOND TO GROWING DEMAND WITH THE MORE RECENT EXPANSION INTO AREAS RELATING TO THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHEMICAL TESTING," HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 19 LABORATORIES ACCREDITED BY HOKLAS INCLUDING INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL TEST-HOUSES, AND THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC UTILITIES, TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND MANUFACTURING CONCERNS.

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TRADE DELEGATION TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL LEAD A DELEGATION OF SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO NEXT MONTH.

THE MEETING, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO 17, IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL GATHERINGS OF TRADE MINISTERS FROM COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHO ARE KEY PLAYERS IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE MEETING WOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS INFORMALLY ON THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATION SINCE THEY LAST MET FORMALLY IN MONTREAL LAST DECEMBER TO CONDUCT THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE URUGUAY ROUND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEETING WAS TIMELY AS UNDER A THREE-PHASE WORK PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS WOULD NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR PROPOSALS IN THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATING GROUPS BY THE END OF THE YEAR WHICH ALSO MARKED THE END OF THE FIRST PHASE.

"THE SECOND PHASE WILL START IN JANUARY 1990 AND PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 1990 TO NEGOTIATE ON THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED.

"THEREAFTER THE THIRD AND FINAL PHASE WILL SEE THE DRAFTING OF THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS TO BE ENDORSED BY MINISTERS AT THE END OF THE URUGUAY ROUND IN NOVEMBER 1990," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS PARTICIPATING FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SUCH INFORMAL MEETINGS AT THE INVITATION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

"THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID.

THE OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE DELEGATION ARE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE; HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT, MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE; AND THE CHIEF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO, MR LEE LAP-SUN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

HONG KONG MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE BUT ACCREDITATION BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE REQUIRED.

THOSE WISHING TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH, MR DANIEL SIN, ON TEL. 3-7372227 BEFORE 5 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 13).

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SEVENTH MEETING OF PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (PHA) MET AGAIN TODAY (TUESDAY) TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF PREPARATORY WORK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (HA).

"THE PHA IS NOW DRAFTING THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERING SINCE OCTOBER LAST YEAR." THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHA, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SAID.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REPORT WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. SUBJECT TO THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION BEING ENACTED, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WILL COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

TO ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO GO AHEAD WITH MORE DETAILED PLANNING ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED, ACTION TO APPOINT ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IS NOW UNDERWAY.

THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE CAN NOW BEGIN AS A RESULT OF THE APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH OF THE PHA'S PROPOSALS FOR THE TOP MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IN THE INITIAL YEARS OF THE FUTURE AUTHORITY.

"THERE WILL BE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AT THE TOP MANAGEMENT LEVEL OF THE HA DURING THE INITIAL TWO YEARS OF OPERATION, EACH REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE HA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE." SIR S.Y. SAID.

THE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS WILL HEAD THE THREE DISTINCTLY SEPARATE FUNCTIONS, NAMELY, DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THESE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE APPOINTED EARLY IN 1990.

THE WORK OF THE THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS WILL BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE PHA CONSIDERS THAT THERE WILL BE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES IN HAVING A COMMITTEE-LED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE DURING THE HA'S FORMATIVE YEARS WHEN THE REFORM ON HOSPITAL SERVICES IS TO TAKE PLACE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE, THE HA WILL REVIEW THIS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF ITS FORMATION WITH A VIEW TO MOVING TOWARDS APPOINTING A SINGLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER." SIR S.Y. SAID.

SIR S.Y. ALSO TOUCHED ON THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED, AFTER THE HA IS SET UP, FOR IT TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS POINTED OUT THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH STAFF.

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"MEANWHILE, THE HA WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH THE DETAILED PREPARATORY WORK NECESSARY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

"FOR THIS REASON, THE HA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND OFFER THE NEW TERMS TO ALL SERVING STAFF IN GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS FOR SOME MONTHS AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT." SIR S.Y. SAID.

THE CONSULTANCY ON THE NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE RECOMMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY WHICH WILL INVOLVE INTRODUCING THE NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IN PHASES, STARTING WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF HOSPITALS AND GRADUALLY EXTENDING TO COVER ALL THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN SHEUNG WAN

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) EVENING.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE CHUNG WAN AND SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEES WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A LEGAL PRACTITIONER, MR HENRY SUNG; A LABOUR OFFICER, MR AU CHI-KEUNG; AND HEAD OF THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, MR LEE CHI-SHING.

THERE WILL BE TALKS ON FINANCIAL CONTROL IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT, FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN SHEUNG WAN WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE LECTURE ROOM OF SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, 345 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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FUN FAIR TO START CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN YUEN LONG
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A CIVIC EDUCATION FUN FAIR WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE 1989-90 YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN FAIR, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE LONG PING OCTAGONAL COURT, LONG PING ESTATE.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MR JOSEPH LAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR YUEN YUK-CHIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY BEFORE THE START OF THE FUN FAIR.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$40,000 THIS YEAR TO THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP FOR ORGANISING A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM THE FUN FAIR, ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD INCLUDE A STUDY CAMP FOR STUDENTS, AN INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION DEBATE, A CIVIC EDUCATION ESSAY COMPETITION, AND VISITS TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY AND FUN FAIR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM AT THE LONG PING OCTAGONAL COURT, LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG.

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DB TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) WHETHER SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEMAND BROUGHT ABOUT BY ITS RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, INCLUDING THE MISUSE OF PUBLIC PLACES, DUMPING OF RUBBISH NEAR LIFT LOBBIES, OBSTRUCTION OF WALKWAYS AND SUPERVISION OF CLEANSING SERVICES.

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THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF MOORING FACILITIES FOR FISHERMEN IN CHAI WAN.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE SIU SAI WAN PROJECT AND A REPORT BY THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS MUDSLIP AT PAK SHA CHAU

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY A MUDSLIP AT PAK SHA CHAU AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12).

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL PRESENT REPORTS ON A CLEAN-UP OPERATION HELD EARLIER AT PO TOI O AND ON THE PROGRESS OF PREPARATION FOR THE CLEAN SAI KUNG MARICULTURE ZONES FORTNIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL

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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THREE MEMBERS, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI AND MR BRIAN RENWICK TOOK PART IN THE VISIT.

THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HEADQUARTERS), MR RAYMOND JOHNSTON, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL, MR CHUNG KUN-YEUNG, ON THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL. THEY ALSO VIEWED LECTURES IN CLASSROOMS AND PHYSICAL TRAINING IN THE GYMNASIUM.

THE MEMBERS WERE ALSO SHOWN A SERIES OF PRACTICAL SESSIONS PERFORMED BY TRAINEES ON FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES.

ALL FIRE AND AMBULANCE RECRUITS, INCLUDING STATION OFFICERS, AMBULANCE OFFICERS, FIREMEN AND AMBULANCEMEN, RECEIVE INITIAL TRAINING AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL OFF FAN KAM ROAD, PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

BUILT ON A 3.4 HECTARE SITE AND COMMISSIONED IN 1968, THE SCHOOL IS CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING 240 FULL BOARDING TRAINEES AT ANY ONE TIME.

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EXHIBITION ON PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH

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A SIX-DAY EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL RECREATION WILL BE HELD OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKENDS STARTING FROM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14).

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT (CRS) IN ASSOCIATION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

IT COINCIDES WITH THE RECENT REPORT BY THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH.

THE WORKING PARTY HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS FOR PHYSICAL RECREATION AND A PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OF WAYS OF MEETING THESE NEEDS.

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THE EXHIBITION ON PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH WILL BE STAGED AT CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING ON OCTOBER 14 AND 15; AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN ON OCTOBER 21 AND 22; AND AT NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON OCTOBER 28 AND 29.

ADMISSION IS FREE, AND THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

SUPPORTED BY PHOTOGRAPHS, CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS, THE EXHIBITS COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING GROWTH OF SOUTHERN CHINESE CHILDREN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL.

THE CALORIC VALUES OF DIFFERENT FOODS, EXERCISE AND GOOD HEALTH, AND PREVENTION OF SPORTS INJURIES ARE ALSO COVERED AS IS THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT CITYPLAZA.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR IN WHICH FIVE GUEST SPEAKERS WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS HEALTH BENEFITS OF EXERCISE, PREVENTION OF SPORTS INJURIES, BODY WEIGHT CONTROL, STRETCHING EXERCISES, AND EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR F.K. HU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH, DR HENRIETTA IP.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COUNCILS AND ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART ARE THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL, HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE AND SPORTS SCIENCE, JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, HONG KONG NUTRITION ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH TO BE HELD AT CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 14).

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1989

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PART-TIME STAFF NEEDED FOR MUSIC OFFICE

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LOCAL MUSICIANS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE AS PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS OR PERFORMERS FOR BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, OR AS PIANO ACCOMPANISTS.

APPLICANTS FOR PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS (WESTERN MUSIC) AND PIANO ACCOMPANISTS SHOULD EITHER BE GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, OR HAVE A DIPLOMA OR DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A REGISTERED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, OR POSSESS LRSM, LRAM, ARCM, OR GRSM QUALIFICATION OR EQUIVALENT.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE POST OF PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS (FOR CHINESE INSTRUMENTS SANXIAN, DIGEHU, GEHU AND SHENG) SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED MUSICAL TRAINING IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTITUTION OR HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN AN ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUP OR ACADEMY.

FOR THE POST OF PART-TIME PERFORMER, ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY AN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT UP TO LRSM, LRAM, ARCM, LGSM, OR LTCL LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT, PREFERABLY WITH PREVIOUS PERFORMING EXPERIENCE IN A PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA.

APPLICATION FORMS (G.F. 340) ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND DIPOMAS SHOULD REACH THE MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI BY OCTOBER 20 THIS YEAR.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT INVITED FOR AN AUDITION OR AN INTERVIEW WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF THE CLOSING DATE MAY ASSUME THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CONTACT THE MUSIC OFFICE ON TEL. 5-8235340 FOR DETAILS CONCERNING DUTIES AND REMUNERATION OF THE POSTS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 66.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 391.711 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 259.452 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN FOUR AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CANTON ROAD, SAIGON STREET, NING PO STREET, SHANGHAI STREET AND BATTERY STREET.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY TAI HA STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI WO HAU PARK, TSUEN FU STREET, TSUEN KWAI STREET AND TSUEN WAH STREET, INCLUDING BLOCKS 1 TO 18 OF KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, TAI WO HAU ESTATE, TAI WO HAU MTR STATION AND TAI WO HAU COTTAGE AREA.

TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

ALL PREMISES ALONG YUET WAH STREET, TIN HEUNG STREET AND TSZ LOI LANE, INCLUDING WO LOK ESTATE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SUSPENSION.

ALSO, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM TSENG OF TSUEN WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SHAM TSZ STREET TO KA LOONG TSUEN, INCLUDING GARDEN BAKERY, SAN MIGUEL BREWERY, LIDO GARDEN, SHAM TSENG TSUEN, PAI MIN KOK TSUEN, TSING LUNG TAU TSUEN, HONG KONG GARDEN, CHOI YUEN TSUEN AND KA LOONG TSUEN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12), THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING ITS SLIP ROADS, WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WING TAI ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND NING FOO STREET, INCLUDING ITS SLIP ROADS.

ALL CYCLISTS WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING ITS SLIP ROADS; WHILE ALL PEDESTRIANS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WING TAI ROAD INTERCHANGE INCLUDING ITS SLIP ROADS.

ALSO, THE UNNAMED ROAD NORTH OF A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG TAK ROAD AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE: NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT FROM PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD SOUTHBOUND ONTO FUNG TAK ROAD WESTBOUND; AND VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM FUNG TAK ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN NGAU CHI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12), ALL VEHICLES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND INTENDING TO U-TURN BACK TO CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE NGAU CHI WAN MARKET, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE LOOP ROAD WHICH IS ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF THE SLIP ROAD LINKING LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

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