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THURSDAY IS URBCO ELECTION DAY

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THE RETURNING OFFICER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION, MR. ALLAN LEUNG, TODAY URGED ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO TURN OUT IN FORCE AT THE 13 POLLING STATIONS ON ELECTION DAY (MARCH 3).

POLL CARDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO MORE THAN 37,000 REGISTERED ELECTORS INDICATING AT WHICH POLLING STATION THEY SHOULD CAST THEIR VOTES.

MR. LEUNG REMINDED ELECTORS TO BRING THEIR POLL CARDS WITH THEM TOGETHER WITH A MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION SUCH AS AN IDENTITY CARD OR A DRIVING LICENCE.

THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL IS SIX - THEREFORE ELECTORS CANNOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN SIX CANDIDATES. THEY CAN VOTE FOR LESS, BUT A BALLOT PAPER WITH MORE THAN SIX VOTES WILL BE INVALID, MR. LEUNG SAID.

POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY FROM 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

ELECTORS ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SPEAK TO ANY OTHER ELECTORS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY POLLING STATION. THEY ARE ALSO FORBIDDEN TO TAKE ANY BALLOT PAPER, WHETHER MARKED OR UNMARKED, OUT OF THE POLLING STATION. THEY SHOULD DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX NO OTHER PAPER THAN THE BALLOT PAPER GIVEN THEM BY THE POLL CLERK.

MR. LEUNG ADDED THAT THE STAFF AT THE 13 STATIONS WILL BE THERE TO HELP ELECTORS SHOULD THEY ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS.

THE POLLING STATIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE AT : KING'S COLLEGE HALL, 63A, BONHAM ROAD= THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL= THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 169 THOMSON ROAD= AND THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 888 KING'S ROAD.

IN KOWLOON THE STATIONS WILL BE AT : THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, ALONGSIDE THE EAST WING OF THE STAR FERRY TERMINAL= THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, 152 SAI YEE STREET= THE KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 332 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD= THE PERTH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 6 PERTH STREET= THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 17 TSEUK LUK STREET= AND THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 240 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT : THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN= THE HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, KAU YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG= AND THE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, TAI PO ROAD, TAI PO.

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THE TEN CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTION ARE
MR. BROOK BERNACCHI, MR. FRANCIS CHAINE, MR. PETER C.K. CHAN,
MR. AMBROSE K.C. CHOI, MR. EDMUND W.H. CHOW, MR. HENRY H.L. HU,
MR. TANG MAN-SIT, MR. TSIN SAI-NIN, MR. TUET WAI-SIN AND
MR. YU SAK-KWONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WHO WISH TO VISIT ANY OF THE 13 POLLING STATIONS OR TO BE PRESENT AT THE COUNTING OF THE VOTES ON MARCH 3 (THURSDAY), URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION DAY, MUST COMPLETE FORM 20 - DECLARATION OF SECRECY - BEFORE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, A PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE RETURNING OFFICER.

THEY SHOULD HAVE THE FORMS WITH THEM WHEN THEY CALL AT ANY OF THE POLLING STATIONS.

COPIES OF THESE FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS ROOM, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY YOU TO COVER THE ELECTION, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. RICHARD LAI, JP, WILL BE PLEASED TO ADMINISTER THE DECLARATION BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 4 P.M. ON MARCH 1 (TUESDAY). THE RETURNING OFFICER, MR. ALLAN LEUNG, WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 28). NOMINEES ARE ADVISED TO RING HIM ON H-95485 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. ALTERNATIVELY THIS DECLARATION CAN BE ADMINISTERED BY ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

TO MAKE RECOGNITION EASIER FOR STAFF AT THE POLLING STATIONS, SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED. THESE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH 1 FROM G.I.S., 6/FL., BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. HOWEVER, THE COMPLETED DECLARATION FORM MUST BE PRODUCED FOR ADMISSION.

THE ATTENTION OF PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IS DRAWN TO REGULATION 29 OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH IT IS AN OFFENCE INTER ALIA TO SPEAK TO ANY ELECTOR OR TAKE ANY PHOTOGRAPH WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY POLLING STATION.

/+ REGULATION

REGULATION 29 STATES :-

29 (1) ANY PERSON OTHER THAN -

- (A) THE RETURNING OFFICER OR AN ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER -
- (B) THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR AN ASSISTANT PRESIDING OFFICER -
- (C) MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER -
- (D) POLICE ON DUTY AT ANY POLLING STATION -
- (E) A COMPANION OF A BLIND VOTER ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 36,

WHO SPEAKS TO ANY ELECTOR WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY POLLING STATION SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION THEREFORE TO A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

(2) ANY PERSON WHO -

- (A) TAKES ANY PHOTOGRAPHS -
- (B) CANVASSES - OR
- (C) DISPLAYS ANY POSTER,

WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY POLLING STATION SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION THEREFORE TO A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

(3) ANY ELECTOR WHO -

- (A) TAKES ANY BALLOT PAPER, WHETHER MARKED OR UNMARKED, OUT OF THE POLLING STATION - OR
- (B) DEPOSITS IN THE BALLOT BOX ANY PAPER OTHER THAN THE BALLOT PAPER GIVEN TO HIM BY THE POLL CLERK,

SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION THEREFORE TO A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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SHA OPENS GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE

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THE OPENING OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT FOR THE PROCESS OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE, HE SAID: +NEWSPAPERS HAVE A USEFUL PART TO PLAY BUT THEY ARE PRESSED FOR SPACE AND CAN NEVER DEAL FULLY WITH ANY ASPECT OF ADMINISTRATION.+

MR. BRAY SAID AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN PRODUCING POLICIES WHICH COMMANDED PUBLIC SUPPORT WAS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT IN TIME ON READING.

+THE OBJECT OF THIS FINE NEW BOOKSHOP IS TO TEMPT YOU IN -- TO OFFER OUR THOUGHTS, PROBLEMS, CONCLUSIONS AND REPORTS,+ HE EMPHASISED.

HE ADDED: +IF IT LEADS TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT OR IF IT LEADS TO MORE PURPOSEFUL CRITICISM OF WHAT WE ARE DOING OR ARE FAILING TO DO IT WILL HAVE MADE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OPEN GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF MR. BRAY'S SPEECH:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

+THE OPENING OF THIS CENTRE IS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT FOR THE PROCESS OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG. OPEN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT MEAN EASY GOVERNMENT.

+NEWSPAPERS HAVE A USEFUL PART TO PLAY BUT THEY ARE PRESSED FOR SPACE AND CAN NEVER DEAL FULLY WITH ANY ASPECT OF ADMINISTRATION. NOBODY WOULD EXPECT YOU TO BE ABLE TO RUN A BUSINESS ON THE BASIS OF READING NEWSPAPER REPORT OF ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING YET IT IS ASTONISHING HOW MANY PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE OFFERING THEMSELVES TO RUN A GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A SPEECH.

+GOVERNMENT POLICIES CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY CASUAL READING. A GREAT MANY INTELLIGENT AND INDUSTRIOUS PEOPLE SPEND A GOOD DEAL OF TIME THINKING, ARGUING AND WRITING BEFORE WE PRODUCE ANYTHING THAT COULD CLAIM TO BE A POLICY. THE OUTPUT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. THERE IS NO CHILD'S GUIDE TO HAPPINESS FOR ALL. COMPETING CLAIMS HAVE TO BE BALANCED AND THERE IS OFTEN NO PUBLIC CONSENSUS ON WHAT IS DESIRABLE.

+AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN PRODUCING POLICIES WHICH COMMAND PUBLIC SUPPORT IS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT IN TIME ON READING.

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+THE OBJECT OF THIS FINE NEW BOOKSHOP IS TO TEMPT YOU IN - TO OFFER OUR THOUGHTS, PROBLEMS, CONCLUSIONS AND REPORTS. DAILY ATTENDANCE IN THE SHOP IS 25 PER CENT UP ON THE OLD ONE, SALES ARE UP 15 PER CENT. THIS IS JUST A BEGINNING.

+YOU HAVE READ ABOUT THE DEBATE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON THE REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER. HAVE YOU READ THE GREEN PAPER ITSELF? YOU CAN GET IT HERE. YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS IN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET. IT TOO WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT NOT BEFORE BUDGET DAY.

+THERE ARE 3,000 TITLES HERE AND EVEN HERE AT THE CENTRE OF OUR MARKETING EFFORT ON GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS WE ALSO SELL BOOKS OTHER PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT HONG KONG. THERE ARE PUBLICATIONS BY INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AGENCIES AND, OF COURSE, OUR OWN URBAN COUNCIL. A FREE GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS IS AVAILABLE.

+HONG KONG HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF THE FREEDOM WITH WHICH NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS CAN BE PUBLISHED AND SOLD. THERE ARE FEW OTHER PLACES IN ASIA THAT CAN MAKE THE SAME CLAIM.

+ITS GOVERNMENT GOES TO GREAT PAINS TO RECORD ITS WORKINGS FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.

+WE WANT YOU TO READ AND I HOPE THIS FINE BOOKSHOP WILL TEMPT YOU.

+IF IT LEADS TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT OR IF IT LEADS TO MORE PURPOSEFUL CRITICISM OF WHAT WE ARE DOING OR ARE FAILING TO DO IT WILL HAVE MADE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OPEN GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.+

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LESS RAINFALL THIS YEAR
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THE COMING RAINY SEASON WILL BE DRIER THAN LAST YEAR'S, ACCORDING TO A PRELIMINARY FORECAST ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

RAINFALL FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR IS FORECAST TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 1450 MM AND 1850 MM, THE MID-POINT VALUE (1650 MM) OF WHICH IS ABOUT NINE PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE OF 1814 MM.

FOR THE YEAR AS A WHOLE, RAINFALL IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 10 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE.

LAST YEAR, DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY RECORDED A TOTAL OF 2048 MM OF RAINFALL, WHICH IS 13 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

FORECAST FIGURES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE UPDATED IN MAY WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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PWD'S NINTH SPORTS DAY

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE OUT IN FORCE THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) TO SHOW OFF THEIR ATHLETIC SKILLS IN 27 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AT KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND.

THE OCCASION WILL BE THE P.W.D.'S NINTH SPORTS DAY -- THE HIGHLIGHT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SPORTING CALENDAR.

THIS YEAR A RECORD 500 ENTRIES, INCLUDING 100 FROM FEMALE STAFF, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND THE MEETING PROMISES TO BE THE MOST EXCITING EVER.

THE EVENTS INCLUDE A VARIETY OF RACES, HURDLES, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, SHOT PUT, JAVELIN, RELAYS, WALK RACE AND A TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN THE 'HEAVIES' OF THE P.W.D.'S VARIOUS OFFICES AND DIVISIONS.

SPECIAL EVENTS ARE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR VETERANS OVER 40 YEARS OLD, AS WELL AS FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 11.

APART FROM INDIVIDUAL HONOURS IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS, COMPETITORS WILL ALSO BE VYING FOR THE ALL-ROUND BEST ATHLETE TITLE IN THE MEN'S AND LADIES' SECTIONS.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD.

DURING BREAKS, GUESTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BAND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE VICINITY OF WANCHAI FROM 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:-

- * THE SECTION OF MONMOUTH PATH BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND WING FUNG STREET WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC,
- * WING FUNG STREET WEST WILL BE ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND AND
- * THE SECTION OF WING FUNG STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND WING FUNG STREET WEST WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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BUS SERVICE FOR SHA TAU KOK AND SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGERS REORGANISED
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A NUMBER OF BUS ROUTE CHANGES IN THE SHEUNG SHUI AREA WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR SHA TAU KOK, PING YEUNG AND HUNG LENG RESIDENTS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM LUEN WO HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI MARKET TOWNS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT FROM TUESDAY, (MARCH 1) KMB ROUTE 73 WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE BETWEEN TAI PO MARKET AND MAN KAM TO VIA LUEN WO HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI AT A BASIC 12-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

ROUTE 78 WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK VIA FANLING RAILWAY STATION, LUEN WO HUI AND HUNG LENG AT A BASIC 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY USING DOUBLE-DECK BUSES.

ROUTE 78A WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE BETWEEN LUEN WO HUI AND SHA TAU KOK (SECONDARY SCHOOL), 79 BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND TA KWU LING AND 81 BETWEEN LUEN WO HUI AND LUK KENG. ALL THREE ROUTES WILL OPERATE AT 20-MINUTE FREQUENCIES.

IN ADDITION, A NEW ROUTE NO. 79A WILL BE INTRODUCED TO OPERATE BETWEEN LUEN WO HUI AND PING YEUNG ALONG SHA TAU KOK AND PING CHE ROADS AT A 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

THE MAJOR RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH KMB TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL VILLAGERS TRAVELLING TO MARKET AND STUDENTS GOING TO THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

THE NEW BUS NETWORK WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES FOR OVER 30 VILLAGES ADJOINING SHA TAU KOK, PING CHE, LUK KENG AND MAN KAM TO ROADS.

THE 21 BUSES TO BE USED (INCLUDING FIVE DOUBLE DECKERS) WILL PROVIDE A 3-1/2-MINUTE FREQUENCY ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND FARES WILL RANGE FROM 20 CENTS TO 50 CENTS ACCORDING TO DISTANCE TRAVELLED.

OVER ONE THOUSAND PASSENGERS PER HOUR WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE REVISED SERVICES IN EACH DIRECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +A NEED TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICES IN THE AREA HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE POLICE AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AGAINST THE ILLEGAL CARRYING OF PASSENGERS BY GOODS VEHICLES.

+THE MAJORITY OF THE LORRIES DO NOT POSSESS EXCESS PERSONS PERMITS AND NO INSURANCE COVER FOR PASSENGERS OR OTHER ROAD USERS AGAINST INJURY OR ACCIDENT. IN FACT, MANY LORRIES HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY ADAPTED TO CARRY PASSENGERS IN UNSAFE CONDITIONS AND THIS HAS BEEN A FREQUENT CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT,+ HE ADDED.

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ON THE SIX RURAL BUS ROUTES IN THE AREA, PASSENGERS CAN CARRY GOODS AND MARKET PRODUCTS UP TO 100 POUNDS AND BUSES CAN STOP AT ANY SAFE PLACE FOR PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS RATHER THAN BEING RESTRICTED TO USE BUS STOPS.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHING THE SCHEME WHICH HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CO-OPERATION OF RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK. A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON MARCH 3 TO EVALUATE THE INITIAL REACTIONS TO THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

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PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT STAFF
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MORE THAN 1,300 CHILDREN OF THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPOUND IN NORTH POINT.

THE PARTY WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT, INCLUDING GAMES STALLS, LION DANCE, MARCHING MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE BAND OF THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND A VARIETY SHOW BY ARTISTES OF THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

FILM STARS FROM SHAW BROTHERS (HONG KONG) LIMITED WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO DISTRIBUTE GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE PARTY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT MR. F.J. YOUNG, WILL DRAW THE WINNING NUMBERS OF A LUCKY DRAW

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PARTY ON THAT DAY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPOUND IN OIL STREET. THE EVENT WILL START AT 1 P.M. AND END AT 5 P.M.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON TEN DAYS NEXT MONTH (MARCH).

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

PRACTICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>HOURS</u> |
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| MARCH 7 (MONDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M. |
| MARCH 16 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MARCH 17 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MARCH 18 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M. |
| MARCH 23 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M. |
| MARCH 24 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M. |
| MARCH 28 (MONDAY) | 10 A.M. - 11 P.M. |
| MARCH 29 (TUESDAY) | 8 A.M. - 11 P.M. |
| MARCH 30 (WEDNESDAY) | 8 A.M. - 11 P.M. |
| MARCH 31 (THURSDAY) | 8 A.M. - 1 P.M. |

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PART V OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE
EFFECTIVE FROM NEXT MONTH
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IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT PART V OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE, 1976 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECTION 50 WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 1.

PART V (ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT) OF THE ORDINANCE APPLIES TO EVERY REGISTERED DEALER, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A DIRECTOR, PARTNER OR EMPLOYEE OF A CORPORATION OR FIRM, WHO IS ACCREDITED TO THE CORPORATION OR FIRM AS A DEALER.

UNDER THIS PART, A DEALER IS OBLIGED BY LAW TO KEEP PROPER ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS IN RESPECT OF HIS BUSINESS OF TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES.

A DEALER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP IN SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS ALL MONIES HELD ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENTS, AND CAUSE HIS ACCOUNTS TO BE AUDITED BY AN AUDITOR. A DEALER WILL FURTHER BE REQUIRED TO KEEP A COPY OF EACH FUTURES CONTRACT MADE OUT BY HIMSELF EITHER AS AN AGENT OR AS A PRINCIPAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING SAID THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF SECTION 50 OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER STAGE WHEN THE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING THE FORMS OF THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEETS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 50 OF THE ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN FINALISED.

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ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE
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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL/PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WITH SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL/PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WHO ARE INTEREST IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN PASSING ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THEIR OWN SPECIALISM TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE AT THE MINIMUM OF \$1,070 PER MONTH UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF \$1,640 PER MONTH. CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF SOUND, RELATED POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL/PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS FOR TECHNICAL ENGLISH COURSE MUST HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A 2-YEAR FULL-TIME ORDINARY DIPLOMA/TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA COURSE, OR A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL COURSE, OR EQUIVALENT, IN THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE/POLYTECHNIC/TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR AN EQUIVALENT COLLEGE.

HOLDERS OF ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) IN HOTEL AND CATERING OPERATIONS OR EQUIVALENT WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATED FIELDS MAY APPLY FOR HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY MARCH 19, 1977.

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