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PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY-WIDE ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SETTING UP A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PHASE OF PREPARATION FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) SERVICE FOR HONG KONG.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOSEPH WONG WING-PING, ANNOUNCED THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

CHRISTENED SPEDI - SHARED PROJECT FOR EDI - THE INITIATIVE WILL BE JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND TRADELINK, A GROUPING OF 11 OF HONG KONG'S LEADING BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

THE GROUPING FIRST PROPOSED THE CONCEPT OF A COMMUNITY EDI SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1987, AND HAS SINCE UNDERTAKEN A MAJOR, GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED CONSULTANCY STUDY AS WELL AS AN EXTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON EDI.

THE PROJECT WILL COST \$9 MILLION AND WILL BE EQUALLY FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND TRADELINK.

POPULARLY PROMOTED AS "PAPERLESS TRADING", THE APPLICATION OF EDI IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS ENVISAGES THE COMPUTER-TO-COMPUTER TRANSFER OF BUSINESS DATA IN SUCH A WAY THAT EACH TRANSACTION IN THE TRADING CYCLE - FOR EXAMPLE ORDERING, INVOICING, EXPORT LICENSING, SHIPPING AND TRADE PAYMENTS - CAN BE COMPLETED ALMOST INSTANTLY, AND WITH A MINIMUM OF HUMAN INTERVENTION.

EDI IS FAST BECOMING THE EXPECTED WAY OF DOING BUSINESS IN MANY PARTS OF THE USA AND EUROPE WHILE IN ASIA COUNTRIES SUCH AS SINGAPORE AND KOREA HAVE ALREADY EMBARKED ON COMMUNITY EDI PROJECTS TO ENHANCE THEIR FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

"THE PROJECT UNDERLINES GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO TAKE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDI SERVICE IN HONG KONG ANOTHER STEP FORWARD," MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL KEEPING ALL OPTIONS OPEN AND THE JOINT PROJECT DID NOT IMPLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMITTED ITSELF AT THIS STAGE TO ANY PARTICULAR MODEL FOR THE PROVISION OF THE EDI FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO DEVELOP A DETAILED BUSINESS PROPOSAL AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR SHARED EDI FACILITIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO AN INITIAL EDI SERVICE CENTRED AROUND A CAREFULLY SELECTED GROUP OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE LOW-COST METHODS OF ACCESSING EDI SERVICES," HE SAID.

THE PROJECT WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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"WE BELIEVE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT SHOULD PROVIDE GOVERNMENT WITH A BASIS FOR DECIDING THE SCOPE OF ANY SHARED EDI FACILITIES, WHO SHOULD BUILD AND DEVELOP SUCH A SERVICE, WHO SHOULD MANAGE IT AND HOW IT SHOULD BE REGULATED," MR WONG ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF TRADELINK, MR ANTHONY CHARTER, WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS "RECOGNITION OF OUR LONG-HELD VIEW THAT EDI IS SO IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE THAT NEITHER TIME NOR PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ALLOW IT TO BE LEFT TO MARKET FORCES TO DEVELOP".

"THE BENEFIT OF EDI EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD HAS SHOWN US THAT A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR HONG KONG," MR CHARTER SAID.

"TRADELINK REPRESENTS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS WITH MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE HONG KONG MANUFACTURING, IMPORT/EXPORT, TRANSPORTATION AND BANKING ENVIRONMENTS.

"I BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ENSURING THAT THE EDI FACILITIES OFFERED IN HONG KONG MEET THE FUTURE NEEDS OF BOTH THE LARGE COMPANIES LIKE OURSELVES, AND THE SMALLER ONES WHO ARE OUR CUSTOMERS."

THROUGH SPEDI, TRADELINK'S "GROUND BREAKING" WORK ON DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG EDI MESSAGES WILL CONTINUE - ANOTHER VITAL PART OF PREPARING FOR EDI IMPLEMENTATION. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW PARTICIPATING IN MESSAGE DEVELOPMENT WORK.

MR CHARTER SAID THE MOST IMMEDIATE AND IMPORTANT ASPECT OF TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO MOVING AHEAD ON EDI IN HONG KONG.

"MANY COMPANIES HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO PREPARE FOR EDI BECAUSE THEY WERE UNCERTAIN OF THE DIRECTION HONG KONG WOULD TAKE, OR WHETHER THERE WOULD BE CONSENSUS ON USING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS UNLESS GOVERNMENT TOOK THE LEAD.

"I HOPE TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE THE SPUR TO LOCAL BUSINESSES TO THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AND START PLANNING NOW FOR EDI," HE SAID.

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ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN BUILDINGS TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION PAPER

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ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN BUILDINGS HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE FIRST TOPIC FOR A NUMBER OF DISCUSSION PAPERS TO BE PRODUCED BY THE PROPERTY DIVISION OF FINANCE BRANCH, WHICH WOULD BECOME THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY ON APRIL 1.

EXPLAINING THE OBJECTIVE BEHIND SUCH PUBLICATIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS STEMMED FROM THE AWARENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEED TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE VALUE FROM THE RESOURCES IT CONSUMES THROUGH ITS VAST ESTATE.

ENTITLED "AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME FOR HONG KONG BUILDINGS", THE PAMPHLET RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) ADDRESSES ONE OF THE MAJOR AREAS OF EXPENDITURE THAT MAY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS RESPECT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PAMPHLET DISCUSSES THE HONG KONG SITUATION WITHIN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT AND IDENTIFIES THE KEY AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN RESPECT OF PLANNED AND EXISTING BUILDINGS.

IT ALSO RECOMMENDED STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENERGY CONSCIOUS ENVIRONMENT WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PAMPHLET HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPERTY WORKING GROUP AND WILL BE PUT INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CONTACT FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES IS MR KEITH ROPER, CHIEF PROPERTY MANAGER, PROPERTY DIVISION, FINANCE BRANCH. HE CAN BE REACHED ON TEL. 523 4610.

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LAND COMMISSION MEETING

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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S NINETEENTH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 22, 1990 AT 9.30 AM. THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE 1990-91 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

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11 QUESTIONS, SEVEN BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA  
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SEVEN BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOUR BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE PRIVATE BILLS BILL 1990, BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1990, COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1990, AND EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

SECOND READING DEBATES ON THE PROTECTION OF NON-GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION BILL 1990 AND ELECTRICITY BILL 1989 WILL RESUME. WHEN THESE ARE COMPLETED, EACH BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE RESPECTIVELY, AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) ORDINANCE.

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DATE FIXED FOR HEARING OF WINDING-UP PETITIONS  
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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, SAID THE COURT HAD YESTERDAY (MONDAY) FIXED APRIL 19, 1990 FOR THE FINAL HEARING OF THE AUTHORITY'S PETITIONS FOR THE WINDING-UP OF GRAND UNION LIFE ASSURANCE LIMITED AND HANG LUNG INSURANCE LIMITED.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE AFFAIRS OF BOTH COMPANIES CONTINUED TO BE MANAGED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR.

MR GLEESON ADDED THAT, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE FINAL HEARING, THE COURT APPROVED A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAD ENTERED INTO WITH A PROSPECTIVE BUYER FOR THE SALE OF THE TWO INSURANCE BUSINESSES.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR WAS CONTINUING WITH THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRINGING THE SALE OF THE BUSINESSES TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION, MR GLEESON SAID.

HE ADVISED POLICY HOLDERS OF BOTH COMPANIES THAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE BEST SERVED BY CONTINUING TO PAY THEIR PREMIUMS TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER SO AS TO KEEP THEIR POLICIES IN FORCE.

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LADY WILSON VISITS KOWLOON SCHOOLS

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THE LESS FORMAL, PUPIL-ORIENTED ACTIVITY APPROACH HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS EARLY AS 1977 BY THE FARM ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY AM SCHOOL, LADY WILSON WAS TOLD THIS WHEN SHE VISITED THE SCHOOL TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED IN 1956, HAS FACILITIES WHICH CANNOT COMPARE FAVOURABLY WITH THOSE OF A MODERN STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL.

BUT WHILE THE SCHOOL'S FACILITIES WERE NOT IMPRESSIVE, ITS ACADEMIC STANDARDS CERTAINLY WERE AND, IN THE ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES, APPLICATIONS FAR EXCEEDED THE NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

THIS, LADY WILSON NOTED, REFLECTED THE SCHOOL'S POPULARITY.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KOWLOON CITY HAS 24 PRIMARY 1 TO 6 CLASSES ATTENDED BY 873 PUPILS.

LADY WILSON ALSO VISITED THE SING YIN SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH 1,166 STUDENTS ATTENDING 29 SECONDARY 1 TO 7 CLASSES.

STUDENTS AT THE LAM TIN SCHOOL, KWUN TONG, ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE SUCH AS HELPING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF THE MORNINGHILL SCHOOL AND ASSISTING SCHOOLMATES UNDER THE PRIVATE STUDY SCHEME.

COMPUTER EDUCATION IS STRONGLY PROMOTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED IN 1970.

COMPUTER STUDIES WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO THE CURRICULUM IN SEPTEMBER 1984 FOR SECONDARY 4 CLASSES, NOW EXTENDED TO SECONDARY 5, AND COMPUTER LITERACY IS OFFERED TO ALL SECONDARY 1 TO 3 STUDENTS.

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DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS BRIEFED ON DB'S WORK

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, TONIGHT (TUESDAY) CALLED ON TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO HELP DEVELOP THE DISTRICT INTO AN EVEN MORE PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE WHERE MEMBERS OF RURAL COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WERE BRIEFED ON THE DB'S WORK IN THE PAST YEAR.

/MR HSU .....

MR HSU THANKED LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR THEIR STAUNCH SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

"THIS INDICATES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN TSUEN WAN HAS BEEN A SUCCESS," HE SAID.

HE LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS TO RESIDENTS WHO HAD HELPED ORGANISE ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE ARTS AND SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME.

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DB TO DISCUSS CENTRAL-WAN CHAI RECLAMATION STUDY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 22).

MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE METROPLAN, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1990-91.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE GRANTING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF A PERMANENT TENANCY AGREEMENT TO HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD FOR THE COMPANY'S DEPOT ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

A MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO SHELVE THE PLAN, RECOMMENDED BY THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY, FOR A RAIL LINK CONNECTING THE NEW AIRPORT AND HONG KONG ISLAND, IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 22) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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PROPOSED KCRC CONSULTATIVE BODY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), DISCUSS A PAPER, PREPARED BY THREE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S FARE INCREASE AND THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL OF SETTING UP A CONSULTATIVE BODY TO CANVASS PUBLIC OPINION.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, A SENIOR LAND SURVEYOR OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROCEDURES OF NAMING STREETS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL GIVE VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF A TEMPORARY FOOTPATH TO MAKE WAY FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS GUESTHOUSE LICENSING PROPOSAL

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO LICENSE GUESTHOUSES AND SIMILAR ACCOMMODATION AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REFER TO THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HOLIDAY FLATS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED MOBILE EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS UNEARTHED IN THE DISTRICT, PROGRESS ON THE PREPARATION OF TOURISTS MAP BOARDS, SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE PUBLIC LATRINE AT MUI WO, AND THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE IN 1990-91.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXAMINE 49 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IF APPROVED, THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT WITHIN THIS YEAR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING THE FIRST MUSIC CARNIVAL IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE SIXTH VETTING REPORT OF THE DB SECRETARY WHICH RECOMMENDED A SUM OF ABOUT \$20,000 BE APPROVED FOR ORGANISING PICNICS AND VISITS FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATERMAINS LAYING IN TUEN MUN

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE LAYING OF FRESH AND SALT WATERMAINS ALONG THE PROPOSED ROAD B1 IN SO KWUN WAT, TUEN MUN.

THE MAINLAYING IS PART OF A WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO THE EASTERN TUEN MUN AREA.

THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE MAINS IS ABOUT 2,200 METRES WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 900 MM. THE MAINLAYING WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROADWORKS.

MAINLAYING WORK, WHICH IS PART OF TUEN MUN WATER SUPPLY STAGE II PHASE 11A, IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST 1 GROUP A, B OR C FOR WATERWORKS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

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## OCT-DEC REPORT ON GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ON SALE

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1989, CONTAINING STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER, IS NOW AVAILABLE.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT AT \$10 EACH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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## AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EE 8288	CX 1	EE 163	EE 1133
EE 7008	EE 633	EE 6628	EE 2229
EB 5	EE 2628	AR 778	EE 1005
EE 6318	EE 1233	EE 222	EE 964
EF 400	2856	EE 119	9915
EE 1698	EE 869	EE 811	EE 1102
314	EE 9899	EB 6	CC 314
BR 711	EE 6326	EE 629	EE 9007
AS 2352	EE 923	ED 9239	EE 449
EE 369	EE 88	EE 822	EE 6616

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

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THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 148TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HO MAN TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN HO MAN TIN TO FACILITATE URGENT REPAIR WORKS CAUSED BY A WATERMAIN BURST AT THE JUNCTION OF FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM SHEUNG SHING STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO FAT KWONG STREET WESTBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM FAT KWONG STREET WESTBOUND ONTO SHEUNG SHING STREET NORTHBOUND ARE NOW BANNED.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE 17 ON JOURNEYS TO KWUN TONG (YUET WAH STREET) IS DIVERTED AT FAT KWONG STREET TO OPERATE VIA PUI CHING ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING.

KMB ROUTES 7B, 8 AND 18 ARE DIVERTED AT FAT KWONG STREET WESTBOUND TO OPERATE VIA PUI CHING ROAD INSTEAD OF SHEUNG FOO STREET, SHEUNG SHING STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, ABOUT 250 METRES OF THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 22) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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