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# UMELCO DELVING DEEP INTO GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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THERE HAS BEEN HARDLY ANY YEAR IN WHICH GOVERNMENT BUDGET REQUESTS HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED AS A RESULT OF MICROSCOPIC SCRUTINY BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

EXPENDITURE PAPERS COME IN THICK AND FAST FOR THE MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION, COVERING A TOTAL OF 71 BROAD CATEGORIES PLUS INNUMERABLE SUB-CATEGORIES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS THREE OFFICIAL MEMBERS: THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS. BUT IT IS THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE VOTING RIGHT.

NUMBERING 27 IN ALL, THESE UNOFFICIALS ARE DRAWN FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS AND SOCIAL STRATA, EACH WITH HIS OWN FULL-TIME JOB TO TACKLE ON TOP OF THE VOLUNTARY WORK FOR THE COMMITTEE. THEIR PROFESSIONS RANGE FROM TEACHING, SOCIAL WORK, MEDICINE AND LAW TO BANKING, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ACCOUNTANCY, ENGINEERING AND OTHER FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR. THEY ALSO SIT ON THE EXECUTIVE OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND SOME OF THEM ON BOTH.

THE QUESTION INEVITABLY ARISES: HOW DO THEY FIND TIME TO DEAL WITH THE DAUNTING, TIME-CONSUMING TASK OF EXAMINING AND MONITORING GOVERNMENT SPENDING, MAKING REASONABLY SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY GET GOOD VALUE FOR PUBLIC FUNDS.

TO THIS, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER MR ROGER LOBO REPLIED: +IT'S ALWAYS THE BUSY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TIME. WE ADJUST OUR LIFE HERE AND THERE TO 'CREATE' MORE TIME.+

DR HARRY FANG, ANOTHER UNOFFICIAL ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SHARED THIS SENTIMENT: +IT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT IF YOU WANT THINGS DONE, YOU ALWAYS GO TO BUSY PEOPLE.+

DR FANG MADE THIS REMARK IN A +RUNNING+ LUNCH-TIME INTERVIEW GIVEN BETWEEN TWO EMERGENCY SURGICAL OPERATIONS AT ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL. STILL WEARING HIS WHITE OVERALL WITH A SURGICAL MASK DANGLING IN FRONT, DR FANG SAID HE DEVOTED SOME 30 PER CENT OF HIS WORKING HOURS TO EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WORK. TYPICALLY FOR MANY MEMBERS, SUCH HOURS ARE LONG ON MOST DAYS, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AFTER RECEIVING COPIES OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR, THESE MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY FORM THEMSELVES INTO DIFFERENT WORKING GROUPS TO EXAMINE AND DECIPHER THE FACTS AND FIGURES BEHIND EVERY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY. THIS YEAR, FOUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO DEAL SEPARATELY WITH LAW AND ORDER; ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HOUSING; AND GENERAL SERVICES.

+WE DISCUSS THE ESTIMATES IN THE UMELCO OFFICE, SHARE OUT OUR TASKS AND INVARIABLY TAKE THE VOLUMINOUS PAPERS HOME TO SCRUTINISE, TO EVALUATE, BEARING IN MIND THE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL,+ SAID MR LOBO, A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN WITH A TIGHT SCHEDULE.

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THE VARIED BACKGROUNDS OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE PROVED TO BE OF GREAT HELP. EVEN THEN, ACCORDING TO DR FANG, MEMBERS SOMETIMES FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT NON-PARTISAN EXPERTS ON HIGHLY TECHNICAL MATTERS.

DURING NUMEROUS IN-CAMERA SESSIONS WHICH OFTEN STRETCHED LATE INTO THE EVENING, 25 CONTROLLING OFFICERS APPEARED BEFORE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS THIS YEAR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON MANY ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES. THIS VERBAL +GRILLING+ IS IN ADDITION TO WRITTEN REPLIES REQUESTED BY UNOFFICIALS. NO LESS THAN 366 QUERIES HAVE BEEN THUS ANSWERED.

DR FANG SAID: +I WOULD SAY IT HAS NOT BEEN SMOOTH SAILING FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS OR THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE SESSION IN WHICH A BUDGET PAPER WAS NOT THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED.+

BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING -- THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS +BUDGET TIME+ FOR THE UNOFFICIALS. THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE APPROPRIATION BILL IS PASSED, NORMALLY IN APRIL, SEPARATE FINANCIAL PAPERS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE UNOFFICIALS FOR EXAMINATION. THESE ARE DOCUMENTS WHICH EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD OR CONTROLLING OFFICER MUST PREPARE, GIVING ITEM-BY-ITEM ACCOUNTS FOR HIS DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED EXPENDITURE. AND NO FUND CAN BE SPENT BEFORE APPROVAL.

+WE EXAMINE THESE PAPERS TO SEE IF THERE COULD BE ANY CASES OF OVERSPENDING OR IF THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT BE SPENDING ENOUGH FOR, SAY, SOME VITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ MR LOBO EXPLAINED.

+ON THE BASIS OF OUR FINDINGS, WE RAISE OBJECTIONS, DEFER PAYMENT, ASK THAT CERTAIN PAPERS BE WITHDRAWN, OR REQUEST RE-SUBMISSIONS WITH AMENDMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+WE COULDN'T BE TOO CAREFUL AS THESE PAPERS COVER EXPENSES RANGING FROM, SAY, A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS IN THE CASE OF MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS,+ DR FANG SAID.

+SOME DEPARTMENT HEADS UNDERSTANDABLY MAY BE FRUSTRATED WHEN THEY CAN'T GET WHAT THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR. BUT THAT'S A FACT OF LIFE,+ MR LOBO SAID.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PARTICULAR EXPENSE CATEGORY DEMANDING MORE ATTENTION THIS YEAR, MR LOBO SAID THAT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS +TREAT EVERY ITEM WITH EQUAL CARE+. EVEN SO, IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION, SOME EXPENSE ISSUES APPEAR TO STAND OUT. DR FANG CITED CONSULTANCY FEES AND CERTAIN COMPUTERISATION PROGRAMMES AS INSTANCES OF EXPENSE ITEMS WHICH APPEAR +VERY HIGH+ TO UNOFFICIALS. DETAILED EXPLANATIONS ARE THUS REQUESTED AND, WHERE NECESSARY, OUTSIDE EXPERT OPINION IS DISCREETLY CONSULTED AS UNOFFICIALS EVALUATE THESE EXPLANATIONS.

GOVERNMENT UNITS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED BUDGETS FOR REGULAR OVERTIME PAY HAVE DRAWN AMMUNITION FROM UNOFFICIALS, DR FANG SAID.

THE MORAL HERE, AS DR FANG INTIMATED, IS THAT IF THERE IS REGULAR OVERTIME, THE CHANCES ARE THE DEPARTMENT OR UNIT CONCERNED IS EITHER NOT EFFICIENT ENOUGH OR THE STAFF PLANNING HAS GONE AWRY.

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THESE ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW EXPENDITURE IS BEING CROSS-EXAMINED.

THE TASK OF MONITORING GOVERNMENT SPENDING CANNOT BE TAKEN IN ISOLATION OR DIVORCED FROM THE OVERALL WORK OF UMELCO, MR LOBO EXPLAINED. IT IS ALL PART OF THE UNOFFICIALS' FUNCTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR UMELCO MEETINGS, DIFFERENT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ATTEND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS, MEET WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, VISIT HOSPITALS, RESETTLEMENT ESTATES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, PRISONS, REFUGEE CAMPS, RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC OR OTHERWISE KEEP THE EAR TO THE GROUND TO GET A FEEL OF THE GOINGS-ON IN HONG KONG.

ALL THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE UNOFFICIALS' ROLE AS OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC SPENDING -- THEY EQUIP THE MEMBERS WITH GRASSROOT KNOWLEDGE AND VITAL INFORMATION AGAINST WHICH GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE MAY BE JUDGED, MR LOBO EXPLAINED.

WHAT MAKE THESE UNOFFICIALS PUT IN SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME VOLUNTARILY?

THE COMMON DENOMINATOR, MR LOBO SAID, IS THAT THEY ENJOY WORK AND DERIVE MUCH PERSONAL SATISFACTION FROM WHATEVER CONTRIBUTION THEY COULD MAKE TO THE COMMUNITY. INDEED, THEY HAD BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BEFORE JOINING THE EXECUTIVE OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+IF I WERE NOT VERY BUSY, I WOULD GET RESTLESS,+ MR LOBO SAID, GLANCING AT HIS SCHEDULE PINNED UP ON HIS OFFICE WALL. IT SHOWS A MULTITUDE OF SQUARES IN DIFFERENT COLOURS, WITH EACH COLOUR DENOTING THE NATURE OF AN ENGAGEMENT.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE LONELY PATCH OF YELLOW, MR LOBO SAID, +THAT STANDS FOR A DATE WITH A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY.+

BUT THEN, HIS FAMILY IS MOST UNDERSTANDING AND OF LIKE SPIRIT.

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## COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS OPENS ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED PARENTS TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM DRUG ADDICTION BY MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1983/84 NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AT THE FANLING PLAYGROUND IN FANLING.

REFERRING TO HONG KONG'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, MR MORTIMER POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THROUGH ITS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, HAD MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING IN THE COMMUNITY AN AWARENESS OF THE GRAVE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE BUT SAID +WE STILL HAVE FAR TO GO TO REACH THE GOAL OF DRUG ERADICATION.+

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HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE GOAL CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY.

+THE BASIC COMMUNITY UNIT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS IS THE FAMILY.

+I URGE PARENTS TO PROTECT THEIR YOUNG AGAINST HEROIN AND OTHER DRUGS OF ABUSE BY MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THE TEENAGERS, AND BY SHOWING THEM LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

+I ASK THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW RESPECT TO THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITY BY REFUSING TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

THE NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IT IS ALSO THE FIRST MAJOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR-LONG INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-NARCOTICS EXERCISE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS LAUNCHING AS A TOP PRIORITY IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES TO BE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A POP CONCERT ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT. SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN SINGERS PERFORMED IN THE CONCERT WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY RADIO 2 OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED MR CHEUNG KUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE; THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; MR S.W. HARBINSON, DISTRICT OFFICER (NORTH); MR JOHN GREENE, COMMANDER, FRONTIER POLICE DIVISION; AND MR CHU PUI-HING, HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SECTION (RADIO), RTHK.

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MORE OPEN SPACES FOR TSIM SHA TSUI

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OFFICE WORKERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AS WELL AS SHOPPERS AND VISITORS, WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE OPEN SPACES IN THE AREA.

THREE OPEN SPACES ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED AND TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE MORE ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IN ALL, 10 SUCH SPACES WILL BE BUILT IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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ONE OF THE THREE NEW OPEN SPACES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF CHATHAM ROAD WHILE THE OTHER TWO WILL BE ALONG SALISBURY ROAD, HE SAID.

THEY WILL BE PLANTED WITH TREES AND SHRUBS, AND PROVIDED WITH BENCHES, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, PAVILIONS AND A TOILET.

THERE WILL BE TWO FOUNTAINS TO SERVE AS A CENTRAL PIAZZA IN THE DISTRICT.

WORK ON THE THREE OPEN SPACES IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET AND COOKED FOOD CENTRE OPENS NEXT MONTH

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FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO THE $5.8 MILLION TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET AND COOKED FOOD CENTRE WHICH IS DUE TO OPEN ON MAY 1.

LOCATED ON A 5 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT PO HEUNG STREET IN THE TOWN CENTRE, THE NEW MARKET WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL ELIGIBLE HAWKERS AND COOKED FOOD OPERATORS CURRENTLY TRADING AT THE PO YICK STREET HAWKER BAZAAR.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE MAJOR RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE TAI PO CENTRAL AREA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PO YICK STREET HAWKER BAZAAR WHICH IS CAUSING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT TAI PO ROAD WILL LATER BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT.

THE NEW TEMPORARY MARKET, WHICH IS A SINGLE STOREY STRUCTURE, CAN ACCOMMODATE 199 STALLS FOR SELLING MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, SIU MEI AND LO MEI, AS WELL AS 174 MINI STALLS FOR DRY AND WET GOODS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE 60 COOKED FOOD STALLS WHICH WILL BE FENCED OFF FROM THE MARKET STALLS.

A COMMUNAL MECHANICAL EXHAUST SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE ROOF OF THE COOKED FOOD CENTRE TO EXTRACT SMOKE FROM THE COOKED FOOD STALLS.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE A SCALDING ROOM, A STOREROOM, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, PUBLIC TOILET AND AN OFFICE FOR NTSD STAFF.

ON A LONGER TERM BASIS A NEW TAI PO CENTRAL MARKET, WHICH IS NOW IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PLANNING, WILL BE BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE ALL HAWKERS AND TEMPORARY MARKET TRADERS IN THE AREA, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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## SQUATTERS GET IMPROVED POSTAL DELIVERY

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MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE TO THE 2 000 RESIDENTS IN THE MOUNT DAVIS HOI PONG VILLAGE SQUATTER AREA HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF 471 LOCKED LETTER BOXES FOR INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD.

PREVIOUSLY, THE RESIDENTS HAD TO SHARE AMONG THEMSELVES EIGHT COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES PLACED ALONGSIDE THE ROAD OR INSIDE SHOP PREMISES.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY TODAY (SUNDAY) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEE TAT-YU, SAID THE IMPROVED SERVICE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED $30 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE LETTER BOXES.

MR LEE SAID IN THE PAST LETTERS DELIVERED TO THE COMMUNAL BOXES WERE EITHER STOLEN, DELAYED, DAMAGED OR UNCLAIMED, AND HAD BEEN A SOURCE OF COMPLAINT FOR YEARS.

+THE COMMITTEE HAS EXAMINED THE PROBLEM AND PROPOSED THAT EIGHT BLOCKS OF LETTER BOXES BE PUT UP AT FIVE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE,+ MR LEE SAID.

MR LEE SAID DURING THE PAST YEAR THE COMMITTEE HAD CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR THE SQUATTER AREA. THESE INCLUDED INSTALLATION OF GUARD-RAILINGS AND ROAD RE-SURFACING.

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## FIRST AID COURSES PLANNED FOR YUEN LONG

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, TODAY (SUNDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT NURSING DIVISION OF THE ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE WHICH PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

INSPECTING THE PARADE OF THE DIVISION AT THE MINI SOCCER PITCH ON TAI YUK ROAD, MR WILSON SAID THAT THE TEAM MEMBERS - VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE MOSTLY LOCAL RESIDENTS - HAD CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 2 000 HOURS OF SERVICE LAST YEAR.

BESIDES PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE DURING DISTRICT EVENTS SUCH AS THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL, CHILDREN FUNFAIR AND TELE-MATCHES, THE DIVISION ALSO HAS PLANS TO RUN FIRST AID COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

THE NURSING DIVISION, SET UP IN 1950, AT PRESENT HAS 46 MEMBERS - THE LARGEST TEAM THROUGHOUT KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S INSPECTION WAS THE DIVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE DIVISION, MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT.

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## CLUBHOUSE FOR KWAI CHUNG JPCS

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A JUNIOR POLICE CALL CLUBHOUSE WILL BE BUILT AT HANG PING STREET IN KWAI CHUNG TO SERVE SOME 38 000 JPC MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICT.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW CLUBHOUSE WILL BE OF A MODEST DESIGN AND WILL HAVE AN OFFICE, A LIBRARY, A CLUB HALL AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE PENINSULA ROTARY CLUB HAVE PLEDGED DONATIONS OF $120 000 AND $60 000 RESPECTIVELY TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE PROJECT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN JUNE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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## NEW ADDRESS FOR NORTH DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICE

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THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF NORTH DISTRICT HAS MOVED FROM THE MEI TAK BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, TO TAI YUEN ESTATE, GARAGE NO. 1, GROUND FLOOR, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

IT WILL OPERATE AT THE NEW OFFICE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY). ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 0-6570588.

MEANWHILE, THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE INFORMATION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHANGED TO 3-7213852 AND 3-7211769, EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW.

THE ADDRESS OF THE INFORMATION UNIT OF THE NTSD WILL ALSO BE CHANGED TO THE FOURSEAS BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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## FOOTBRIDGE FOR NGAU TAU KOK

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS KWUN TONG ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

THIS FOOTBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER BUSY KWUN TONG ROAD FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NGAU TAU KOK AREA.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PROJECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE; THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 3RD AND 4TH FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.

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## AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CONGRESS

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MR E.A. INGHAM, SURVEYOR-IN-CHARGE OF THE AIRWORTHINESS SECTION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT LEAVES TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR DUSSELDORF, WEST GERMANY TO ATTEND THE 3RD AIR MECHANIC INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS OPENING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 12).

THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES IN THE FIELD.

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## ROADS CLOSED IN KWUN TONG

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 0.50 AM AND 5.45 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 12) AND WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13) FOR WORK ON THE SOUTHERN ELEVATED ROAD.

THEY ARE THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KOWLOON BAY TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN THIS ACCESS ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD, AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN SIU YIP STREET AND THE SAME ACCESS ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG SIU YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND MAY TURN RIGHT INTO WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND, BUT THEIR LEFT TURN MOVEMENT AT THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE FORBIDDEN.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDENS DURING THE PERIOD WILL HAVE TO USE KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG TAK ROAD AND TAI YIP STREET.

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## PARKING METERS FOR HUNG HOM

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A TOTAL OF 86 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG TAK MAN STREET, MAN TAI STREET, MAN SIU STREET AND DYER AVENUE IN HUNG HOM TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

THE NEW METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 12).

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## WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE BOUNDED BY SHA TSUI ROAD, KWAN MUN HAU STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI HO ROAD. THIS WILL INCLUDE CHUEN LUNG STREET, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, SHIU WO STREET, CHUNG ON STREET AND HAM TIN STREET.

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