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GOVERNOR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL DELIVER HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM FANLING LODGE ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2).

THIS WILL BE HIS SECOND NEW YEAR MESSAGE SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG IN MAY 1982.

RTHK RADIO 1, 2, 3 AND 4 AND COMMERCIAL RADIO (BOTH CHANNELS) WILL BROADCAST THE MESSAGE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AT 6 PM.

THE MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON:

TVB JADE AT 6.15 PM  
TVB PEARL AT 7.25 PM  
ATV ENGLISH AT 6.55 PM AND,  
ATV CHINESE AT 6 PM

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FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE +OFF TO GOOD START+

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS IN EARNEST IN ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF CRIME.

SIR PHILIP, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RE-CONSTITUTED FCC'S FIRST REPORT.

THE RE-CONSTITUTED FCC HAD GOT OFF TO A GOOD START AND HAD FOCUSED ATTENTION ON MATTERS WHICH MOST CONCERNED AND AFFECTED THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, HE SAID.

ONE OF THE FCC'S TERMS OF REFERENCE IS TO REPORT ON PROGRESS TO THE GOVERNOR TWICE YEARLY.

+THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST REPORT, COVERING MAY TO OCTOBER 1983, HAS NOW BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND HAS BEEN SEEN BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS,+ SAID SIR PHILIP.

IT WAS VERY DETAILED AND REFLECTED THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF GROUND WHICH HAD BEEN COVERED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF ITS EXISTENCE, HE SAID.

THE REPORT COVERS, IN MAIN, TWO ASPECTS; FIRST, THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OR RESEARCH; AND SECOND, MATTERS ON WHICH ACTION HAS BEEN WHOLLY OR PARTLY COMPLETED.

/THOSE MATTERS .....

THOSE MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION OR RESEARCH INCLUDE PROBLEMS RELATING TO TRIADS, USE OF FIREARMS IN CRIME, VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS, SECURITY OF HIGH-RISK PREMISES, USE OF FILM CENSORSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, LIAISON WITH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES AND SO ON.

ACTION HAS BEEN EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTLY COMPLETED, AND IN SOME INSTANCES NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED, ON MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN, POSSESSION OF HANDCUFFS FOR ILLEGAL USE, AND COMMERCIAL CRIME.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR MICHAEL THOMAS, ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO IS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF FCC; MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY; MR ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND DR HO KAM-FAI, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER.

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CONDOLENCES FROM CHIEF SECRETARY FOR FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF SHOOTING INCIDENTS OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS.

AT THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, SIR PHILIP SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO RECORD THEIR PROFOUND REGRET AT THE TWO INCIDENTS.

+AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE POLICE ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY POSSIBLY CAN TO TRACK DOWN THE VILLAINS CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

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TAXI FARE INCREASES START FEBRUARY 8

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A FARE INCREASE OF ABOUT 14 PER CENT FOR URBAN TAXIS AND ABOUT 15 PER CENT FOR NT TAXIS, TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM FEBRUARY 8.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES QUOTED ARE, AS USUAL, BASED ON THE DISTANCE TRAVELLED WITH A \$10 FARE, AND THE PRACTICABILITY OF CALIBRATION.

FOR URBAN TAXIS, THE FLAGFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES WILL BE \$5, INSTEAD OF \$4.50, WHILE THE CHARGE FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.266 KILOMETRE WILL BE 70 CENTS INSTEAD OF 60 CENTS.

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IN THE CASE OF NT TAXIS, THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES WILL COST \$3.30 INSTEAD OF \$3, AND INSTEAD OF 30 CENTS EVERY 0.2 KILOMETRE THEREAFTER, THE NEW CHARGE WILL BE 70 CENTS EVERY 0.4 KILOMETRE.

CHARGES FOR WAITING TIME WILL ALSO BE REVISED. IT WILL COST 70 CENTS INSTEAD OF 60 CENTS EVERY TWO MINUTES FOR URBAN TAXIS AND 70 CENTS EVERY TWO MINUTES INSTEAD OF 30 CENTS EVERY 1-1/2 MINUTE FOR NT TAXIS.

THE CHARGE FOR CARRYING EACH ARTICLE OF BAGGAGE, ANIMAL OR BIRD, WHICH HAS SINCE 1969 BEEN 50 CENTS, IS INCREASED TO \$1.

A TABLE OF THE NEW FARES, SET AGAINST EXISTING FARES, WILL BE PLACED AS ADVERTISEMENTS ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 IN TWO ENGLISH AND FOUR CHINESE NEWSPAPERS. THIS CONVERSION TABLE CAN BE DISPLAYED IN TAXIS AND USED BY PASSENGERS, BEFORE THE METERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

IN ADDITION, A LIMITED NUMBER OF CONVERSION TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAXI OPERATORS AT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CASE FOR A TAXI FARE INCREASE WAS REVIEWED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED ON CURRENT OPERATING COSTS AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LENGTH OF TIME SINCE THE LAST INCREASE IN OCTOBER, 1982.

THIS REVIEW OF FARES WAS SEPARATE FROM THE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS WHICH SOUGHT TO RATIONALISE THE ROLE OF TAXIS IN THE OVERALL TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

THE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS WILL BE RE-EXAMINED AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE TAXI ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BEFORE REVISED PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE TAC FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE DECISION ON FARES IS TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF PRESENT POLICY ON THE REGULATION OF TAXIS. NO CHANGE IN ANY FEATURE OF THESE POLICIES IS PROPOSED BEFORE THE WHOLE QUESTION IS EXAMINED AFRESH. IN THE MEANTIME, THEREFORE, DURING THE RE-EXAMINATION OF THE POLICY PROPOSALS, THERE WILL BE TWO FURTHER ISSUES OF URBAN TAXI LICENCES IN MARCH AND JULY, 300 LICENCES BEING OFFERED ON EACH OCCASION, AND TWO FURTHER ISSUES OF NT TAXI LICENCES, 150 OF THESE LICENCES BEING OFFERED EACH TIME. ONE MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXAMINING FURTHER PROPOSALS WILL BE WHETHER FURTHER LICENCES SHOULD BE ISSUED AFTER JULY.

SAI KUNG TAXI BOUNDARY EXTENDED TO SHUN LEE TSUEN  
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE BOUNDARY FOR SAI KUNG-BASED NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS INTO THE URBAN AREA AS FAR AS SHUN LEE TSUEN, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (JANUARY 31).

A TAXI STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED IN LEE ON ROAD CLOSE TO THE SHUN LEE BUS TERMINUS WHICH IS CURRENTLY SERVING SEVEN BUS ROUTES AND ONE MAXICAB ROUTE.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW SAI KUNG BOUNDARY LIMIT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE TAXI STAND WILL PRESENT NO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BECAUSE THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD FROM TSENG LAN SHUE TO SHUN LEE TSUEN IS A HIGH CAPACITY ROUTE, ALLOWING NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO MOVE FREELY.

+THE PROPOSED ROUTING IS ALONG A CORRIDOR WITH NEWLY-COMPLETED ROADS AND RELATIVELY LIGHT TRAFFIC AND IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO USE ROADS IN AND LEADING TO RENNIE'S MILL. THIS RELAXATION MIGHT NEED TO BE REVIEWED AT A LATER DATE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWN AT JUNK BAY.+

THESE NEW BOUNDARY LIMITS, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LIMITS APPROVED ON DECEMBER 6, ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF MARCH, PENDING COMPLETION OF ALL RELATED WORKS.

UNDER THE NEW BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS, THE ROUTE TWISK AND TUEN MUN ROAD BOUNDARIES WILL BE EXTENDED TO ALLOW NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO ENTER THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

FROM TAI PO ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE ABLE TO GO AS FAR AS THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

IF THE LIMITED PENETRATION INTO TSUEN WAN MTR STATION PROVE SATISFACTORY, A FURTHER EXTENSION INTO SHA TIN AS FAR AS THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT OPENS LATER THIS YEAR.

+THIS WILL PROVIDE THE NEW TERRITORIES TAXI PASSENGERS WITH A BETTER TRANSPORT ACCESS TO THE URBAN AREA AND INTERCHANGE FACILITIES LIKE THE MTR STATIONS.+

+THESE ADDITIONAL NEW TERRITORIES TAXI ACTIVITIES ALONG THE SPECIFIC ROUTES SHOULD NOT IMPOSE SERIOUS IMPACT UPON THE URBAN TAXI TRADE AS INDICATED BY A SURVEY REPORT RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY RATES GO UP FROM TOMORROW  
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PAYMENT RATES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OLD AGE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCES WILL GO UP BY ABOUT 13 PER CENT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE INCREASE, ANNOUNCED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF DECEMBER, IS INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE REAL VALUE OF THE BASIC RATE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

THE NEW PAYMENT RATES PER MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS :

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

BASIC RATES

FOR A SINGLE PERSON LIVING ALONE \$510

FOR A FAMILY :

FIRST THREE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$370 EACH
NEXT THREE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$315 EACH
EACH ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE MEMBER THEREAFTER	\$245

SUPPLEMENTS

OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT (FOR ANY RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGED 60 AND ABOVE) \$255

DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT (FOR ANY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT WHO IS PARTIALLY DISABLED) \$255

ANNUAL, LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT (FOR THOSE IN RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE)

(A) FOR A SINGLE PERSON	\$645
(B) FOR A FAMILY	\$1 290

SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES

OLD AGE ALLOWANCE \$255

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE \$510

THE SAVINGS LIMIT UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME WILL ALSO BE RAISED BY ABOUT 13 PER CENT. IT WILL GO UP FROM \$5 700 TO \$6 450 FOR A SINGLE PERSON, AND FROM \$3 800 TO \$4 300 FOR A PERSON IN A FAMILY.

/+THE INCREASE .....

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+THE INCREASE IS EXPECTED TO COST THE GOVERNMENT AN ADDITIONAL \$160 MILLION FOR A FULL YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID.

UNDER THE NEW PAYMENT RATES, AN ELIGIBLE FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY WOULD RECEIVE \$1 425 BASIC RATES A MONTH, AS AGAINST \$1 255 THEY WOULD GET UNDER THE OLD RATES. WITH RENT, SUPPLEMENT AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EXPENSES PROVIDED SEPARATELY, A FOUR-MEMBER HOUSEHOLD ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COULD RECEIVE UP TO ABOUT \$2 540 A MONTH.

AT THE END OF DECEMBER, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS CARRYING 54 712 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 196 236 OLD AGE ALLOWANCE CASES AND 38 984 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES.

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RESTRICTION PERIOD FOR EXCHANGE MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE) TO DECEMBER 31, 1984, THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, MR ROBERT FELL, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS MEANS THAT THE DATE PRIOR TO WHICH MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE CANNOT BE FREELY TRANSFERRED WILL NOW BE THE END OF 1984.

THIS DATE MAY BE VARIED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ACCORDING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 18(1) OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 1, 1981, STATES THAT NO MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE CAN BE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, OTHER THAN IN CERTAIN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPROVED BY THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND THE COMMISSION.

THE SECURITIES COMMISSION IS REVIEWING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IS CONTINUING BETWEEN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE AND THE COMMISSION.

EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW THE ORDERLY COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS ON THE NEW UNIFIED EXCHANGE IN 1985, MR FELL SAID.

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SHA TIN'S \$7 000M GROWTH PLAN DISCUSSED  
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ABOUT \$7 000 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SHA TIN IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TOLD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT A SEMINAR THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE SEMINAR ON +SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 1983+, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS HELD TO ENABLE BOARD MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR CHOW CHE-KING, MORE THAN HALF OF THE AMOUNT WOULD BE SPENT ON MA ON SHAN WHICH WOULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A TOWN CENTRE FOR 300 000.

ON MA ON SHAN, HE SAID THAT THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE DESIGNED FOR 150 000 PEOPLE ON A RECLAIMED SITE OF 95 HECTARES, WITHOUT THE PROVISION OF A RAIL-BASED TRANSPORT LINK.

+PHASE I DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES AN ADVANCE RECLAMATION CONTRACT WHICH BEGAN IN MAY 1981, AND A SITE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 30 000 PEOPLE IS READY. THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT STARTED PILING IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND THE FIRST RESIDENTS WILL MOVE IN BY OCTOBER 1986,+ HE SAID.

+PHASE II INVOLVES THE FORMATION, RECLAMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE ANOTHER 120 000 PEOPLE WHILE PHASE III PROVIDES FOR THE RECLAMATION OF THE REMAINING AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THE BALANCE OF THE DESIGNED POPULATION TOGETHER WITH THE ROAD TO NAI CHUNG IN SAI KUNG.+

MR CHOW ADDED THAT A FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, FIRE STATION, POLICE STATION, COMMUNITY CENTRE, CLINIC AND HOSPITAL WAS ALSO BEING PLANNED.

IN SHA TIN MAIN TOWN, WORK IS ABOUT TO START ON SEVERAL PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CULTURAL COMPLEX AND MAGISTRACY BUILDING IN THE TOWN CENTRE, THE CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM IN LOWER SHING MUN, AND A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT IN TIN SUM.

AFTER THIS SEMINAR, THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ALL COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AT THEIR COMING MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

MEMBERS' VIEWS AND COMMENTS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN PREPARING THE 1984 PROGRAMME, MR CHOW SAID.

ABOUT 50 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC PLAN FOR FLOWER FAIR

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO COPE WITH THE CROWDS FLOCKING TO THE FLOWER FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK.

AT THE SAME TIME, PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS WILL EXTEND SERVICES UNTIL EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN WHITTY STREET AND NORTH POINT WILL OPERATE UNTIL 4.56 AM. THOSE BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND SHAU KEI WAN AND BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL CLOSE AT 5.24 AM AND 4.20 AM RESPECTIVELY.

MTR AND STAR FERRY SERVICES WILL RUN ALL NIGHT.

PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 3 AM WHILE HYF'S JUBILEE STREET TO JORDAN ROAD AND NORTH POINT TO KWUN TONG ROUTES WILL RUN UNTIL 1 AM.

SERVICES ON CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11M, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 20M, 21, 21M, 23, 25, 37, 38, 47, 48, 70, 71, 73, 81, 82, 83, 90M, 102 AND 106 WILL CLOSE ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAN USUAL.

KMB ROUTES 37M AND 102 WILL EXTEND SERVICES BY ABOUT TWO HOURS WHILE ROUTES 1A, 2, 3A, 5, 5C, 6, 6C, 9, 11, 14, 15, 15C, 26M, 27K, 31, 32B, 34A, 35, 36, 36A, 37, 39M, 43, 46A, 61, 63 AND 73 WILL CONTINUE TO RUN FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AFTER NORMAL SERVICE SCHEDULES.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS NEAR VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THEY INCLUDE LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET, JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET, KESWICK STREET (EXCEPT MAXICAB ROUTE 21), CANNON STREET, PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET, GREAT GEORGE STREET, SUGAR STREET, KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND THE SOUTHERN END OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD, ROXY ROUNDABOUT, TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER EXCEPT THE UP-RAMP LEADING FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD TO TAI HANG ROAD, AND SUN WUI ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD AND THE SECTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM.

FROM 6 PM ONWARDS, HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; KESWICK STREET ONE-WAY WESTBOUND AND THE SECTION OF LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

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VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NORTH POINT SHOULD PROCEED VIA MARSH ROAD FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD. THEY SHOULD USE PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD TO REACH TAI HANG.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HEADING FOR WAN CHAI SHOULD USE TSING FUNG STREET FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

PEOPLE ATTENDING THE FLOWER FAIR ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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TWO MTR FEEDER ROUTES TO CONTINUE  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REVIEWED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIVE MTR BUS FEEDER ROUTES WHICH HAVE BEEN ON TRIAL FOR SIX MONTHS SINCE AUGUST 1983, AND HAS DECIDED TO RETAIN TWO OF THESE ROUTES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE KMB AND CMB HAD BEEN INVITED TO OPERATE THESE FIVE ROUTES WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD GENERATE INCREASED INTERCHANGE OF BUS PASSENGERS WITH THE MTR.

HOWEVER, RESULTS DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD HAVE BEEN MIXED, WITH SOME ROUTES SHOWING VERY LOW PATRONAGE.

+MANY PASSENGERS USING SOME OF THE FEEDER ROUTES DID NOT TRANSFER TO THE MTR. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, THERE WERE ALSO MANY PASSENGERS USING OTHER SERVICES WHO DID TRANSFER TO THE MTR,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE TWO ROUTES WHICH WILL CONTINUE OPERATION AFTER THE TRIAL PERIOD ARE: 11M FROM DIAMOND HILL MTR STATION TO SAN PO KONG, AND 5M FROM TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ROUTE 11M WILL IN FUTURE BE MERGED WITH THE EXISTING ROUTE 3M.

ROUTE 23M FROM ADMIRALTY MTR STATION TO CITY GARDEN, AND 24M FROM ADMIRALTY MTR STATION TO WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WILL BE DISCONTINUED FOR THE TIME BEING.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER REINTRODUCING THESE TWO ROUTES IN SOME OTHER FORM LATER.

ROUTE 40M FROM TSUEN WAN MTR STATION TO CHAI WAN KOK WILL BE TERMINATED.

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OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE RELEASES ANNUAL FIGURES  
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THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE LAST YEAR HANDLED 137 BANKRUPTCIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND 280 WINDING-UP CASES OF COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ANNUAL STATISTICS OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES REPRESENTED A COMBINED INCREASE OF 35.4 PER CENT OVER 1982 WITH 109 BANKRUPTCIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND 199 WINDING-UP CASES.

BY COMPARISON, THERE WAS AN 82.2 PER CENT INCREASE IN 1982 OVER 1981.

NOTABLE COMPANY FAILURES DURING 1983 INCLUDED: DOLLAR CREDIT AND FINANCING LTD, WHITEHALL FINANCE LTD, SCOTLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LTD, EDA INVESTMENTS LTD, AMERICAN AND PANAMA FINANCE LTD, TETRA FINANCE (HK) LTD, AXONA INTERNATIONAL CREDIT AND COMMERCE LTD, CURRANT FINANCE AND THE CBG GROUP OF COMPANIES, HONG KONG DEPOSIT AND GUARANTEE COMPANY, LO'S MEE KWONG GARMENT FACTORY LTD, JOIN IN SHIRTS LTD, CARRIAN HOLDINGS LTD AND CARRIAN INVESTMENTS LTD.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS LIFE AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD WAS IN PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION LAST YEAR. THE PETITION FOR WINDING UP PRESENTED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY WILL BE HEARD IN THE HIGH COURT ON FEBRUARY 6.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR A 30 PER CENT INTERIM DIVIDEND OF \$40 MILLION WAS PAID TO 12 000 CREDITORS OF TSE LEE YUEN JEWELLERY LTD.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING WITH TWO MAJOR CREDITORS AND A FURTHER DIVIDEND WOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS THESE WERE CONCLUDED, MR GLEESON SAID.

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DAMAGED BREAKWATER TO BE REPAIRED  
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WORK ON REPAIRING THE BREAKWATERS AT ABERDEEN AND CHEUNG CHAU TYPHOON SHELTERS, DAMAGED BY TYPHOON +ELLEN+ LAST SEPTEMBER, WILL START ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

A \$5.7 MILLION CONTRACT TO CARRY OUT THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE TO DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS FOR 10 MONTHS, BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE SAID MOST OF THE WORK WOULD BE COMPLETED BY JULY, IN ADVANCE OF THE TYPHOON SEASON.

HE SAID 110 METRES OF THE SOUTH BREAKWATER AT ABERDEEN HARBOUR WERE DAMAGED IN THE TYPHOON.

/AT CHEUNG .....

AT CHEUNG CHAU, ABOUT 320 METRES OF THE MAIN 600-METRE LONG BREAKWATER WAS DAMAGED.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, RUBBLE WHICH WAS WASHED INTO THE SEA WILL BE RETRIEVED AND PUT BACK IN PLACE. NEW RUBBLE WILL BE OBTAINED FROM BORROW AREAS AT PRESENT OPERATED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

+THE CONTRACTOR HAS ASSURED US THAT HE HAS AN ADEQUATE SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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'PICK UP LITTER' CONTEST DRAWS THOUSANDS  
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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, MOSTLY YOUNGSTERS, HAVE FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS BEEN HELPING TO PICK UP LITTER INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS, IN THE COURSE OF A +CLEAN AND GREEN+ PROJECT.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT, WHICH IS IN THE FORM OF A COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, IS NOT ONLY TO KEEP THE PLACES CLEAN, BUT ALSO TO EDUCATE PEOPLE+ ON THE PRACTICAL CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE+, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROJECT BEGAN LAST NOVEMBER AND WILL CONSIST OF FIVE STAGES, IN WHICH POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS.

IN THE FIRST STAGE, EACH PARTICIPANT IS REQUIRED TO VISIT ANY THREE OF THE TWELVE COUNTRY PARKS DESIGNATED FOR THE PROJECT ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS.

ON EACH VISIT, EACH PARTICIPANT HAS TO HAND IN ONE BAG OF LITTER TO THE STAFF AT THESE COUNTRY PARKS AND RECORDS WILL BE KEPT OF THIS. THIS WILL LAST TILL FEBRUARY 29.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR TASK TO DO SO NOW.

HE SAID THE PARTICIPANTS WERE PARTICULARLY WELCOME TO VISIT THE PARKS DURING THE BUSY LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES TREE PLANTING AND A SPECIAL CONTEST ON DESIGN, WILL BEGIN EARLY IN MARCH.

THE PROJECT, WHICH CARRIES A GRAND PRIZE OF A CAMPING TRIP TO AUSTRALIA FOR THE PARTICIPANT SCORING THE MOST POINTS, WILL END THIS AUTUMN.

THE SCHEME IS SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IN 1983-84.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

AWARDS FOR FISHERMEN

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TWENTY-EIGHT FISHERMEN WHO LAST YEAR LANDED THE MOST FISH AT MARKETS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) ARE TO RECEIVE PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY MRS RIDDELL-SWAN, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN WILL PRESENT PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES TO NINE FISHERMEN WHO SAVED 77 LIVES AT SEA DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

FISHERMEN WHO COMPLETED NAVIGATION TRAINING CLASSES RUN BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.

FIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE FMO WHO HAVE EACH COMPLETED 25 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE ORGANISATION WILL RECEIVE LONG-SERVICE MEDALS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT 102 SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 1).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE FUNCTION ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE AT THE MARKET AT 10.45 AM.

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METHADONE CLINICS STAY OPEN

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ALL 24 METHADONE CLINICS OPERATED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 2 TO FEBRUARY 4.

HOWEVER, EMERGENCY CASES WILL BE TREATED AT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS.

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AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER LEAVES FOR JAPAN

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THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, MR BOB HAWKE, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING FOR JAPAN AFTER A TWO-DAY PRIVATE VISIT.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, MR D.J. HORNE, THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL, MR HIROAKI FUJII, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SIR JOHN CURLE.