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MORE SAFETY, LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED

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THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND LABOUR LAWS LAST YEAR.

DURING 1987, 3,861 CASES RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS IN THE COURTS WITH TOTAL FINES OF MORE THAN \$9 MILLION BEING IMPOSED ON OFFENDERS.

THESE FIGURES COMPARED WITH 3,486 CASES AND \$6.6 MILLION IN FINES RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THE CONVICTIONS LAST YEAR, 2,026 CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WITH FINES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$6.5 MILLION.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS AND THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE TOTALLED 1,661 (WITH \$2.2 MILLION IN FINES) AND 138 (WITH \$236,700 IN FINES) RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER CASES WERE RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION REGULATIONS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE LEVEL OF FINES IN ALL TYPES OF PROSECUTIONS LAST YEAR HAD SHOWN AN INCREASE OF 38 PER CENT OVER THAT OF 1986.

FOR FACTORY AND CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY CASES, THE INCREASE WAS 16.1 PER CENT. AS FOR CASES UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS AND THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE, THE LEVELS WERE INCREASED BY 23.1 PER CENT AND 38.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE INCREASE IN FINES AS "HEAVIER FINES WILL MAKE OFFENDERS TAKE SAFETY MORE SERIOUSLY".

HE REITERATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON BRINGING THE MORE SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT OFFENDERS TO JUSTICE.

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PUBLICITY TO PROMOTE DB ELECTIONS
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, PUBLICISE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS AND ENCOURAGE ELECTORS TO VOTE ON MARCH 10.

IT HAS ALSO SET UP THREE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED WINDOW DISPLAYS GIVING DETAILS OF THE CANDIDATES AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S MAIN OFFICE AND ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES.

A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AFTERNOON. THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

SEVEN ELECTION FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5 AND 6 FOR THE CANDIDATES TO MEET THE ELECTORS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCY.

A PUBLICITY BUS AND FOUR BROADCASTING VANS CARRYING THE ELECTION MESSAGE "A VOTE IS A VOICE" WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT ON MARCH 9 AND 10.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PRINTED 135,000 COPIES OF ELECTION NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENTS TO PUBLICISE THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS AND VOTING GUIDELINES. THESE SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE SENT TO THE 114,200 VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

SIXTEEN COLOURFUL BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO APPEAL TO VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY.

THERE ARE 24 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR 16 SEATS IN THE EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT. TWO CANDIDATES IN THE HO MAN TIN NORTH CONSTITUENCY ARE UNOPPOSED.

DETAILS OF THE SEVEN ELECTION FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
MARCH 5, 1 PM	KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI	HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, 57 FU LING STREET.
MARCH 5, 1.30 PM	TO KWA WAN SOUTH	CHEUNG CHUK SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, 22 SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD.
MARCH 5, 5.15 PM	LUNG SHING	CANOSSIAN HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, 102 JUNCTION ROAD.

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MARCH 5, 5.30 PM	TO KWA WAN NORTH	HOLY CARPENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL, 14 KWEI CHOW STREET.
MARCH 6, 1.30 PM	HUNG HOM NORTH	POO OI PRIMARY SCHOOL, 5 DYER STREET.
MARCH 6, 11.30 AM	HO MAN TIN SOUTH	OI MAN ESTATE HALL, OI MAN ESTATE.
MARCH 6, 3 PM	HUNG HOM SOUTH	HUNG HOM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 68 GILLIES AVENUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION OF KOWLOON CITY DB ELECTION CANDIDATES TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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VACANT LAND PUT TO GOOD USE

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS SPENDING \$450,000 IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT GOVERNMENT LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

THIS IS PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

AMONG THE PROJECTS IS THE HOI NING STREET SITTING-OUT AREA IN SHAU KEI WAN WHICH WAS OPENED LAST OCTOBER.

THE LARGEST PROJECT, COSTING ABOUT \$170,000, WAS CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA IN KORNHILL, ADJACENT TO SAI WAN TERRACE.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA, INCLUDING A RAINHELTER, FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES, WAS BUILT ON AN ELEVATED PLATFORM GIVING A GOOD VIEW OF QUARRY BAY.

ANOTHER PROJECT IS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A RAINHELTER IN BRAEMAR HILL, ABOVE PO LUEN PATH.

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A RAINSHELTER HAS BEEN BUILT AT TAI TAM CATCHWATER SO AS TO PROVIDE A STOPPING POINT FOR JOGGERS AND MORNING WALKERS.

MEANWHILE A CONCRETE SCULPTURE BEARING AN EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO WILL BE BUILT ON THE TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET TO PUBLICISE THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE ALSO SPENT ON BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN SQUATTER VILLAGES AND ON MINOR REPAIRS.

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'YAN YAT' PARTY FOR TAI PO ELDERLY
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ABOUT 1,450 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN TAI PO WILL BE TREATED TO A "YAN YAT" (EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY) PARTY AT TWO RESTAURANTS ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE PARTY IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, TAI PO TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE, TAI PO SOCIETIES FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AND TAI PO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

RESIDENTS AGED 73 OR ABOVE IN TAI PO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE PARTY DURING WHICH GOLD MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIVE OLDEST PERSONS AND LAISSE PACKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PARTY WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "YAN YAT" PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23). A CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE FUNCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE KUN LIN WAH RESTAURANT, 9 HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET, AT 3 PM. INFORMATION OFFICER MR PATRICK WONG WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE THE SPRING FESTIVAL AT 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, LEVEL 2, SHUN TAK SHOPPING MALL, 200 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ARRIVE AT THE RECEPTION AT 4 PM.

ABOUT 300 LOCAL PERSONALITIES WILL ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR AP LEI CHAU

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WORK ON BUILDING A NEW SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION ON AP LEI CHAU WILL START SOON.

LOCATED AT A 1,700-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD, THE NEW STATION WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED 12 YEARS AGO.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER A \$9.3 MILLION CONTRACT RECENTLY AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

FACILITIES OF THE NEW STATION WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, A FOUR-BAY APPLIANCES ROOM, COMMUNICATION ROOM, STATION GENERAL STORE, HOSE STORE AND EQUIPMENT STORE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DRILL YARD, BARRACKS DINING ACCOMMODATION, EXERCISE ROOMS AND STORE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6.30 AM TO 9 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE CLOSURE IS BEING MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE "RIDE THE TAXI FOR THE CHEST" FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

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