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THOUSANDS VISIT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW
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ABOUT 50,000 FLOWER LOVERS, BIRD FANCIERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE VISITED THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT (1988) FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND SINCE IT OPENED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 23).

"THE LARGE-SCALE JOINT EXHIBITION, WHICH EMBODIES BOTH UNCOMMON AND BEAUTIFUL SPECIES OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF DIFFERENT PLACES, PROVIDES LOCAL PEOPLE WITH AN INEXPENSIVE FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE SHOW, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, IS ALSO OF GREAT EDUCATIONAL VALUE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FIVE-DAY SHOW WHICH WILL END AT 4 PM TOMORROW," HE ADDED.

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HOTEL AMONG BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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A 360-ROOM HOTEL WAS AMONG 59 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN SEPTEMBER.

OF THE PLANS, 24 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 FOR KOWLOON AND 24 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 34 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; EIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ONE FOR A FACTORY.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT TO START WORK ON 40 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 56,248 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 152,898.8 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,025 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREA FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 147,453 SQUARE METRES AND 154,663 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 59 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 11 FOR HONG KONG, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 40 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 28 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 49 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 523 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,038 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 216 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDING SECTION INSPECTED 453 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED SIX EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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NEW VIDEO ON SOUTHERN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE

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A NEW VIDEO FILM FEATURING SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS AND DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE.

IT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE 20-MINUTE PRODUCTION, ENTITLED "HAPPY AND SWEET HOME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT", IS THE SECOND DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORT IN PROMOTING THE DISTRICT'S IMAGE AND A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE BOARD'S FIRST FILM "NEW FACES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT", PRODUCED IN 1986, WAS WIDELY SHOWN ON NUMEROUS PUBLIC OCCASIONS AND WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS.

THE NEW FILM HAS PROVED TO BE EQUALLY POPULAR FOR BEING EVEN MORE INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING WHEN IT WAS SHOWN EARLIER IN A SERIES OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES.

"THE FILM INTRODUCES THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS AND THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND HIGHLIGHTS THE STRUCTURE AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY BUILDING, WORKS PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT SERVES AS A USEFUL FORM OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND HELPS THE PUBLIC TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE SAID.

THE MESSAGES ARE PUT ACROSS IN A DRAMATIC WAY IN THE FILM THROUGH THE DIALOGUE OF A SOON-TO-WED COUPLE, WHO PLAN TO MAKE THEIR NEW HOME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AS THEY TOUR THE DISTRICT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT.

VHS COPIES OF THE VIDEO FILM ARE AVAILABLE FREE-OF-CHARGE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE. LOCAL SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE WELCOME TO USE THE TAPES IN THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OR TO SHOW THEM TO THEIR MEMBERS.

ENQUIRIES ON BORROWING PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-540271.

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STAFF NEEDED TO BOOST KWUN TONG COMMUNITY BUILDING

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IS NOW LOOKING FOR PART-TIME COMMUNITY ORGANISERS TO HELP BOOST ITS COMMUNITY-BUILDING EFFORT.

"THE COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL ASSIST OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF IN THEIR DAILY LIAISON WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, WHICH INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND PROMOTION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES," A KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THEY WILL ALSO HELP ORGANISE ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRES AND HALLS, AND ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES," HE ADDED.

ANYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED FORM 5 OR ABOVE WITH WORKING EXPERIENCE AND AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 45 WILL BE QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB.

A COMMUNITY ORGANISER WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK IRREGULAR HOURS, FOR AT LEAST 25 HOURS A WEEK AND 100 HOURS A MONTH. MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE POST IS \$1,900.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING SECTION OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET BEFORE JANUARY 23.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-423431.

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LANDFILLING AT PILLAR POINT VALLEY

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CESD) IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF LANDFILLING WORKS AT THE PILLAR POINT VALLEY LANDFILL IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INVOLVE SITE PREPARATION WORKS FOR A LANDFILL EXTENSION INTO THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MR C.S. WONG, OF THE CESD DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION WHICH WILL SUPERVISE THE WORKS, SAID THE LANDFILLING WOULD INVOLVE THE SPREADING AND COMPACTING OF REFUSE IN LAYERS, AND THE COVERING OF EACH LAYER WITH EARTH AS THE REFUSE DISPOSAL OPERATION PROCEEDED.

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"ALL WORKING FACES OF THE LANDFILL WILL BE SEALED OFF DAILY, THEREBY ELIMINATING HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS," HE SAID.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL COVER 18 MONTHS AND WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MARCH. TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON NEXT JANUARY 6.

AT PRESENT, PILLAR POINT VALLEY LANDFILL IS THE SOLE FACILITY FOR DISPOSAL OF REFUSE IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES REGION.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR DB FUNDS

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED WITH THE FUNDS SHOULD AIM AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG RESIDENTS, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, OR IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING THE SOLUTION.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE UP TO JANUARY 31 FOR ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE.

APPLICATION DATES FOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE REST OF 1989 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

APPLICATION PERIOD -----	DATE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES -----
FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 1989	JULY - OCTOBER, 1989
JULY 1 - AUGUST 31, 1989	NOVEMBER, 1989 - FEBRUARY, 1990

APPLICATIONS WILL BE SCREENED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, 14TH FLOOR.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7700424.

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WAN CHAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF AN AMENITY AREA AT WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 28).

THREE LANDSCAPE SCHEMES PREPARED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE AREA WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF A REAR LANE AT YEE WO STREET, FOR THE YEAR-END BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP AND MULTI-STORY BUILDING CLEAN-UP AWARD SCHEME, FOR THE "EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENT IN WAN CHAI WEST" PROJECT, AND FOR THE KEEP YOUR BUILDING CLEAN PUBLICITY DRIVE.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE SITTING-OUT AREA AT STUBBS ROAD BELOW SHIU FAI TERRACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 28) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER

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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

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HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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YUEN LONG TOWN TRAFFIC FLOW TO BE IMPROVED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 29), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG TOWN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

TUNG LOK STREET BETWEEN YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD AND FOOK TAK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE LEFT-TURN FROM TUNG LOK STREET NORTHBOUND TO YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE BANNED. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG LOK STREET, SAU FU STREET AND YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD.

MOREOVER, THE JUNCTION OF TUNG LOK STREET WITH YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD WILL BECOME SIGNAL-CONTROLLED TO REGULATE TRAFFIC THERE. AS A RESULT, THE EXISTING ZEBRA CROSSING TO THE EAST OF THE JUNCTION WILL BE CANCELLED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FANLING, HK ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHBOUND TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 29) FOR THE REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

ITS INNER-MOST LANE WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 6.

MOREOVER, THE OUTER-MOST LANE AND CENTRE LANE WILL BOTH BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 5.

MEANWHILE, CHANCERY LANE IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY (THURSDAY) FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHIU KWONG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES TO THE NORTH FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

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

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