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GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO BUILD TUNNEL QUICKLY: GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO GET ON WITH THE BUILDING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AS QUICKLY AS IT POSSIBLY CAN IN VIEW OF THE CONGESTION ALONG THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF A VISIT TO WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THE CONGESTION OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WAS BAD AT THE MOMENT AND WAS LIKELY TO GET WORSE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"IT CAN ONLY BE SOLVED COMPLETELY WITH THE BUILDING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL." HE STRESSED.

REFERRING TO THE VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WORK BEING DONE TO IMPROVE THE HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE MARK I AND II BLOCKS TO THE NEW FORM OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

"THE STATISTICS WHICH HAS IMPRESSED ME IS THAT BY 1990, A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS DISTRICT ALONE WOULD HAVE THEIR HOUSING IMPROVED," HE NOTED.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE MORE SQUATTERS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT THAN IN OTHER DISTRICTS, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS IN THOSE SQUATTER AREAS BY BUILDING PARKS AND FIRE BREAKS AND BY BRINGING IN WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES.

"THESE ARE SHORT TERM MEASURES. IN THE LONG TERM, WE'LL GET ON TOP OF THE SQUATTER PROBLEM BY THE 1990'S," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT HIS PLANS AFTER HE HAS COMPLETED TOURING THE 19 DISTRICTS, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS, FACTORY PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BEFORE RESUMING A PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO DISTRICTS LATER ON.

ASKED ABOUT A PETITION BY SOME RESIDENTS AT LOK FU ESTATE AGAINST A DECISION TO USE A SECTION OF THE PODIUM TO ERECT A SHOW FLAT FOR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE BASIC PROBLEM WAS TO MATCH UP TWO DIFFERENT PROBLEMS.

"ONE IS THERE MUST BE SOMEWHERE TO SHOW WHAT SORT OF FLATS ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THE SORT OF FLAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IT HAS TO BE AT A CONVENIENT PLACE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

"LOOKING AROUND IT DID SEEM TO ME THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPACE BOTH OPEN AND COVERED FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AT THE PROBLEM.

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GOVERNOR SEES WONG TAI SIN DEVELOPMENTS

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DEVELOPMENTS TO TIE IN WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AIMED AT RELIEVING CONGESTION IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WERE AMONG THE PROJECTS THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID, AND LADY WILSON WERE BRIEFED ON DURING A VISIT TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO TOLD OF DETAILS OF THE \$2,000 MILLION KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATES REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE TERRITORY'S MOST AMBITIOUS HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, DURING THE VISIT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH; AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE ROOFTOP OF KAM WAN HOUSE AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE WHERE THEY HAD A COMMANDING VIEW OF DIAMOND HILL, TAI HOM AND THE SITE OF THE SOUTHERN PORTAL OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT ABOUT 20,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED IN FOUR PHASES OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PROJECT.

REDEVELOPMENT IS ALSO GOING ON IN THE DIAMOND HILL AND THE TAI HOM AREAS. THE DIAMOND HILL NORTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1991.

MAJOR PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR THE TAI HOM/DIAMOND HILL DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT, COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL LOTS, AND MTR STATION WHICH INCORPORATES A RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, A HUGE PARK AND OTHER FACILITIES, SIR DAVID WAS TOLD.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WALKED THROUGH THE DISTRICT'S LARGEST SQUATTER AREA IN DIAMOND HILL WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 35,000 PEOPLE. THEY ALSO VISITED A SQUATTER FAMILY.

DURING THEIR TOUR OF THE VILLAGE, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON LEARNED THAT THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAIN DRAINAGE CHANNEL ALONG GRANDVIEW ROAD HAS SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADED PUBLIC HYGIENE IN THESE SQUATTER VILLAGES.

HE WAS ALSO TOLD ABOUT THE REMARKABLE EFFECTS OF THE TWO LARGE FIRE BREAKS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME WHICH EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED TWO MAJOR SQUATTER FIRES IN TAI KOON NEW VILLAGE AND MAN KUK NEW VILLAGE IN 1986.

OTHER FACILITIES IN THE SQUATTER AREAS INCLUDE STREET LIGHTS, METERED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, PUBLIC TOILETS AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

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IN ADDITION, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS UNDERTAKEN MINOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES, FOOTPATH GUIDES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOOTPATH NETWORK AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

THE PARTY ALSO PROCEEDED TO THE ROOFTOP OF WANG LOK HOUSE AT WANG TAU HOM ESTATE TO SEE THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE OLD AND THE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE "KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT" PROJECT IN WHICH ALL EXISTING MARK I AND II HOUSING BLOCKS WILL BE CLEARED BY 1990 AND DOMESTIC BLOCKS OF THE LATEST STANDARD WITH PROVISION OF ALL ESSENTIAL FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT.

SIR DAVID THEN WALKED THROUGH THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE WHICH IS THE LARGEST SHOPPING CENTRE IN NORTH KOWLOON. IT CONTAINS MORE THAN 130 SHOPS OF VARIOUS TRADES, 12 RESTAURANTS, WET AND DRY MARKETS AND 24 COOKED FOOD STALLS.

THE FINAL STOP OF THE VISIT WAS THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE WHERE SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND CHAIRMEN OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT AT AN INFORMAL GATHERING.

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RELOCATION OF SHELL'S INSTALLATIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE TERMS OF A SERIES OF LAND EXCHANGES INVOLVING SHELL, CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD., HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARDS (HUD), AND HONG KONG ELECTRIC LTD (HEC) WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE RELOCATION OF SHELL'S OIL INSTALLATIONS FROM KWUN TONG AND AP LEI CHAU TO TSING YI.

THE EFFECT OF THE LAND EXCHANGES WILL BE THAT:

- * SHELL WILL OBTAIN A SITE OF SOME 19 HECTARES FOR A NEW OIL DEPOT AT TSING YI, USING PART OF THE EXISTING HUD SITE, TOGETHER WITH SOME ADDITIONAL RECLAMATION.
- * CHEUNG KONG WILL OBTAIN A SITE OF SOME NINE HECTARES AT KWUN TONG, WHICH IT INTENDS TO DEVELOP FOR HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 21,000 PEOPLE.

THE REMAINDER OF THE EXISTING SHELL OIL DEPOT AT KWUN TONG WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS, A PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA, A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, OPEN SPACE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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* CHEUNG KONG WILL ALSO REDEVELOP FOR HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR SOME 32,000 PEOPLE A 12.5 HECTARES SITE AT AP LEI CHAU, CONSISTING OF PART OF THE EXISTING SHELL OIL DEPOT SITE, AND PART OF THE HEC POWER STATION SITE.

THE RELOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE HAS MANY ADVANTAGES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

FIRSTLY, THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING OIL DEPOTS, WHICH ARE NO LONGER COMPATIBLE WITH PRESENT DEVELOPMENT IN KWUN TONG AND AP LEI CHAU, WILL IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THESE AREAS, AS WELL AS PRODUCING SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL HOUSING TO MEET HONG KONG'S LONGER-TERM REQUIREMENTS.

IN ORDER TO CARRY THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC THAT WILL BE GENERATED BY THE ADDITIONAL POPULATION IN AP LEI CHAU, A SECOND BRIDGE BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU AND ABERDEEN WILL BE BUILT.

SECONDLY, THE RELOCATION WILL ALSO YIELD AN EXCELLENT SITE FOR CONSTRUCTING MUCH NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN KWUN TONG, INCLUDING A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND A PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA AND LAND FOR THE KWUN TONG BYPASS, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THIRDLY, IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSTANTIAL PREMIUM INCOME THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL OBTAIN FROM THIS LAND EXCHANGE PACKAGE, THE COSTS OF RELOCATION, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT IF THE EXISTING SHELL OIL DEPOTS IN KWUN TONG AND AP LEI CHAU WERE MOVED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS, WILL NOW BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE DEVELOPER.

IN REACHING ITS DECISION, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FINDINGS OF STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND HAZARD ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED SHELL OIL TERMINAL AT TSING YI, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY CONCLUDED THAT THE PROPOSED SHELL OIL PRODUCTS TERMINAL AT TSING YI WILL HAVE MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT; AND THAT HONG KONG AS A WHOLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RELOCATION OF TWO LESS THAN IDEAL SITES AT KWUN TONG AND AP LEI CHAU TO A SITE WHICH IS BETTER ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY GROUNDS.

THE RISK ASSESSMENT STUDY CONCLUDED THAT, IF SHELL'S OIL INSTALLATIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI, THE RISKS TO TSING YI RESIDENTS ARE NEGLIGIBLE, BECAUSE OF THE SEPARATION DISTANCES INVOLVED AND THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY OF THE ISLAND, I.E. A MOUNTAIN RIDGE SEPARATING THE OIL TERMINAL FROM THE RESIDENTIAL AREA TO ITS NORTH-EAST.

A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WHICH WOULD DIRECT DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES CLEAR OF CENTRES OF POPULATION AS FAR AS IS PRACTICABLE WILL BE INTRODUCED.

DEVELOPMENT ON SITE IS LIKELY TO START EARLY IN 1988.

SHELL EXPECTS TO DE-COMMISSION AND DEMOLISH ITS OIL INSTALLATIONS IN AP LEI CHAU BY APRIL 1990, AND THOSE IN KWUN TONG BY SEPTEMBER 1991.

CHEUNG KONG EXPECTS TO COMPLETE THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN KWUN TONG IN THE MID-1990'S AND IN AP LEI CHAU IN THE LATE 1990'S.

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS AIRPORT CUSTOMS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOOK A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT HOW CUSTOMS OFFICERS PREVENTED THE SMUGGLING OF CONTRABAND BY AIR INTO HONG KONG DURING A VISIT TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AT THE AIRPORT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, MR FORD WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR J.C. PRISK; KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR FREDDY LEE; AND AIRPORT COMMANDER, MR DAVID TONG.

AFTER A BRIEFING BY MR TONG ON THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS CUSTOMS DIVISIONS IN THE AIRPORT, MR FORD PROCEEDED TO THE CUSTOMS HALL WHERE INCOMING PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE WERE PROCESSED AND EXAMINED.

MR FORD WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE USE OF MODERN EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING X-RAY MACHINES AND METAL DETECTORS, TO FACILITATE BAGGAGE AND PASSENGER EXAMINATION.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON THE APRON WHERE OFFICERS BOARDED AND SEARCHED INCOMING AEROPLANES AND ESCORTED LUGGAGE FROM AEROPLANES TO THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

BEFORE THE END OF HIS TOUR, MR FORD WAS TAKEN TO THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL TO SEE HOW CUSTOMS OFFICERS PERFORMED CARGO SELECTION AND EXAMINATION DUTIES WITH THE HELP OF COMPUTERS AND X-RAY MACHINES.

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RC'S FINANCIAL POSITION SOUND AND HEALTHY

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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS ESTIMATED A SURPLUS OF \$162 MILLION FOR 1987-88, SOME \$97 MILLION HIGHER THAN THE ORIGINAL FORECAST, IT WAS REVEALED AT THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1988-89 WOULD STAND AT \$1,631 MILLION WHILE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF \$1,253 MILLION, RESULTING IN A BUDGETED SURPLUS OF ABOUT \$378 MILLION.

AND THE COUNCIL'S RESERVE WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER FROM \$254 MILLION TO \$416 MILLION BY MARCH 31, 1988.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL'S TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WOULD BE \$1,099.9 MILLION WHILE TOTAL EXPENDITURE WOULD BE \$937.9 MILLION.

THE COUNCIL'S MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME HAD COME FROM RATES AND INVESTMENT OF ITS SURPLUS. THE OUTTURN FORECAST OF RATES FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW WAS \$940 MILLION WHILE INVESTMENT HAD YIELDED \$24 MILLION. THE BALANCE OF REVENUE CAME FROM FEES AND CHARGES THE COUNCIL COLLECTED IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, THE FORECAST OF INCOME FROM RATES WOULD BE \$1,168 MILLION AND INVESTMENT INCOME WOULD AMOUNT TO \$39.8 MILLION, CALCULATED AT AN ASSUMED INTEREST RATE OF 4.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE AN ANNUAL GRANT OF \$273.6 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR EACH OF THE THREE YEARS FROM 1988-89 TO 1990-91 UNDER A NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ESTIMATES WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR ENDORSEMENT WHEN IT MEETS ON DECEMBER 22 (TUESDAY).

TODAY'S MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR NATHAN MA.

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RC EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES APPROVED

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE VARIOUS REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES WERE APPROVED DURING ITS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR NATHAN MA, WAS TOLD THAT EXPENDITURE FOR 1988-89 WOULD BE \$1,253 MILLION.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES WOULD BE GETTING THE BIGGEST SHARE, ESTIMATED TO BE \$572 MILLION OR 45.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

SERVICES IN THIS RESPECT INCLUDE PUBLIC CLEANSING, MANAGEMENT OF MARKETS, CONTROL OF HAWKERS AND MANAGING CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA.

SECOND ON THE LIST WAS THE PROVISION OF RECREATION AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES AT \$422 MILLION, OR 33.6 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL SPENDING PLAN.

THE BUDGETED AMOUNT WOULD BE USED IN MANAGING RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES AND AMENITIES, PROMOTING AND PROVIDING RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES AND PROVIDING CULTURAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS WELL AS MUSEUM SERVICES.

MORE THAN \$114 MILLION OR 9.1 PER CENT OF THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET, HAD BEEN ALLOTTED FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMMES.

AS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT, SOME \$145 MILLION OR 11.6 PER CENT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED FOR THE RUNNING OF DAY-TO-DAY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT OPERATION.

THE ESTIMATES WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 22 (TUESDAY).

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RSD ACCOUNTANT POST UPGRADED

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THE SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT POST IN THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN RECOGNITION OF THE INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCE AND SUPPLIES DIVISION.

A PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT WAS ENDORSED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LATER APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 9, 1987.

/PRESENTING BACKGROUND

PRESENTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION AT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY, MR P.Y. CHOY, POINTED OUT THAT THE DIVISION HAD EXPANDED FROM 63 IN FEBRUARY 1985 TO ITS PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT OF 91, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF TWO TREASURY ACCOUNTANTS.

"THE POST HOLDER ATTENDS BEFORE COUNCIL AND ITS SELECT COMMITTEES TO ADVISE ON ALL FINANCE AND SUPPLIES MATTERS," HE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TREASURY ACCOUNT WAS TO MAXIMISE THE RETURN ON COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AND TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE CASH FLOW POSITION AND COMMITMENTS SO AS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF SURPLUS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENTS AND THE PERIODS FOR WHICH THEY COULD BE SAFELY INVESTED.

"THE OFFICER ADMINISTERS COUNCIL'S FUNDS, ESTIMATED AT \$1,100 MILLION IN REVENUE AND \$938 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENDITURE IN 1987-88."

"WITH EFFECT FROM 1988-89, THE CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$121 MILLION IN 1988-89," MR CHOY ADDED.

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NEW GOOD-QUALITY MUSHROOM INTRODUCED TO FARMERS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) INTRODUCED TO LOCAL FARMERS A NEW VARIETY OF GOOD-QUALITY, HIGH-YIELDING MUSHROOM WHICH HAS BEEN PROVEN SUITABLE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AS A HEALTHY NATURAL FOOD.

THE SMALL OYSTER MUSHROOM, A TEMPERATE STRAIN OF THE OYSTER MUSHROOM GROUP CURRENTLY CULTIVATED IN JAPAN, IS FOUND TO POSSESS A HIGH CONTENT OF PROTEIN, COMPOSING OF A LARGE PROPORTION OF ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS.

ANALYSES ALSO SHOW THAT IT IS RICH IN VITAMIN B AND UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS WHICH HELP TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CHOLESTEROL. IT ALSO HAS LOW CALORIE BUT HIGH FIBRE CONTENTS.

ACCORDING TO RECENT SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS IN JAPAN, THE NEW STRAIN HAS A GOOD ANTI-TUMOR EFFECT WHEN FED TO MICE. IN THE CULTIVATION PROCESS, NO CHEMICALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ADDED, THEREBY GUARANTEEING ITS PURE QUALITY AS A NATURAL FOOD.

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THE CULTIVATION OF THIS NEW VARIETY OF MUSHROOM WAS DEMONSTRATED TO LOCAL FARMERS AT A TECHNICAL SEMINAR CONDUCTED AT THE TAI LUNG EXPERIMENTAL FARM BY THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (HORTICULTURE), MR K.Y. HO, WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS TWO-YEAR EXPERIMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

MR HO SAID THAT THE SMALL OYSTER MUSHROOM, BEST CULTIVATED IN THE COOLER SEASON BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MARCH WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 20 DEGREES CELSIUS, WOULD BE BEST CONSUMED AT THE YOUNG STAGE AS A SEASONAL DELICACY WITH ITS DISTINCT FLAVOUR AND TASTE.

WHEN FULLY GROWN, IT RESEMBLES THE ORDINARY OYSTER MUSHROOM AND THE PRODUCTIVITY IS REMARKABLY HIGH.

"THE SMALL OYSTER MUSHROOM IS VERY VIGOROUS IN GROWTH AND IS ECONOMICAL TO PRODUCE WITH COTTON WASTE AS ITS GROWING MEDIUM.

"ITS CULTIVATION DEMANDS NOTHING OTHER THAN THE STANDARD MUSHROOM GROWING FACILITIES INCLUDING INSULATED MUSHROOM SHEDS, STEAM BOILER, COMPOSTING YARD, AIR-CONDITIONED STORE ROOM, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES," HE SAID.

THE METHOD OF CULTIVATION IS SIMPLE AND IT TAKES ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR A CROP TO REACH HARVESTING STAGE.

THE COTTON WASTE LEFT AFTER HARVEST CAN BE RECYCLED AS A GOOD COMPOST FOR VEGETABLE GROWING.

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ONE-WAY TOLL EXPERIMENT TO END ON MONDAY

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THE ONE-WAY TOLL EXPERIMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL COME TO AN END IN A FEW DAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"FROM 3 AM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, ALL SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND VEHICLES USING THE TUNNEL WILL HAVE TO PAY THE NORMAL TOLL OF \$3. AT THE SAME TIME, PRE-EXPERIMENT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE RESUMED," HE SAID.

"MOTORISTS USING THE TUNNEL SOUTHBOUND FROM MONDAY ONWARDS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND SHOULD STOP AT THE TOLL BOOTHS TO PAY THE \$3 TOLL," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSULTANT ARE EVALUATING THE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXPERIMENT. AN ASSESSMENT REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND TAI PO ROAD DURING THE EVENING AND MORNING PEAK HOURS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AND TODAY, RESPECTIVELY:

	LION ROCK TUNNEL		TAI PO ROAD	
	SOUTHBOUND	NORTHBOUND	SOUTHBOUND	NORTHBOUND
DECEMBER 16 (4.30 PM - 7 PM)	6,777	6,745	2,159	2,143
NORMAL WEEKDAY (4.30 PM - 7 PM)	7,274	6,995	2,358	2,085
DECEMBER 17 (7 AM - 10 AM)	9,134	6,383	2,822	2,012
NORMAL WEEKDAY (7 AM - 10 AM)	9,309	6,615	2,812	1,874

MEANWHILE, A "TIDAL-FLOW" ARRANGEMENT WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN 5.30 AM AND 7.15 AM THIS MORNING AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION SHOWED THAT AT 7 AM, THE LENGTH OF THE VEHICLE QUEUE ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND WAS LESS THAN HALF OF THAT ON A NORMAL DAY. THERE WERE ABOUT 410 MORE VEHICLES THAN NORMAL PASSING THROUGH THE TUNNEL SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7.20 AM.

FOLLOWING ARE THE NUMBER OF SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE TUNNEL FROM 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM:

6.30 AM TO 6.45 AM	383
6.45 AM TO 7 AM	692
7 AM TO 7.15 AM	1,106
7.15 AM TO 7.30 AM	895

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CLOSING CEREMONY OF CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE

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A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TO MARK THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE TO ENABLE VARIOUS PROFESSIONS TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND TO ACQUIRE THE LATEST SKILLS IN HANDLING THE CHILD ABUSE PROBLEM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS.

THE CONFERENCE RAPPORTEUR, MRS KATHERINE YOUNG FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL GIVE A SUMMING UP AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, DR NELSON CHOW, WILL DELIVER A VOTE OF THANKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE TO BE HELD AT THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM, FIRST FLOOR, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BE SEATED BY 2.15 PM. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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CENTRE TO OFFER COURSES FOR BANKING STAFF

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THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START OFFERING TAILOR-MADE COURSES NEXT APRIL TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE BANKING SECTOR.

"A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOUND THAT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD RELIED HEAVILY ON OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING WHICH EMPLOYERS BELIEVED WERE MORE EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE THAN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL'S BANKING TRAINING BOARD SAID.

HOWEVER, SMALL ORGANISATIONS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE INTERNAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION TO FULFILL IN PROVIDING SUCH FACILITIES, HE SAID.

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THE PROVISION OF SKILLS ADJUSTMENT COURSES AT THE CENTRE IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN VIEW OF THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR BUSINESS FROM CREDIT AND LOANS INTO SECURITIES TRADING, FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT, PRIVATE BANKING AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS.

THE BOARD ALSO FOUND IN THE SURVEY THAT MARKETING AND BUSINESS PROMOTION PERSONNEL WERE BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT IN BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

HOWEVER, MOST OF THESE POSTS WERE FILLED BY RECRUITS FROM NON-FINANCIAL SECTORS WHO REQUIRED TRAINING IN BANKING PRACTICE.

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, THE MANPOWER OF THE WHOLE BANKING INDUSTRY HAD INCREASED FROM 48,000 IN 1984 TO 52,000, REPRESENTING A GROWTH OF NINE PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORKFORCE OF THE INDUSTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPECT BUT A MILD GROWTH IN THE YEARS UP TO 1991, AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF LESS THAN TWO PER CENT FOR BANKS, AND ABOUT TWO PER CENT FOR THE LICENSED AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

A REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$29.50 A COPY.

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GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY FOR TEACHERS

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THE HONG KONG GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE GEOGRAPHY SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A "GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY" FOR SECONDARY 4 TO SECONDARY 6 GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS NEXT MONTH.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SHEK KONG, NEW TERRITORIES, ON JANUARY 23 (SATURDAY).

AIMED TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH FIELD STUDY TECHNIQUES IN SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS, THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DR C.T. WONG OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE, MR F.Y. WONG OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AND MR P.M. YEUNG OF S.K.H. KEI HAU SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THERE WILL BE TALKS AND FIELD STUDIES ON "THE ENVIRONMENT OF LAM TSUEN AND SHEK KONG", "USING SLOPES AS A UNIT FOR AN INTEGRATED STUDY OF SOIL", AND "COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION".

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF TEACHERS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSE TO THE INSPECTOR OF THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, TUI MIN HOI, NEW TERRITORIES, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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CALL TO PAY WAGES ON TIME
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO PAY WAGES ON TIME.

RECENTLY AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, AN EMPLOYER WAS FINED \$4,000 FOR FAILING TO PAY WAGES TO AN EMPLOYEE ON TIME UPON TERMINATION OF HIS CONTRACT.

THE CASE SHOWED THAT THE WAGE ARREARS WERE ONLY PAID AFTER A LAPSE OF TWO MONTHS CONSEQUENT TO THE CONCILIATION EFFORTS OF LABOUR OFFICERS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE WAGE PERIOD SHOULD BE ONE MONTH.

"WAGES ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE WAGE PERIOD AND MUST BE PAID AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE BUT IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS THEREAFTER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SIMILARLY, WAGES AND OTHER SUMS DUE MUST BE PAID WITHIN SEVEN DAYS ON THE COMPLETION OR TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT."

ANY EMPLOYER WHO WITHOUT REASONABLE GROUNDS FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND, UPON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000.

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DB TO DISCUSS SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR DISTRICT EVENTS
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A NEW SUBSIDY SCHEME DEvised BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR FESTIVE EVENTS ORGANISED BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SCHEME, EFFECTIVE FROM 1988/89, WILL ENABLE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO RATIONALISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ITS RESOURCES AMONG THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. IT WILL ALSO ASSIST DISTRICT BODIES TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STUDY INTO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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A REPORT ON THE DB'S RECENT STUDY TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING.

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YMT DB TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES

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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE MEMBERS. AMONG THEM WILL BE THE DRAINAGE AND HAWKER PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH A SUGGESTION SCHEME LAUNCHED DURING THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING FOR ELDERLY TO BE DISCUSSED

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER 12 APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR.

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NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE INVITES ENTRIES

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RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO OPEN AND STUDENT SECTIONS FOR PEOPLE OVER 16 YEARS OLD AND STUDENTS OF SECONDARY LEVEL AND ABOVE RESPECTIVELY.

THE ROUTE WILL COVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT NINE KILOMETRES IN THE KOWLOON TONG AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING IN KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND.

THE EVENT IS HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP AND TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A GOOD YEAR.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KOWLOON CITY POLICE DISTRICT.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST SIX WINNERS OF EACH SECTION AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO CAN COMPLETE THE RACE.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS DECEMBER 23. ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE IN BULKERLEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

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TAI PO 'KEEP CLEAN' CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES

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THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO WILL CLOSE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH AN ALL-STAR SHOW AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE.

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE WINNING TEAMS OF A CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SHOW CUM CLOSING CEREMONY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS WINDY KWOK, AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO AT 8 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE AT ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO.

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ROUND-UP OF AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME

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THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1987 AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME IS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, MORE THAN 600 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE SCHEME TO HELP CLEAN UP BEACHES AND ADVISE BEACH-GOERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE PROPERLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1987 AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME TO BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CHAN SHUE KUI COMMUNITY HALL, 210 JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDS TO ISLAND OF BONAIRE

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES WHICH IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO CURACAO AND ST MAARTEN WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE ISLAND OF BONAIRE FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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FIVE SITES TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

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THREE INDUSTRIAL AND TWO RESIDENTIAL SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 15.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE AT TUEN MUN, FANLING AND SAI KUNG.

THE TUEN MUN SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 8,050 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 40 NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING CONCRETE AND/OR ASPHALT BATCHING.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 12,075 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

THE FANLING SITE, LOCATED AT ON LOK TSUEN, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,120 SQUARE METRES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 3,360 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY MARCH 31, 1992.

THE SAI KUNG SITE IS AT TUI MIN HOI AND OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 1,410 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USES, BUT NOT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR STORAGE OF PAINT PRODUCTS, RELATED PRODUCTS AND OTHER DANGEROUS GOODS AND OFFENSIVE TRADES.

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A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 3,384 SQUARE METRES SHOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED BEFORE MARCH 31, 1992.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES IS SITUATED AT PAK SHEK WO IN SAI KUNG.

THE BUYER HAS TO DEVELOP AT LEAST 684 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 1,900-SQUARE-METRE SITE BY JANUARY 31, 1991.

THE OTHER RESIDENTIAL SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF 1,550 SQUARE METRES, IS IN SHA TIN AREA 43 NEAR FO TAN.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A MINIMUM OF 558 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE MARCH 31, 1991.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 PM.

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JAPANESE BAND TO PERFORM IN HK

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THE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURAL HAMAMATSU COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM JAPAN, A GUEST PERFORMER FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE'S "YOUTH BAND WEEK", ARRIVED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BAND WEEK WILL BEGIN TOMORROW AS PART OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, PROVIDING BAND MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE 58-MEMBER JAPANESE BAND WILL GIVE A STUDENT CONCERT AT WONG FUT NAM COLLEGE TOMORROW AT 10 AM.

THE BAND, WHICH WON THE GOLD PRIZE IN LAST YEAR'S ALL-JAPAN BAND COMPETITION, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR EIICHI TOHYAMA.

ON SATURDAY, THE BAND WILL PERFORM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO. THE "BANDS GALORE", BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM, WILL ALSO FEATURE EIGHT OTHER LOCAL BANDS.

THE CLIMAX OF THE BAND WEEK WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS BAND GALA TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 8 PM NEXT WEDNESDAY. IT WILL FEATURE BOTH THE JAPANESE BAND AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE BAND GALA, AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-283257 AND 3-7226240.

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RELOCATION OF YELLOW BOX MARKING ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER

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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER NORTHBOUND ARE URGED TO NOTE THAT THE EXISTING YELLOW BOX MARKING ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE RELOCATED SOUTHWARDS FROM ABOUT 6 AM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM MORRISON HILL ROAD TO CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NEW YELLOW BOX MARKING WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE FLYOVER'S UP-RAMP WHERE IT IS WIDE ENOUGH FOR TWO-LANE TRAFFIC FROM MORRISON HILL ROAD TO CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT OR KOWLOON.

"THE MOVE WILL ENABLE VEHICLES HEADING FOR CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT TO BYPASS TRAFFIC WAITING TO JOIN THE OUTER KOWLOON-BOUND LANES. THUS, TRAFFIC FOR CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT WILL NO LONGER BE OBSTRUCTED BY KOWLOON-BOUND VEHICLES," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"THIS MEASURE WILL ALSO PROVIDE MORE ROAD SPACE ON THE FLYOVER FOR THE UP-RAMP TRAFFIC WAITING TO MERGE INTO THE OUTERMOST KOWLOON-BOUND LANE," HE ADDED.

TO TIE IN WITH THE MOVE, THE ROAD MARKING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, TO EARLY MONDAY MORNING. AS PART OF THE CARRIAGEWAY ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED DURING ROAD WORK, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON CITY AND TAI PO

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TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF "LUNG SHING NIGHT" ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20).

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD TO KAU LUNG HAU WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM DECEMBER 19 TO 30 TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BAILEY BRIDGE AT KIU TAU IN TAI PO.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY WILL BE PROVIDED.

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WAN CHAI TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN SEAFRONT ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO TUESDAY (DECEMBER 22) FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

VEHICLES ON FLEMING ROAD HEADING FOR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARBOUR ROAD WESTBOUND, FENWICK STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND, MARSH ROAD, HUNG HING ROAD AND SEAFRONT ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20) FROM 8 PM TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT TAI LIN PAI ROAD, WAH SING STREET, KUNG YIP STREET, KWAI SAU ROAD, KWAI FAT ROAD, KWAI WING ROAD, KWAI HING ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG CENTRE, KWAI HING GARDEN, KWAI HING MTR STATION, WO TONG TSUI STREET, KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, KWONG FAI LANE, YIU WING LANE, YIU WING STREET, HANG PING STREET, KIN HONG STREET, KIN CHUEN STREET, KWAI CHUNG FACTORY ESTATE, TAI WO HAU ROAD AND BLOCKS 1 TO 42 OF KWAI CHUNG ESTATE.

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