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RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN STRESSED
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS ARE WARNED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO EMPLOY WOMEN WORKERS IN INDUSTRY ON THEIR REST DAYS, OR FOR THEM TO WORK OUTSIDE THEIR FIXED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

+EMPLOYERS WHO DID SO WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ON CONVICTION,+ SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR PONG PING-KWUN, SAID.

MR PONG WAS COMMENTING ON A RECENT CASE IN WHICH THE OWNER OF A GARMENT FACTORY IN SAN PO KONG WAS FINED \$10 000 FOR EMPLOYING WOMEN WORKERS ON THEIR REST DAY AND TO WORK OVERTIME.

+THE RESTRICTIONS ON OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL WORKING HOURS OF EIGHT HOURS A DAY IS GOVERNED BY THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

UNDER EXISTING PROVISIONS, EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS ON THEIR REST DAYS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

+HOWEVER, AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING CAN ENGAGE WOMEN WORKERS TO PERFORM OVERTIME WORK NOT EXCEEDING TWO HOURS A DAY, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF 200 HOURS A YEAR,+ MR PONG ADDED.

HE SAID THE LEGISLATION WAS AIMED AT PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF WOMEN WORKERS IN INDUSTRY.

+EMPLOYERS WHO ARE UNDER PRESSURE OF SUDDEN ORDERS, A BREAKDOWN OF MACHINERY OR OTHER UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY, HOWEVER, CAN APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR FOR AN INCREASE OF THE ANNUAL QUOTA IF THEIR ANNUAL OVERTIME QUOTA HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED.+

HE SAID APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED OVERTIME WORK.

MR PONG SAID THE NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS WORKED BY WOMEN EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR HAS SHOWN A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985, OVER 105 000 WOMEN WORKERS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE PERFORMED OVERTIME WORK= IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986, THE FIGURE HAD INCREASED TO 109 000, HE SAID.

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE QUERIES ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS MAY APPROACH THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION OFFICE IN THEIR DISTRICT.

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228 PROSECUTIONS FOR TRADE OFFENCES
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR COMPLETED 236 INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING TRADE DESCRIPTION AND TRADE MARK OFFENCES AND OFFENCES RELATING TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

AS A RESULT, 228 COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE PROSECUTED - 193 UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND 35 UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE.

FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED \$1.48 MILLION. SIX PERSONS WERE GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES RANGING FROM ONE TO THREE MONTHS.

COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$13.7 MILLION WERE SEIZED. THEY COMPRISED MAINLY GARMENTS, HANDBAGS, LEATHER BELTS, WATCHES, VIDEO TAPES, AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES, FOODSTUFFS, PLASTIC GOODS AND COMPUTERS.

IN ACTIONS AGAINST OTHER TRADE MALPRACTICES, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROSECUTED 108 CASES OF FRAUD CONCERNING ORIGIN, 59 CASES OF TEXTILES LICENSING FRAUD, 12 IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATION CASES AND SEVEN OTHER CASES.

FINES TOTALLING \$4.4 MILLION WERE IMPOSED BY THE COURTS WITH ONE PERSON BEING SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TWO MONTHS.

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DRAGON BOATS WILL RACE AT EXPO
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DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL BE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN VANCOUVER THIS YEAR AS PART OF EXPO '86 AND THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE A 'HONG KONG CUP'.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES WHICH THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, IS ORGANISING ON JUNE 21 AND 22.

THE RACES IN VANCOUVER ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE, AND THE CHINESE COMMUNITY HOPES TO MAKE THE OCCASION AN ANNUAL EVENT. THE RACES WILL BE HELD ON THE WATERS OF FALSE CREEK ON JUNE 14 AND 15. SIX DRAGON BOATS DONATED BY CORPORATIONS IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO VANCOUVER FOR THE RACES.

/EXPO ORGANISERS

EXPO ORGANISERS HAVE DESIGNATED JULY 18 AS 'HONG KONG DAY', TO MARK THE TERRITORY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPOSITION -- WHICH OPENS ON MAY 2.

THE CEREMONY BEGINNING THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WILL FEATURE LION DANCES AND A PERFORMANCE BY A BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

ACTIVITIES WILL CULMINATE WITH A COLOURFUL VARIETY SHOW IN THE EVENING. THE ENTERTAINERS TAKING PART WILL INCLUDE ARTISTES FROM ATV AND TVB.

THIS MAJOR CULTURAL EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE EXPO'S XEROX INTERNATIONAL THEATRE WHICH CAN SEAT 1 500 PEOPLE.

EXPO '86 WILL RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 13, AND AS THIS ENCOMPASSES THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER, OFFICIALS AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION ARE PLANNING A LANTERN PARADE AT THAT TIME.

HONG KONG HAS JOINED A LARGE NUMBER OF NATIONS, PROVINCES AND STATES IN TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION. MAJOR TRADING NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN, GERMANY, FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA. THE SOVIET UNION IS ALSO TAKING PART.

EXPO OFFICIALS SAY THAT ALREADY MORE THAN 13 MILLION TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THEY ARE NOW EXPECTING NO LESS THAN 17 MILLION VISITORS DURING THE SIX MONTHS.

OFFICIALS SEE HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION AS PROVIDING A USEFUL AND TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE TERRITORY'S IDENTITY AS A VIABLE AND PROSPEROUS ENTITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH ITS FUTURE SECURED BY THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FORM THE MAIN THEME OF THE EXPOSITION, AND THIS AFFORDS HONG KONG AN ADDED BENEFIT IN REINFORCING ITS IMAGE AS A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCE IN ASIA.

HONG KONG'S PAVILION HAS A STRATEGIC POSITION AT THE EXPO SITE WHICH COVERS 70 HECTARES BY FALSE CREEK.

AN EXTERIOR FEATURE OF THE PAVILION IS A BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING GRID WHICH IS INTENDED TO SYMBOLISE HONG KONG'S VITALITY IN BUILDING FOR ITS FUTURE.

DURING THE EXPOSITION, THE SCAFFOLDING WILL BE REGULARLY RE-ARRANGED BY A TEAM OF SCAFFOLDING WORKERS FROM HONG KONG, AN ACTION WHICH WILL CONVEY A SENSE OF ADAPTABILITY AND ENTERPRISE.

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INSIDE THE PAVILION, THERE WILL BE REGULAR SHOWINGS OF A MULTI-SCREEN SLIDE PRESENTATION, INVOLVING 66 PROJECTORS, WHICH WILL RUN FOR NINE AND A HALF MINUTES. THE 4 000 SLIDES WILL SHOW HOW HONG KONG KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD BY USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY, AND AT THE SAME TIME ILLUSTRATE THE VITALITY AND VERSATILITY OF THE PEOPLE.

DANCERS FROM HONG KONG WILL PERFORM DURING THE SHOW AND WILL BE CHOREOGRAPHED TO MATCH ITS PACE AND RHYTHM.

APART FROM SPECIAL BOOKLETS ON HONG KONG, VISITORS TO THE PAVILION WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO COLLECT POSTCARDS BEARING THE MESSAGE 'HONG KONG IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD'. EACH POSTCARD WILL HAVE A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO 'A FRIEND SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD'.

THE POSTCARDS WERE FLOWN TO VANCOUVER AFTER A MASSIVE EXERCISE IN HONG KONG IN WHICH LARGE NUMBERS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TOOK PART. A CONTEST HELD AMONG SCHOOLS DURING THE EXERCISE WAS WON BY PUPILS FROM ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN KWUN TONG. THEIR PRIZE WAS A TRIP, FOR FIVE PUPILS AND A TEACHER, TO EXPO IN JULY.

THE BUDGET FOR MOUNTING THE HONG KONG PAVILION TOTALLED AROUND \$15 MILLION, WHICH WAS RAISED AMONG THE COMMUNITY, COMMERCIAL CONCERNS, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND THE GOVERNMENT.

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LAM KAM ROAD FLYOVER TO BE BUILT
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A 750-METRE-LONG FLYOVER IS TO BE BUILT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE VISUAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN A MAJOR CONSIDERATION IN ITS DESIGN.

THE LAM KAM ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE ELEVATED STRUCTURE TO BRIDGE THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD OVER ROUNDABOUTS AT THE JUNCTIONS WITH LAM KAM ROAD AND HONG LOK YUEN ACCESS ROAD.

THE FLYOVER WILL HAVE SMOOTH, ROUND PARAPET BEAMS TO MINIMISE OBTRUSIVE VISUAL EFFECTS THROWN BY THE CONCRETE FLYOVER ONTO THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

PIERS WILL ALSO BE CAREFULLY SHAPED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SMOOTH-LOOKING APPEARANCE OF THE STRUCTURE SO AS TO BLEND WITH THE SURROUNDINGS.

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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE FLYOVER WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS STRUCTURES DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1985 AS A HIGH-CAPACITY EXPRESSWAY FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN SHA TIN AND FANLING, WITH GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGES AT ALL ITS JUNCTIONS. A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC HAS BEEN ATTRACTED ON TO IT.

WITH FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE EXISTING SHA TAU KOK AND MAN KAM TO BORDER CROSSINGS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN FANLING NEW TOWN, TRAFFIC THROUGH THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE IS INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY.

ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRAFFIC CAN BE EXPECTED ON THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD WHEN THE DUAL TWO-LANE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AT LOK MA CHAU IS COMPLETED.

AS THE PRESENT INTERIM LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE SCHEME WILL SEVERELY RESTRICT THE TRUNK ROAD'S CAPACITY TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH IN TRAFFIC, IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE THE LAM KAM ROAD FLYOVER CONSTRUCTED TO PHASE IN WITH COMPLETION OF THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK BY 1988.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER AND THE REMAINING WORKS FOR FULL GRADE SEPARATION OF THE INTERCHANGE IS THEREFORE SCHEDULE TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS.

THE FLYOVER, DESIGNED TO STANDARDS COMPATIBLE WITH HIGH-CAPACITY TRUNK ROADS, COMPRISES 11 SPANS OF 20-METRE WIDE CONCRETE BOX GIRDERS SUPPORTED ON REINFORCED CONCRETE PIERS UP TO 20 METRES HIGH.

IN ADDITION TO THE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND THE CENTRAL BARRIER DIVIDING TRAFFIC FLOWING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, AN EXTRA ONE METRE WIDE HARD SHOULDER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CARRIAGEWAY SO THAT BROKEN-DOWN VEHICLES WILL NOT BLOCK A WHOLE TRAFFIC LANE.

THE FLYOVER WILL BE FURNISHED WITH SODIUM STREET LIGHTS, ANTI-SKID FRICTION COURSE, REFLECTIVE ROAD STUDS AND THERMOPLASTIC ROAD MARKINGS.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONES CONNECTED TO POLICE CONTROL ROOMS WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED ON THE FLYOVER.

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CRACKDOWN ON REFUSE DUMPERS ON THE WAY
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PEOPLE WHO TREAT LITTERBINS AS DOMESTIC REFUSE DUMPS ARE RISKING HEAVY FINES ONCE A PLANNED URBAN COUNCIL PROSECUTION BLITZ GETS UNDERWAY.

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY PATROLS OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WILL BE INCREASED AND WILL BE ISSUING SUMMONSES TO THOSE SPOTTED LEAVING HOUSEHOLD +LAP SAP+ BESIDE LITTERBINS.

+LITTERBINS ARE FOR LITTER ONLY AND USING THEM FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE IS AN OFFENCE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+WE POSTED A STIFF WARNING TO THAT EFFECT ON ALL UC LITTERBINS,+ HE SAID, +BUT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE IT.+

THE NOTICE ON THE BINS STATES THAT ANYONE WHO DUMPS RUBBISH AROUND LITTERBINS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF A \$5 000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

+ALTHOUGH ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMMIT THIS OFFENCE, THE MESS THEY MAKE CAN BE CONSIDERABLE AT THE END OF THE DAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS THE PROBLEM WAS WORSENING THESE TOUGHER MEASURES WERE NOW NECESSARY, HE ADDED.

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MUSIC TRAINEES SHOW THEIR SKILLS
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THE MUSIC OFFICE STUDENT CONCERT IN THE KOWLOON REGION WAS HELD AT DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL TODAY (SUNDAY).

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MRS SHIRLEY GWILT, PRINCIPAL LECTURER IN MUSIC AT SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OFFICE FOR MAKING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING ACCESSIBLE TO A GREATER NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

SHE NOTED THAT THE TASK WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. +THE DISINCENTIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING ARE MANY: LACK OF RESOURCES, CRAMPED LIVING CONDITIONS UNCONDUCTIVE TO MUSIC PRACTICE AND EMPHASIS ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS ARE ONLY A FEW OF THEM,+ SHE SAID.

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HOWEVER, SHE ADDED: +I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST YEARS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN MUSIC EDUCATION IS A BASIC AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE OVERALL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.+

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, DESCRIBED THE CONCERT AS A PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINEES TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY HAD ACHIEVED THROUGH HARD WORK IN THE PAST YEAR.

SHE THANKED SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MUSIC TEACHERS AND PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, WHICH WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE OFFICE'S TRAINING PROCESS.

SELECTED TRAINEES RECEIVING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING AT THREE KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRES PERFORMED AT THE CONCERT, PLAYING VARIOUS POPULAR WESTERN AND CHINESE PIECES OF MUSIC.

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DISTRICT BOARDS TO BE CONSULTED ON PROJECTS
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BEGIN ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL 10 URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

STARTING FROM THE MEETING OF THE MONGKOK DB ON THURSDAY (MAY 1), SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT EACH DB ON THE PROPOSED PRIORITIES TO BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

+THIS CONSULTATION EXERCISE IS AIMED AT FOSTERING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY DB MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK AND SERVICES, AND HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL SINCE 1984,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+IT ALSO GIVES THE COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT A BETTER IDEA OF THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR UC FACILITIES AS THE DB MEMBERS NOW SEE THEM.+

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE WORKS PROGRAMME FOR EACH DISTRICT, PROJECTS ARE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES - +COMMITTED+, +APPROVED+, +UNDER ADVANCED PLANNING+ AND +UNDER PRELIMINARY PLANNING+.

EXCEPT FOR THE +COMMITTED+ PROJECTS WHICH ARE THOSE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR WITH TENDERS GAZETTED, EACH ITEM IS TENTATIVELY GIVEN A +HIGH+, +MEDIUM+ OR +LOW+ PRIORITY, HE SAID.

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+THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNERS HAVE PAINSTAKINGLY APPRAISED THESE PROJECTS BEFORE GIVING THEM A PRIORITY RATING RELATIVE TO OTHER PROJECTS IN THE SAME CATEGORY.

+HOWEVER, IF MEMBERS OF A PARTICULAR DB ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF ONE PROJECT IN THEIR DISTRICT BEING STARTED BEFORE ANOTHER WHICH HAS REACHED THE SAME STAGE OF PLANNING, WE WILL WHEREVER POSSIBLE MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WISHES.

+BUT IT MUST BE NOTED THAT, TO TAKE AN EXTREME EXAMPLE, A HIGH-PRIORITY PROJECT WHICH IS ONLY IN A PRELIMINARY STAGE OF PLANNING COULD NOT SUDDENLY BE PUSHED FORWARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE A LONG LEAD TIME IS NORMALLY REQUIRED BY EACH PROJECT.

+THE AMOUNT OF LEAD TIME REQUIRED DEPENDS ON THE TYPE AND SCALE OF THE PROJECT WHICH HAS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE PRELIMINARY STAGE OF DRAWING UP THE SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN THE PREPARATION OF LAYOUT PLANS, COST ESTIMATES, DETAILED WORKING DRAWINGS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS, TO THE GAZETTING AND LETTING OF CONTRACTS, AND EVENTUALLY THROUGH TO THE STAGE WHERE CONSTRUCTION WORK ACTUALLY STARTS ON SITE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORKS PROGRAMME FOR EACH DISTRICT PROVIDED INFORMATION COVERING THE SCOPE OF FACILITIES, SITE AREA, SITE STATUS OR DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS, PLANNING STAGE AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE OF EACH PROJECT.

+SHOULD THERE BE PARTICULARLY KEEN INTEREST EXPRESSED IN CERTAIN PROJECTS, OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM IN GREATER DETAIL,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT A LIST OF MINOR WORKS PROJECTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR STARTING DATES, WAS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO GIVE DB MEMBERS A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF UC DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

+BUT NO CONSULTATION ON THEIR PRIORITY IS REQUIRED SINCE THEIR LOW COST AND RELATIVELY SHORT PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION TIME RENDER THE ALLOCATION OF PRIORITIES UNNECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

AFTER THE VIEWS OF ALL 10 DBS HAVE BEEN SOUGHT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ANALYSE THEM CAREFULLY TO PRODUCE A DRAFT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME TAKING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA INTO CONSIDERATION:

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VIEWS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY DB MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES.

THE DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL'S RATIFICATION, THE RESPECTIVE DBS WILL THEN BE INFORMED OF THE FINALISED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THEIR DISTRICTS.

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RECRUITMENT FOR RHK REGIMENT

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT IS INVITING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH MATURE CHARACTER, GOOD PHYSIQUE AND HIGH CALIBRE TO JOIN THE FORCE.

THE REGIMENTAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TO FILL AROUND 100 VACANCIES FOR MEN AND 20 FOR WOMEN, WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY (MAY 1).

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS BY JUNE 10.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE WEEKEND TRAINING ON BASIC MILITARY SKILLS, INCLUDING THE HANDLING OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS, OPERATION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT, MAP READING, FIRST AID AND OTHERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE 'VOLUNTEERS' SAID THAT THIS OFFERS A GOOD CHANCE TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH HIGH INTELLIGENCE AND CALIBRE WHO WOULD LIKE TO FACE THE CHALLENGE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+IT WILL HELP BUILD CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND DEVELOP A SENSE OF CITIZENSHIP,+ HE SAID.

+SERVICE IN THE REGIMENT CAN CULTIVATE A MORE MATURE AND CAPABLE CHARACTER; AND THE VOLUNTEERS WILL GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISION, JUDGMENT AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.+

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE 17-1/2 YEARS OLD OR OVER, HAVE A SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AND CONSENT FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR JOINING BEFORE THEY APPLY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE REGIMENT'S RECRUITING OFFICER AT 5-7952038.

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MORE SLOPES TO BE STABILISED
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A \$2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR STABILISING SLOPES ABOVE ISLAND ROAD FROM WONG CHUK HANG TO DEEP WATER BAY HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE SLOPES IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

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PUBLIC URGED TO JOIN HOSPITAL WALK
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ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CHARITY WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

THE +WALK WITH OUR HEARTS+ EVENT, TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 4), WILL ALSO LAUNCH A YEAR-LONG FUND-RAISING DRIVE CO-ORDINATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

STARTING AT 10.30 AM AT THE SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SAU MAU PING, THE FOUR-KILOMETRE WALK WILL TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR TO COMPLETE.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION FUND-RAISING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM KIN-KWOK, NOTED THAT THE ROUTE WILL TAKE PARTICIPANTS AROUND THE HOSPITAL AND SO ENABLE THEM TO VIEW THE SITE OF THE EXTENSION.

MR LAM URGED ALL LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS TO JOIN AROUND 30 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, FACTORIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES THAT ARE TAKING PART.

SPONSOR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315 (EXTENSION 431).

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BEFORE THE WALK, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 14 AREAS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE PRESENTED WITH FLAGS BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, TO SIGNIFY THE START OF THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1990, WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS FROM 640 TO 1 400 AND INCLUDE NUMEROUS NEW FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS AGREED TO RAISE \$5 MILLION ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL.

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FUNDS FOR MAC PREMISES IN SQUATTER AREAS
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MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN SQUATTER AREAS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN APPLY TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR FUNDS TO BUILD OFFICE PREMISES.

UNDER A CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME INTRODUCED BY THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTRIBUTE 80 PER CENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND THE LOCAL MAC THE REMAINING 20 PER CENT.

THE MAXIMUM DISTRICT BOARD GRANT IS \$20 000, WHILE THE RESIDENT BODY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE OF THE PREMISES, RENTS, RATES AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME WAS DEvised ON A COST-SHARING BASIS AND PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEY HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MEET FUTURE EXPENSES ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PREMISES.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICER WILL SCREEN EACH APPLICATION ACCORDING TO ITS OWN MERITS BEFORE APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT,+ HE SAID.

+THE CONSTRUCTION COST SHOULD ONLY COVER ESSENTIAL ITEMS SUCH AS WALLS, PARTITIONS, ROOFING, FLOORING, PAINT-WORK AND LIGHTING, AND NO COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE MAC IF THE SITE IS LATER CLEARED FOR WHATEVER REASON,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD NOT SUBSIDISE THE COST OF FURNITURE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, THE MAC CAN APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATIONERY AND MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE ITEMS UNDER THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO MACS,+ HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SCHEME CAN MADE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE 5-540271.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING COURSES OFFERED
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THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL RUN A SERIES OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN SEPTEMBER.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THIS TWO-YEAR PART-TIME COURSE ARE INVITED FROM NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND OF SPECIAL-REVISED RESOURCE CLASSES.

SEVEN AREAS OF SPECIALISATION WILL BE OFFERED, NAMELY EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, OF VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, OF HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, OF MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED CHILDREN, AND OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN PLUS MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROBLEMS.

AN APPLICANT ACCEPTED TO THE COURSE MUST SELECT THIS AREA OF SPECIALISATION ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HE WILL BE TEACHING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE COURSE.

A CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS WILL BE AWARDED ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, KOWLOON AND ITS ANNEXE AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, SHA TIN.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHAIRMAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD, THROUGH SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE AT SHA TIN BEFORE MAY 30.

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TIN HAU PARADE IN YUEN LONG
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A GRAND PROCESSION WILL AGAIN HIGHLIGHT CELEBRATIONS IN YUEN LONG TO MARK THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY (MAY 1).

THE ANNUAL PROCESSION, FIRST HELD IN 1963, IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SHAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, AND MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE FROM 16 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART.

AT 10 AM, THE PROCESSION FEATURING A DRAGON, LIONS, FLOATS, CHIU CHAU GONGS AND DRUMS, AND CHINESE FOLK DANCERS WILL SET OFF FROM FUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN YUEN LONG TOWN EAST.

THE PARADE, LASTING FOR TWO HOURS WILL WIND ALONG HOP YICK, TAI TONG, KAU YUK AND TAI YUK ROADS BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM. THE ROUTE WILL AVOID A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD) WHERE EXTENSIVE ROAD WORKS ARE UNDERWAY BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATIONS, A TRADITIONAL +FA PAU+ LOTTERY WILL BE HELD IN THE OPEN AREA OUTSIDE THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHU HA, SHAP PAT HEUNG AT 2.30 PM. OFFICIATING WILL BE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, WHO WILL PRESS A BUTTON TO BEGIN A +MINI-FIREWORKS+ DISPLAY BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS.

THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BOAT PEOPLE WHO PRAY TO THE GODDESS OF HEAVEN FOR FAIR WEATHER AND GOOD TIDINGS ALL YEAR ROUND. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR YUEN LONG PEOPLE, DATING BACK TO THE 17TH CENTURY WHEN THE DISTRICT WAS A COASTAL FISHING VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION TO BE HELD FROM 10 AM IN YUEN LONG ON THURSDAY. PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, NO 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON. PLEASE NOTE THAT AS PRESS BADGES ARE LIMITED, EACH ORGANISATION IS ENTITLED TO ONLY TWO BADGES.

THREE GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.30 AM ON THURSDAY TO TAKE PRESS MEMBERS TO YUEN LONG.

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TEMPORARY SUB-OFFICE TO SERVE TAI PO
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THE FU SHIN ESTATE TEMPORARY SUB-OFFICE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

LOCATED AT SHIN KWAN HOUSE IN FU SHIN ESTATE, THE SUB-OFFICE RENDERS SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF FU SHIN ESTATE AND MING NGA COURT.

IT PROVIDES SERVICES SUCH AS ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, GIVING ADVICE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS, HANDLING OF ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS, AND REFERRAL OF CASES IN THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME.

THE SUB-OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SUB-OFFICE IS 0-6511744.

APART FROM THE NEW TEMPORARY SUB-OFFICE, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS TWO SUB-OFFICES IN TAI YUEN ESTATE AND KWONG FUK ESTATE AND A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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FOCUS ON TAXI SITUATION
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE NUMBER OF TAXIS IN THE TERRITORY, AND EXAMINE THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FACTORS, AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 29).

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE SUGGESTION OF PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETWEEN LUNG KWU TAAN AND THE BUS TERMINUS IN BUTTERFLY ESTATE, A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, AND NIGHT PARKING SPACES FOR LORRIES AND COACHES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 3RD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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