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SIR EDWARD TO OPEN TDC OFFICE IN PEKING  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY) FOR PEKING TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICE THERE.

TALKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, HE SAID: +THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT OF COURSE IS THE OPENING OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICE, AND THAT IS ANOTHER STAGE IN THE PROGRAMME OF DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE OF DEVELOPING HONG KONG'S TRADING RELATIONSHIPS.

+A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS ARE THERE ALREADY AND THERE'LL BE SEMINARS, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION ON WHAT HONG KONG CAN DO TO MEET CHINESE REQUIREMENTS AND THE KIND OF COOPERATION HONG KONG CAN GIVE.+

SIR EDWARD ALSO SAID HE WOULD STAY IN PEKING FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DAY AND HOPED TO HAVE ANOTHER INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS.

WHEN ASKED THE PROGRAMME OF THE VISIT, HE REPLIED: +AS FAR AS THE FIRST PART OF IT, THE PROGRAMME IS IN THE HANDS OF THE CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND THEY'LL TELL US WHEN WE GET THERE WHAT THE FINAL PROGRAMME IS, AND THEN I AM LOOKING FORWARD ALSO TO HEARING FROM SIR RICHARD (EVANS) WHAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE. THAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN WE GET THERE.+

ON THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSIONS, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE EXPECTED HE WOULD HAVE THE SAME KIND OF REVIEW THIS TIME AS HE HAD LAST TIME.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO PEKING WERE LADY YOUDE AND AN 11-MEMBER HIGH-LEVEL HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE MISSION LED BY TDC CHAIRMAN, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

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LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HK ECONOMY CLAIM REFUTED

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, DR ALAN MCLEAN, TODAY (MONDAY) REFUTED CLAIMS BY SOME COMMENTATORS THAT THE STATE OF INVESTMENT AND CAPITAL OUTFLOWS FROM HONG KONG WERE INDICATIVE OF A LACK OF LONG-TERM CONFIDENCE IN THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY.

+DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THERE WAS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOMETHING OF A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO UNDERTAKE CAPITAL FORMATION IN HONG KONG.

+THIS WAS REINFORCED IN THE AREA OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT WHICH, IN ADDITION, WAS HAVING TO WORK ITS WAY CLEAR OF AN OVERSUPPLY OF PROPERTY ERECTED DURING A SUSTAINED BOOM IN THE LATE 1970'S AND EARLY 1980'S,+ SAID DR MCLEAN WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1984 HOWEVER, ON THE BACK OF RAPID GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1983 AND 1984, PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY INCREASED BY ALMOST 24 PER CENT TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

+WITH A SLOWDOWN IN THE ECONOMY IN 1985, INVESTMENT IN THIS AREA FELL SLIGHTLY, WHILE REMAINING AT AN HISTORICALLY HIGH LEVEL. A RECOVERY IN 1986 MEANS THAT THE PERIOD 1984-86 WILL HAVE BEEN THE BEST THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS EVER FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY IN HONG KONG. HARDLY AN INDICATION OF A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE ECONOMY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF CAPITAL OUTFLOWS, DR MCLEAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO FIGURES COLLECTED ON CAPITAL MOVEMENTS IN OR OUT OF HONG KONG.

+HOWEVER, THE FIGURES WE DO HAVE FOR SOME OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUGGEST THAT THERE WAS A CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS IN 1984 AND 1985, AND THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A FURTHER SURPLUS IN 1986. IT CAN, THEREFORE, BE DEDUCED THAT THERE HAS PROBABLY BEEN A NET OUTFLOW OF FUNDS ON THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.+

HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE MOTIVATION FOR THE FLOW.

+IT CANNOT BE AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCED THAT, BECAUSE THERE IS AN OUTFLOW, THERE IS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.+

HE CITED JAPAN AS AN EXAMPLE WHERE THERE HAD BEEN A LARGE AND SUSTAINED CAPITAL OUTFLOW FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT FEW WOULD DEDUCE FROM THIS THAT JAPANESE RESIDENTS LACK CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE JAPANESE ECONOMY.

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DR MCLEAN NOTED THAT WHILE THERE HAD ALMOST CERTAINLY BEEN SOME ADJUSTMENT IN THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS INTO OVERSEAS ASSETS AS A FORM OF INSURANCE AGAINST UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE, THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT SOME, PERHAPS MOST, OF THE OUTFLOW HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY NARROWER COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

+IN THE MONEY MARKET, FOR EXAMPLE, DESPITE THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE, FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS THE INTEREST RETURN AVAILABLE ON HONG KONG DOLLARS HAS BEEN FAIRLY CONSISTENTLY BELOW THAT FOR U.S. DOLLARS, PROVIDING INVESTORS WITH A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO SHIFT INTO U.S. DOLLARS. SUCH AN INCENTIVE WOULD BE UNNECESSARY IF THE OUTFLOW WAS MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY LACK OF CONFIDENCE.+

LOOKING AT THE ISSUE FROM A BROADER PERSPECTIVE, DR MCLEAN FOUND IT HARD TO RECONCILE THE WILLINGNESS OF INVESTORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN MANUFACTURING, TO INVEST IN PLANT AND MACHINERY FOR USE IN HONG KONG WITH THE VIEW THAT CAPITAL IS BEING MOVED OUT OF HONG KONG BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

+IN SHORT, SOME OF THE OUTFLOW MAY HAVE AN ELEMENT OF INSURANCE AGAINST UNCERTAINTY BUT OTHER MOTIVES ARE ALSO APPARENT. FURTHER ANY UNCERTAINTY THAT EXISTS IS NOT PREVENTING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN LONG TERM PHYSICAL ASSETS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG.

+AT PRESENT, THE HONG KONG ECONOMY IS DOING WELL. ADJUSTMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE WHICH REFLECT BOTH THE EFFECT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND CHANGES IN THE WORLD AT LARGE BUT, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD,+ DR MCLEAN SAID.

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PRESENTATION OF ENGLISH LAW BOOKS  
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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, SIR RICHARD EVANS, TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED A SET OF ENGLISH LAW BOOKS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA LAW SOCIETY, MR WANG ZHONGFANG, AT A CEREMONY HELD IN HIS RESIDENCE.

THE BOOKS, PRESENTED UNDER THE HEADS OF MISSION GIFT SCHEME, INCLUDE A FULL SET OF ALL ENGLAND LAW REPORTS, AND A SET OF HALSBURY'S LAWS OF ENGLAND.

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AT THE CEREMONY, SIR RICHARD SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN CHINA, THE U.K. AND HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS AND HE HOPED THAT THE ENGLISH LAW BOOKS WOULD ENABLE CHINESE LAWYERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM NOT ONLY OF THE U.K. BUT ALSO OF COUNTRIES AND REGIONS WHERE THE COMMON LAW IS PRACTISED.

SIR RICHARD CONCLUDED: +THIS INCLUDES HONG KONG. I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN LAWYERS FROM THE MAINLAND AND HONG KONG HAVE ALSO INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS. IN SEPTEMBER, THE HONG KONG ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, LED A GROUP OF LAWYERS ON A LECTURE TOUR TO CHINA, A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF HONG KONG JUDGES VISITED SEVERAL CHINESE CITIES IN NOVEMBER.

+AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE GIFT I PRESENT TODAY IS THAT IT WILL ENABLE LAWYERS HERE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS THAT OF ENGLAND.+

THE IDEA OF PRESENTING A SET OF ENGLISH LAW BOOKS TO CHINA IS ASSOCIATED WITH MR MICHAEL THOMAS' VISIT TO CHINA IN SEPTEMBER 1985. DURING THE VISIT CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS SHOWN IN LEARNING MORE OF THE ENGLISH AND HONG KONG LEGAL SYSTEMS, BUT THIS WAS HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF REFERENCE MATERIALS.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE GIFTS WILL HELP TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING IN CHINA OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE U.K. AND HONG KONG.

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FURTHER \$54.6 BILLION FOR NEW TOWN PROGRAMME  
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ABOUT \$23.4 BILLION (U.S.\$3 BILLION) HAS BEEN INVESTED SO FAR BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR ON THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

PRESENTING A PAPER, +FRAMEWORK FOR PHYSICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS+, AT A FIVE-DAY ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANISATION SEMINAR, HE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT A FURTHER \$54.6 BILLION WOULD BE INVESTED TO COMPLETE THE NEW TOWNS IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

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BY THEN, THE TOTAL URBAN AREAS OF THE EIGHT NEW TOWNS WOULD AMOUNT TO 8 800 HECTARES, WHICH COMPARED WITH 5 600 HECTARES OF SERVICED LAND IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

+ACCORDING TO ADOPTED PLANNING STANDARDS THESE EXISTING AND COMMITTED URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF ABOUT 6.2 MILLION PERSONS,+ MR BARNES SAID.

+ABOUT HALF OF THIS CAPACITY WILL BE IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

ON THIS BASIS IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE LONG-TERM PLANNING TARGET SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS FOR A TOTAL OF 7.1 MILLION PERSONS AT THE CURRENT PLANNING STANDARDS.

THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR FORMULATING HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BEYOND THE EXISTING NEW TOWNS CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF CHOICES, HE SAID.

BROADLY SPEAKING, THE FIRST MAJOR QUESTION WAS WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH THE PATTERN OF DECENTRALISED GROWTH BY CONSTRUCTING MORE NEW TOWNS AWAY FROM THE MAIN URBAN AREAS, OR TO RETURN TO A CENTRALISED GROWTH PATTERN BY EXPANDING AROUND THE HARBOUR, OR TO CONTINUE WITH A COMBINATION OF THE TWO STRATEGIES.

MR BARNES SAID IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY FEASIBLE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF HONG KONG WAS DIVIDED INTO FIVE SUB-REGIONS FOR CARRYING OUT PLANNING STUDIES.

EACH STUDY EXAMINED THE SUB-REGION TO RECOMMEND POTENTIAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORT PLANS IF IT WAS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS SIZES OF POPULATION UP TO ITS ULTIMATE CAPACITY.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL AS THE QUANTIFIED PLANNING STANDARDS WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FORMULATING THESE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

IN ADDITION THE STUDIES ALSO IDENTIFIED THE FEASIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL KEY INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.

THE PLANS TOGETHER PROVIDED THE TOTAL AGGREGATE OF POTENTIAL LAND USE SCHEMES WHICH WERE FEASIBLE EITHER IN ISOLATION OR AS PART OF AN OVERALL SCHEME.

THE SCHEMES IF DEVELOPED FULLY WOULD PROVIDE FAR GREATER CAPACITY THAN WAS REQUIRED FOR A LONG TIME.

SIMILARLY, A SET OF MAXIMAL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WAS DERIVED.

+HENCE THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS TO SPECIFY IN BROAD TERMS; WHEN TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT WHICH OF THESE POTENTIAL SCHEMES,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER DIFFICULTY OF LONG-TERM PLANNING WAS THE NEED TO CONSIDER MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES, HE ADDED.

THE EXPERIENCE IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT INDICATED THAT THE PROVISION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN AS PART OF A LARGE PACKAGE BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, IF THE PITFALLS OF THE EFFECT OF THE FLUCTUATION IN MARKET CONDITIONS WERE TO BE AVOIDED.

CONSEQUENTLY, IT WAS DECIDED THAT LAND FORMATION AND THE ESSENTIAL BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF ROADS, DRAINAGE, WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO KEEP DOWN PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE.

MR BARNES SAID IT WAS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DERIVED IN THIS WAY FOR HONG KONG FOR THE 1990'S DIRECTED FURTHER URBAN GROWTH BACK TO THE EXPANSION OF THE MAIN URBAN AREAS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT NEW TOWNS.

THUS A NEW CYCLE OF CENTRALISED URBAN GROWTH IN HONG KONG WAS DUE TO START IN THE 1990'S.

+THIS TREND IS ALSO COMPATIBLE WITH THE DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE LAGGED BEHIND IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT SINCE THE 1950'S,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1990'S MUST ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE MEANS TO SUSTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH.

TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAD GROWN VERY RAPIDLY IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS OR SO.

ADDITIONAL PORT AND CARGO-HANDLING FACILITIES, EXPANSION OF THE RAILWAY FREIGHT TERMINAL AND OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL.

+THE RENEWAL EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT ROUND THE HARBOUR IS THUS COMPATIBLE WITH THE TREND OF FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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MR BARNES SAID THE NEW PLANNING PROCESS HAD BEEN IN USE IN HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WAS CERTAINLY NOT PERFECT.

MOREOVER IT WAS NOT EASILY ACCEPTED BY ALL THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING IN INDIVIDUAL POLICY AREAS.

+DECISIONS ARE STILL MADE IN SOME CASES WHICH ARE OUT WITH THE INTERESTS OF GENERAL STRATEGY, AND IT MUST BE ACCEPTED THAT IN ANY GENERALISED POLICY, SUCH DECISIONS WILL BE NECESSARY AND MAY HAVE SIDE-EFFECTS WHICH AGAIN MAY CONFLICT WITH THE PREFERRED STRATEGY.

+THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY WRONG, BUT IT DOES MAKE CONTINUOUS UPDATING IN THE LIGHT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY SUCH DECISIONS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL, SO THAT VALID ASSESSMENTS OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ALL DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS MAY BE MADE ON A RATIONAL BASIS,+ HE SAID.

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REPORT UNSAFE PRACTICES ON LABOUR HOTLINE  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON EMPLOYEES TO MAKE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE - 5-8150678 - TO REPORT ANY UNSAFE PRACTICES IN THEIR WORKPLACES.

THE HOTLINE HAS BEEN WELL USED PREVIOUSLY FOR REPORTING ACCIDENTS. STARTING TODAY (MONDAY) ITS SERVICE WILL EXTEND TO COVER COMPLAINTS ON UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON SAFETY MATTERS.

IT IS OPERATED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION WITH AN AUTOMATIC RECORDING FACILITY FOR USE AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

+ALL COMPLAINTS ARE PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED THROUGH VISITS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT UNDER COMPLAINT,+ A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID.

+DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT, THE INSPECTION MAY BE CARRIED OUT DURING OFFICE HOURS, OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS OR EVEN ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

HE URGED THE PUBLIC USING THE HOTLINE TO STATE CLEARLY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AGAINST WHICH THE COMPLAINT IS DIRECTED, THE NATURE OF COMPLAINT AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE COMPLAINANTS.

/HE ASSURED .....

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HE ASSURED THAT ALL COMPLAINTS WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

+THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF THE IDENTITY OF ANY PERSON MAKING THE COMPLAINT.

+THEREFORE, THE COMPLAINANTS SHOULD FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL NOT BE VICTIMISED FOR GIVING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ABOUT UNSAFE PRACTICES,+ HE ADDED.

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ADDITIONAL ROADS FOR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR  
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TWO ADDITIONAL GROUND-LEVEL ROADS ARE PROPOSED TO BE BUILT FROM A KUNG NGAM IN SHAU KEI WAN, RUNNING SOUTH-EASTWARDS, AS PART OF STAGE III OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT.

THE ROADS, TOTALLING ONE KILOMETRE IN LENGTH, ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO A PLANNED PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT LEI YUE MUN.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT THE PROPOSED LYEMUN BARRACKS ACCESS BRIDGE WILL BE SLIGHTLY WIDENED AND REALIGNED TO ENABLE THE TWO ENDS TO CONNECT WITH THE ROADS.

WORK IN STAGE III OF THE CORRIDOR PROJECT INCLUDES EXTENDING THE CORRIDOR FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO PAK CHAI WAN.

IT ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL, TWO-LANE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, SOME LOCAL SERVICE ROADS, A LOOP ROAD AND AN ACCESS BRIDGE ACROSS THE CORRIDOR IN LYEMUN BARRACKS.

OBJECTIONS TO THE ADDITIONAL ROADWORKS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JANUARY 27.

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY FOR DISCUSSION  
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO EXAMINE SAFETY MEASURES FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FROM HO SIK NAM SCHOOL IN AREA 16 TO YAU OI ESTATE.

MEMBERS HAVE PROPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL ACCESS SHOULD BE PROVIDED AT THE FOOTBRIDGE FOR DIRECT CROSSING TO THE VICINITY OF THE SCHOOL WHILE A PEDESTRIAN ACCESS SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE OVERALL POLICY ON TAXI FARES AND OPERATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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DISTRICT TOUR FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED  
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ABOUT 200 ELDERLY AND DISABLED PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOURED THE DISTRICT TODAY (MONDAY) TO LOOK AT FAMOUS SCENIC SPOTS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

THE ONE-DAY TOUR IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG RESIDENTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, THEY SET OFF AT 9.30 AM IN FOUR COACHES ON A TOUR OF POK FU LAM, WAH FU, ABERDEEN, BAYS AREA AND STANLEY.

THEY STOPPED AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, AP LEI CHAU, REPULSE BAY AND WONG NAI CHUNG WATER PARK TO TRY NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THERE.

/PARTICIPANTS WERE .....

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PARTICIPANTS WERE SERVED TEA AND LUNCH AND WERE PRESENTED SOUVENIRS. MANY OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PEOPLE ON TODAY'S TOUR CAME FROM REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS AND HOSTELS INCLUDING THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE'S WAH HONG HOSTEL, THE HONG KONG AND MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH'S WAI KEI HOSTEL, CHESHIRE HOME, AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED'S QUAN CHUEN AND BRADBURY HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

SOME PARTICIPANTS WERE NOMINATED BY THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

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'CULTURAL NIGHT' FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS  
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RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

PROGRAMMES FOR THE +CULTURAL NIGHT+ WHICH WILL START AT 7.30 PM INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE METHODIST YOUTH CENTRE, THE THEATRE GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE SHOW ALSO FEATURES CANTONESE OPERA SINGING BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, A LION DANCE, A MARCHING BAND AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE EVENT WOULD PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND HELP PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE THANKED  
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A MAJOR BRITISH COMPANY TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTION IN PROTECTING THE FIRM'S TRADE MARKS AND COPYRIGHTS.

MR JOHN WOOD, COMPANY SECRETARY OF DUNHILL HOLDINGS PLC, MADE THE PRESENTATION AT AN INFORMAL CEREMONY AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS.

SO FAR THIS YEAR FAKE DUNHILL PRODUCTS VALUED AT \$116 000 HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE  
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE 1987 NEW YEAR HARRIER RACE TO BE HELD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY IN KOWLOON TONG.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- OPEN AND STUDENTS. APPLICATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS OVER 14 AND LIMITED TO 600 FOR SAFETY REASONS.

IT WILL START AND FINISH IN KOWLOON TSAI PARK SPORTS GROUND, COVERING A DISTANCE OF ABOUT NINE KILOMETRES.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE LOK SIN TONG, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RACE WAS AN ANNUAL EVENT TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A GOOD YEAR. THE PREVIOUS TWO RACES WERE WELL RECEIVED BY ATHLETES.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST SIX WINNERS OF EACH SECTION AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO CAN COMPLETE THE RACE.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS DECEMBER 24 AND ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE IN BULKERLEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

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MOUNTAIN RESCUE EXERCISE AT SHEK O  
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT IS CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF EXERCISES IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS AS PART OF THE BIENNIAL INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY SQUADRON LEADER R.FOSTER, INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE FROM THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM.

THE INSPECTION IS TO ALLOW SQUADRON LEADER FOSTER TO ASSESS THE STANDARD AND PERFORMANCE OF THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT, AND TO ADVISE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT.

A CLIFF RESCUE EXERCISE WILL BE HELD AT SHEK O TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

OTHER EXERCISES WILL INCLUDE MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND CROSS-COUNTRY EXPEDITION IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLIFF RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT AT SHEK O TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM THE CAS HEADQUARTERS, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 10 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SEMINAR ON RAISING OF IMPROVED POULTRY  
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ABOUT 100 POULTRY BREEDERS WILL LEARN THE LATEST TECHNIQUES IN RAISING IMPROVED BREED OF BROILERS AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CHICKEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE WORLD POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT HANG LOK RESTAURANT, YUEN LONG, AT 7 PM.

INCLUDED WILL BE TALKS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CROSS BREEDING PROGRAMME AND THE USE OF HIGH ENERGY RATIONS IN POULTRY BREEDING.

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RESULTS OF A PANEL FORMED EARLIER TO TASTE VARIOUS BREEDS OF CHICKEN WILL BE MADE KNOWN AT THE SEMINAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A MEDIA BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MR TONY TAO, AND POULTRY HUSBANDRY OFFICER, MISS MABLE LAM, AT THE RESTAURANT IN KAU YUK ROAD, AT 6 PM TOMORROW.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING AND THE SEMINAR.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FROM THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 4.45 PM.

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VISIT TO LICENCE APPLICATION CENTRE  
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THE REGISTRATION CENTRE SET UP TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO PRACTISE IN THE NEW FISH CULTURE ZONE AT YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) WILL BEGIN OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3) AT THE FMO TAI PO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL VISIT THE CENTRE AT 3.30 PM. HE WILL THEN PROCEED ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE NEW YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) FISH CULTURE ZONE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT.

IN VIEW OF THE CAPACITY OF THE DEPARTMENTAL LAUNCH, THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE LIMITED TO 20. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD CONTACT THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT AT 3-7332176 BEFORE 4.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR ALLOTMENT OF SPACE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE FROM THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 2.30 PM.

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TUEN MUN TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR LRT CONSTRUCTION  
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUEN MUN FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3) FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD TO BUTTERFLY BEACH AND ROAD 28A WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC. VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF THE ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE RIGHT TURN FROM LUNG MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND TO ROAD 28A WILL BE BANNED. MOTORISTS INTENDING TO GO TO BUTTERFLY ESTATE SHOULD USE LUNG MUN ROAD, WU SHAN ROAD AND WU KING ROAD.

TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK AT ROAD D9 NEAR AREA 4A IN TUEN MUN, TRAFFIC ON ROAD D9 WILL BE STOPPED INTERMITTENTLY FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES BETWEEN 1 AM AND 3 AM THE SAME DAY.

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NEW KOWLOON OFFICE FOR SELECTIVE PLACEMENT  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION IN AMOY PLAZA, KOWLOON, WILL MOVE TO THE NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 21 ON WAH STREET, KOWLOON, ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3).

IT WILL OCCUPY THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF THE BUILDING.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 3-7554835 AND 3-7573555.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 62.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 367.161 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 422.319 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 72.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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