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DIRECTORATE PAY LEVEL SURVEY

HAY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS HAVE COMPLETED A PAY LEVEL SURVEY COMPARING THE REMUNERATION, INCLUDING BOTH SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS, OF DIRECTORATE OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WITH THAT OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT LEVEL EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES IN HONG KONG AS AT AUGUST 31, 1986.

THE FRINGE BENEFITS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY ARE RETIREMENT BENEFITS, DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS, HOUSING BENEFITS, MEDICAL BENEFITS, DENTAL BENEFITS, LEAVE PASSAGES, TRANSPORTATION, LEAVE AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS.

A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN INDICATED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE METHODOLOGY USED BY HAY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS WAS THE SAME AS THAT USED FOR THE NON-DIRECTORATE PAY LEVEL SURVEY. IN ADDITION, THE SAME PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRECTORATE SURVEY AND TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF JOBS AND REMUNERATION OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

DATA BASE

ABOUT 400 PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS AT THE DIRECTORATE EQUIVALENT LEVEL AND 63 DIRECTORATE POSTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WERE SURVEYED. FORTY-EIGHT COMPANIES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON JOBS AND REMUNERATION AT LEVELS EQUIVALENT TO THE LOWER END OF THE CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE.

INFORMATION FROM DIRECTORATE POINT 3 EQUIVALENT UPWARDS BECAME INCREASINGLY INADEQUATE TO ENABLE RELIABLE COMPARISONS TO BE MADE. AS A RESULT HAY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR ASSESSMENT OF MORE SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR USING DATA FROM THE +MAY 1986 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY+ CARRIED OUT SEPARATELY BY THE CONSULTANTS THEMSELVES IN OCTOBER 1986 FOR THEIR OWN CLIENT GROUPS IN HONG KONG COVERING ABOUT 200 POSITIONS IN 21 COMPANIES.

THE RESULTS

COMPARING LOCAL DIRECTORATE OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WITH LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES OCCUPYING SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS, HAY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS HAVE REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY -

/(A) DIRECTORATE POINT

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- (A) DIRECTORATE POINT 1 BASE SALARIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE ON THE UPPER QUARTILE * PRACTICE LINE OF THOSE PRIVATE COMPANIES SURVEYED. THE CIVIL SERVICE D1 TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE (THAT IS TO SAY, SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS TAKEN TOGETHER) IS ABOVE THE UPPER QUARTILE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES SURVEYED, BEING HIGHER BY ABOUT 25 PER CENT.

(* THE UPPER QUARTILE (Q3) IS DRAWN SUCH THAT 25 PER CENT OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES' PRACTICES ARE ABOVE THE LINE AND 75 PER CENT ARE BELOW.)

- (B) DIRECTORATE POINT 2 BASE SALARIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE UPPER QUARTILE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES SURVEYED. THE CIVIL SERVICE D2 TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE IS ABOVE THE UPPER QUARTILE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES SURVEYED, BEING HIGHER BY ABOUT 29 PER CENT.

AS REGRADS DIRECTORATE POINT 3 UPWARDS AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MAY 1986 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE REPORTED THAT -

- (C) DIRECTORATE POINT 3 BASE SALARIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE ON THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES. THE CIVIL SERVICE D3 TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE IS ABOUT 4 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES.

(THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FEW COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY GIVES THE UPPER QUARTILE FOR BOTH BASE SALARIES AND THE TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR THIS GROUP OF CIVIL SERVANTS).

- (D) DIRECTORATE POINT 4 BASE SALARIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE ON THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE OF THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES. THE TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR THIS GROUP OF LOCAL CIVIL SERVANTS IS ABOUT 15 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE OF THESE COMPANIES.

(THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FEW COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY GIVES UPPER QUARTILE FOR BOTH BASE SALARIES AND THE TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR THIS GROUP OF CIVIL SERVANTS).

/(E) DIRECTORATE POINT

(E) DIRECTORATE POINT 5 BASE SALARIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE SLIGHTLY BELOW THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES. DIRECTORATE POINT 6 BASE SALARIES ARE ABOUT 15 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES. THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES AT THESE LEVELS IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES TO ENABLE A PROPER COMPARISON TO BE MADE.

(THE PRIVATE COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY DID NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO ENABLE EVEN A CRUDE COMPARISON TO BE MADE WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE D5 AND D6).

THE CONSULTANTS HAVE REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY GROUP OF PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT -

- (I) THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOCAL DIRECTORATE OFFICERS' TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGES AND THOSE OF SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES IS THE SCALE OF HOUSING BENEFITS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS GIVEN TO CIVIL SERVANTS.
- (II) THERE IS A RANGE OF VALUABLE FRINGE BENEFITS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO SOME LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN THOSE AVAILABLE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTORATE, AND SOME ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL.

TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW GIVE THE POSITION IN SUMMARY FORM -

TABLE 1

SALARIES

(LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVICES COMPARED WITH LOCAL AND EXPATRIATE STAFF IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES)

<u>CIVIL SERVICE SALARY POINT OR EQUIVALENT</u>	<u>PAY LEVEL SURVEY</u>	<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY</u>
D6	-	Q1**
D5	-	AV
D4	*Q3	AV
D3	*Q3	AV

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D2	Q3	-
D1	Q3	-

(* SEE PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE)

(** THE LOWER QUARTILE (Q1) IS DRAWN SUCH THAT 75 PER CENT OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES' PRACTICES ARE ABOVE THE LINE AND 25 PER CENT BELOW.)

TABLE 2

TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE

 (LOCAL CIVIL SERVANTS COMPARED WITH
 LOCAL STAFF IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES)

<u>CIVIL SERVICE SALARY POINT OR EQUIVALENT</u>	<u>PAY LEVEL SURVEY</u>	<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY</u>
D6	-	-
D5	-	-
D4	*Q3 +	AV -
D3	*Q3 +	AV
D2	Q3 +	-
D1	Q3 +	-

(* SEE PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE)

EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES

THE CONSULTANTS HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT -

(A) WHEN COMPARED WITH AN EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES, THE LOCAL DIRECTORATE OFFICER'S TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE IS GENERALLY AT OR BELOW THE LOWER QUARTILE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE TWO SURVEYS (SEE SUMMARY TABLE 3 BELOW).

/(B) AN EXPATRIATE

(B) AN EXPATRIATE DIRECTORATE OFFICER'S TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE IS ROUGHLY BETWEEN THE AVERAGE PRACTICE LINE AND THE LOWER QUANTILE PRACTICE LINE OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE TWO SURVEYS (SEE SUMMARY TABLE 4 BELOW).

TABLE 3

TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE
(LOCAL CIVIL SERVANTS COMPARED WITH EXPATRIATE STAFF IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES)

<u>CIVIL SERVICE SALARY POINT OR EQUIVALENT</u>	<u>PAY LEVEL SURVEY</u>	<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY</u>
D6	-	Q1-
D5	-	Q1-
D4	Q1	Q1-
D3	Q1	Q1-
D2	Q1	-
D1	Q1	-

TABLE 4

TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE
(EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVANTS COMPARED WITH EXPATRIATE STAFF IN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES)

<u>CIVIL SERVICE SALARY POINT OR EQUIVALENT</u>	<u>PAY LEVEL SURVEY</u>	<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SURVEY</u>
D6	-	Q1
D5	-	AV-
D4	AV-	Q1

D3	AV	Q1
D2	AV		-
D1	AV		-

CONSULTANTS' GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

THE CONSULTANTS HAVE ALSO OBSERVED IN THEIR REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE PAY LEVEL SURVEY THAT THE UPPER QUARTILE BASE SALARY PRACTICE FOR DIRECTORATE SALARY POINTS D1 TO D4 IN THE PAY LEVEL SURVEY GROUP OF PRIVATE COMPANIES MAY BE REGARDED AS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN SENIOR LOCAL OFFICERS IN COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PARTICULARLY WITH THE FINANCIAL SECTOR WHERE THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE AVERAGE BASE SALARY PRACTICE APPROXIMATES TO THE UPPER QUARTILE PRACTICE FOR THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS.

NEXT STEPS

THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT HAY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS' REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE PAY LEVEL SURVEY IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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**CALL FOR DATA PROTECTION CODE OF PRACTICE

A SET OF DATA PROTECTION CODE OF PRACTICE SHOULD BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED FOR OBSERVANCE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR BEFORE LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, PROPOSED THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB DINNER MEETING, MR SO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE CODE OF PRACTICE WOULD HAVE NO SANCTIONARY POWERS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS COULD HEIGHTEN THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT PERSONAL DATA STORED IN THEIR COMPUTERS THROUGH OBSERVANCE OF THE CODE.

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THEY COULD ALSO TAKE EARLY ACTION TO IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE MEASURES SO THAT BY THE TIME THE LEGISLATION CAME INTO FORCE, THEY WOULD BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED OF THEM, HE ADDED.

MR SO NOTED THAT THE WORKING GROUP ON DATA PROTECTION WAS SET UP IN MAY 1983 TO FORMALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN THE WAKE OF PROLIFERATION OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS.

AFTER EXAMINING THE PRINCIPLES ENSHRINED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984, THE WORKING GROUP TOOK THE VIEW THAT WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS, THE PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP ALSO STUDIED THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS OPERATED IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

+IT SUBSEQUENTLY CONCLUDED THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES AND ACCORDINGLY A CIRCULAR SETTING OUT THE PRINCIPLES WAS ISSUED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS IN SEPTEMBER 1985 FOR OBSERVANCE UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES.

+IN ADDITION, SOME ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES WERE ALSO ATTACHED TO THE CIRCULAR TO FACILITATE DEPARTMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES,+ MR SO SAID.

AS REGARDS THE SITUATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, FOUR COMPUTER AND RELATED PERSONNEL WERE INVITED TO HELP WITH THE REVIEW AND A SURVEY INVOLVING 51 PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS WAS CONDUCTED IN EARLY 1985.

RESULTS PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY TO OVERSEE THE WORKINGS OF THE LEGISLATION AND TO PUBLISH ITS FINDINGS OF CASES OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

MR SO SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED ITS EXAMINATION AND A REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT LAST SEPTEMBER TO FACILITATE CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER LEGISLATION FOR DATA PROTECTION WAS REQUIRED IN HONG KONG.

+A POLICY DECISION WILL SOON BE MADE HAVING DUE REGARD TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT COULD COME UP WITH A SET OF LEGISLATION MOST SUITABLE TO HONG KONG, VARIOUS PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED HAD TO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED.

THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATIONS HAD TO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL, HE SAID.

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TAC SUPPORTS PROPOSED NT TAXI RESTRICTION

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL OF NOT PERMITTING NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO OPERATE IN MA ON SHAN AND JUNK BAY NEW TOWNS IN 1987 WHEN POPULATION INTAKES BEGIN.

THE DECISION IN RESPECT OF NOT EXTENDING THE SERVICE TO MA ON SHAN IS IN SUPPORT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

AS FOR JUNK BAY, BUS SERVICES WILL COMMENCE IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND THE RESIDENTS WILL BE SERVED BY BUSES.

THE DECISION IS IN LINE WITH ENSURING THAT NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RURAL AREAS WHERE THE NEED IS VERY STRONG.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT ALLOWING NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS FURTHER ACCESS INTO THE URBAN AREAS WOULD RESULT IN THE CONGREGATION OF THESE TAXIS IN THE NEW TOWNS AT THE EXPENSE OF SERVICES TO THE MORE REMOTE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TAC MEMBERS ALSO CONSIDERED THE FIVE-YEAR PLANS FOR 1987 TO 1991 SUBMITTED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LTD (CMB), THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LTD (HYF) AND THE STAR FERRY COMPANY LTD (SF).

TAC NOTED THAT WHILE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND CMB WERE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MOST OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP), THERE WERE SOME DISAGREEMENT OVER THE BUS FLEET PROGRAMME PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY.

CMB WAS CONSIDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-STOREY WORKSHOP WITHIN ITS EXISTING CHAI WAN DEPOT TO ENABLE THE RATIONALISATION AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF EFFICIENCY OF ITS UNIT OVERHAUL FACILITIES.

THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF HYF HAD INCORPORATED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY OF CROSS-HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE RATIONALISATION OF ITS CROSS-HARBOUR PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES.

MEMBERS OF THE TAC NOTED THAT BOTH HYF AND STAR FERRY HAD PROPOSALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PLANS FOR THE OPERATION OF TWO SIMILAR CROSS-HARBOUR PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES.

THE TAC AGREED THAT DETAILED INFORMATION SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE COMPANIES, BEFORE THE COMPETING PROPOSALS COULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED.

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**NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR EASTERN APPOINTED

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MR GARY YEUNG YIU-SHING, 35, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DISTRICT OFFICER FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

MR YEUNG, WHO WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT IN APRIL, JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1976 AND HAD SERVED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BEFORE BECOMING ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER IN KWUN TONG IN JUNE 1986.

MR YEUNG WILL REPLACE MR BOWEN LEUNG WHO WILL BE TAKING UP HIS BUTIES AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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**LOOKING AT EASTERN DISTRICT CLEARANCE OPERATION

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED A BACKLANE AT TSAT TZE MUI ROAD WHERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE WAS UNDERWAY.

A TOTAL OF 63 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, INCLUDING 24 DOMESTIC HUTS, 15 KITCHENS, TWO SHOPS AND ONE WORKSHOP WERE DISMANTLED DURING THE CLEARANCE OPERATION.

BRIEFED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, MR CHAU WAS TOLD THAT 26 FAMILIES COMPRISING 75 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED, MOST OF THEM HAD BEEN OFFERED REHOUSING IN EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN URBAN AREAS.

HE ALSO VISITED PAN HOI STREET WHERE 27 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE ERECTED ON A PRIVATE LANE WITH GAS MAINS UNDERNEATH. THE SPOT IS THE FIRST OF FIVE TARGET LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO TAKE CLEARANCE ACTION THIS YEAR.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO PO LEE, TAK LEE AND WAI LEE BUILDINGS IN QUARRY BAY WHERE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO DEMOLISH ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE COMMON COURTYARD WAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

MR CHAU WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT MEMBERS OF THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN IMPROVING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND HAD DISCUSSED MEANS TO DETER NEW SQUATTERING.

MR LEUNG FINALLY TOOK MR CHAU TO LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS AND BRIEFED HIM ON REDEVELOPMENT PLANS AFTER THE SITE WAS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

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PUPILS GET LESSON IN MARINE OPERATIONS
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A GROUP OF 29 CHILDREN FROM BEACON HILL SCHOOL HAD AN INSIGHT INTO MARINE OPERATIONS DURING A VISIT TO THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

LED BY TWO OF THEIR TEACHERS, THE CHILDREN, AGED EIGHT AND NINE, ARRIVED AT THE DOCKYARD IN CANTON ROAD AT 9.45 AM AND WERE GREETED BY THE DOCKYARD MANAGER, MR JAMES STOPPA, AND MARINE OFFICER (OPERATION), MR TREVOR BERRY.

THE PUPILS WERE THEN SHOWN OVER THE PREMISES AND BRIEFED ON THE HISTORY AND FUNCTIONS OF THE 16-YEAR-OLD GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD WHICH AT PRESENT EMPLOYS ABOUT 750 PEOPLE.

THE CHILDREN ALSO LEARNT THAT THE DOCKYARD, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDED VARIOUS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT FLEET OF ABOUT 500 BOATS -- FROM THE SMALLEST INFLATABLE SPEEDBOATS TO THE LARGEST 1 000 TONNE DREDGER.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT CAME WHEN THE CHILDREN BOARDED A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH FOR A SHORT TOUR OF THE HARBOUR WHERE THEY SAW VARIOUS TYPES OF VESSELS MOORED AT BUOYS.

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SOUTHERN DB TO REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REPORT ON ITS SECOND YEAR OF WORK FOR THE 1985-88 TERM AT A SEMINAR FOR THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE THREE-HOUR SEMINAR WILL START AT 7.30 PM AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. ABOUT 150 PEOPLE FROM AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS FIVE COMMITTEES WILL EACH REPORT ON THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND THE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR, AS WELL AS ON PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

THEY INCLUDE MR JASPER LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD; MISS YEUNG CHUI-CHUN OF THE WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE; MISS MAR YUET-HAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE; MR MAN HON-MING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE; MR PAUL YOUNG OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND MR KO TAM-KAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HOLD GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS DISTRICT PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND TO LISTEN TO RESIDENTS' VIEWS AND ANSWER QUERIES.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING TIES AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES.

+THROUGH OPEN DISCUSSIONS, AREA COMMITTEES WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD, WHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD COULD OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS ON DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES,+ HE SAID.

THE MEETING FOLLOWS A SERIES OF SIX SEMINARS HELD BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, LAST YEAR.

+IT IS HOPED THAT SEMINARS OF THIS NATURE WOULD STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE THREE-TIER CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

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YAU MA TEI RECEIVES \$8 MILLION FOR YOUDE FUND
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ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND HAS BOOSTED DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE TO ABOUT \$8 MILLION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE FUND INCLUDED \$3 000 FROM THE EAST AREA COMMITTEE, \$3 000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND \$48 300 FROM A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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EARLIER, THE YAU MA TEI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION ALSO LAUNCHED A DONATION DRIVE AND RAISED \$17 000 FOR THE FUND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE AGAIN CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FUND WHICH WOULD BENEFIT HONG KONG'S EDUCATION.

+DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

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WORK TO START ON PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY
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WORK ON BUILDING THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY IN KOWLOON BAY WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

THIS FOLLOWS THE SIGNING OF A \$4.27 MILLION ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONTRACT FOR PILING WORK.

FOUNDATION WORK WILL START ON MARCH 9 AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED IN SEPTEMBER BY THE BUILDING OF A FOUR-STOREY SUPERSTRUCTURE TO HOUSE THE NEW LABORATORY WHICH WILL BE STAFFED BY SPECIALISTS FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE (GCO) OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE SIX BRANCH AND ONE CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS LABORATORIES OPERATING UNDER THE MATERIALS DIVISION OF THE GCO. THEY PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE TESTING SERVICE TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON MOST CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN HONG KONG, WITH EMPHASIS ON SOIL, CONCRETE, STEEL AND BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.

THE SENIOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, MR J.M. SHEN, SAID: +MANY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE STEEP SLOPES WHICH ARE A COMMON FEATURE OF HONG KONG'S TERRAIN. THE GEOTECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THESE REQUIRE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND ARE OFTEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A MAJOR PART OF THE OVERALL COST.

+THE NEW LABORATORY WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS ARE ACHIEVED CONSISTENT WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF DESIGN, SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION.+

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LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC WORKS LABORATORIES CARRIED OUT A TOTAL OF 230 000 TESTS. THEY ALSO PROVIDE A MONITORING SERVICE ON REGISTERED COMMERCIAL LABORATORIES TESTING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

WHEN COMPLETED IN APRIL 1989, THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY WILL BE THE MAIN PURPOSE-BUILT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORY IN HONG KONG, PROVIDING THREE TIMES THE FLOOR AREA COMPARED TO ITS EXISTING PREMISES IN NORTH POINT.

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**CLOSURE ORDERS SOUGHT FOR ILLEGAL STRUCTURES
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APPLICATIONS TO CLOSE TWO LOTS OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE TO BE MADE IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN APRIL.

THE STRUCTURES ARE OVER THE 22ND FLOOR AT NO. 83-85, WONGNEICHUNG ROAD, AND ON THE MAIN ROOF OVER THE FOURTH FLOOR AT 323, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

THE APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE MADE ON APRIL 28 AND 29 AND NOTICES ADVISING THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO DO SO WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

OCCUPANTS OF THE STRUCTURES IN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WERE ORDERED TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES JUST OVER TWO YEARS AGO, BUT HAD FAILED TO COMPLY. SO HAVE THE OCCUPANTS OF THE STRUCTURES IN WONGNEICHUNG ROAD, WHO WERE INSTRUCTED TO DEMOLISH THEM IN JULY 1985.

IN BOTH CASES THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS TO OBTAIN CLOSURE ORDERS SO THAT THE STRUCTURES CAN BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS WITHOUT DANGER TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE OCCUPIERS.

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DANCE CONTEST WINNERS TO PERFORM AT CITY HALL
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WINNERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT DANCE CONTEST WILL PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) EVENING.

THE CONTEST, HELD IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, HAD DISCOVERED MANY YOUNG TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT. FIFTEEN OUTSTANDING TEAMS, SELECTED FROM OVER 40 ENTRIES, WILL PERFORM ORIENTAL, WESTERN AND MODERN DANCES.

THEY WILL ALSO BE AWARDED PRIZES AT A CEREMONY HELD DURING THE INTERMISSION.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR ROBIN CHAN, THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION, MR HO PAK-TO, AND THE CHIEF MANAGER OF LEISURE SERVICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR R.F. POLLARD.

THE EVENT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND URBAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCE BEGINNING AT 8 PM ON THURSDAY AT THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

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SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED
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THE 19TH ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

TOP PRIZE OF \$3 000 IN DIVISION A FOR STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS WENT TO IO VAI-HONG OF CARITAS BIANCHI COLLEGE OF CAREERS AND THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$1 500 IN DIVISION B FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED TO LAU TIN-WAH OF MARIA COLLEGE.

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THERE ARE ALSO TEN CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$600 EACH FOR DIVISION A AND \$300 EACH FOR DIVISION B.

THE COMPETITION, SPONSORED BY THE KADER INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LIMITED, WAS AIMED AT DEVELOPING DESIGN TALENTS AND ENHANCING THE SAFETY AWARENESS OF STUDENTS.

THIS YEAR MORE THAN 350 ENTRIES FROM 52 SCHOOLS WERE RECEIVED.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE USED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ALL PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTERS TO ATTEND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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UK OFFERS OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS
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A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS ARE BEING OFFERED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES IN THEIR FINAL YEAR OF STUDY.

THE SCHEME, RUN BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WILL PROVIDE AWARDS FOR PARTIAL REMISSION OF TUITION FEES TO OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL.

EACH AWARD WILL COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEE FOR A HOME POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE +FULL COST+ FEE CHARGEABLE TO AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

ABOUT 800 NEW OVERSEAS AWARDS WILL BE OFFERED IN 1987 TO GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE BEEN CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED BY ONE OF THE 91 PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN BRITAIN IN 1987-88 AS REGISTERED RESEARCH STUDENTS TO A COURSE OF FULL-TIME STUDY FOR A HIGHER DEGREE, OR MUST BE ALREADY REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME RESEARCH STUDENTS AT ONE OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

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APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION WHICH HAS ACCEPTED THE STUDENT. THE CLOSING DATE IS MAY 1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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VMO THROUGHPUT UP BY 17 PER CENT
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LOCAL FARMERS PRODUCED 158 000 TONNES OF VEGETABLES LAST YEAR, UP BY ABOUT FIVE PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 1985, MEETING 34 PER CENT OF THE PUBLIC DEMAND, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 35TH TERM COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, HE SAID THAT DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE AMOUNT OF VEGETABLES MARKETED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (VMO) INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT TO 170 000 TONNES. OF THIS, 90 000 TONNES OF THE VMO THROUGHPUT CAME FROM VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

+HONG KONG IS A FREE MARKET WHERE COMPETITION FROM IMPORT PRODUCTS PREVAILS. IF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY COULD BE MAINTAINED, THE LOCAL FARMING INDUSTRY WOULD REMAIN COMPETITIVE, + HE SAID.

+TO THIS END, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL FARMERS IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AMONG THEM.

+THESE, COUPLED WITH WHOLESALE MARKETING SERVICES RENDERED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, HAVE DONE MUCH IN RAISING THE PRODUCTIVITY AND MARKETING EFFICIENCY OF VEGETABLE FARMERS. +

DR LEE PRAISED THE FEDERATION FOR ITS IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS IN HELPING FARMERS WHICH INCLUDED THE CO-OPERATIVE SALE OF PLASTIC VEGETABLE CONTAINERS, HIGH QUALITY PESTICIDES AND ROTARY CULTIVATORS.

IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF THE FARMERS' STUDY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR, HE SAID A SIMILAR VISIT TO AUSTRALIA WAS BEING PLANNED IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO ENABLE MORE VEGETABLE FARMERS TO BENEFIT FROM SUCH EXPERIENCE.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO STAGE OPEN DAYS
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SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL DURING THEIR OPEN DAYS THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEK.

ALL LABORATORIES, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL TEACHING ROOMS WOULD BE OPEN FOR VISITORS WHILE GUIDED TOURS WOULD BE ARRANGED FOR STUDENTS COMING IN GROUPS.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THESE OPEN DAYS INCLUDE A MINI-EXHIBITION AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON THE NEW CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN THIS SEPTEMBER, A FASHION SHOW AT KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND A SPECIAL FREE-TESTING SERVICE OF PRIVATE CARS BY THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 27, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AND ON FEBRUARY 28, FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

ALSO STAGING THEIR OPEN DAYS ON FEBRUARY 27 ARE THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM, THE TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM AND SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WOULD HOLD ITS OPEN DAY ON MARCH 6, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, THE FASHION SHOW WILL BE STAGED BOTH AT 1.45 PM AND 3.30 PM.

THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S OPEN DAYS ARE MARCH 6 FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AND MARCH 7 FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

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BUS TERMINUS BEING BUILT AT BUSY JUNCTION
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNED A \$3.9 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A BUS TERMINUS AT THE JUNCTION OF YEE KING AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROADS, CAUSEWAY BAY, WHICH WILL RESULT IN SAFER AND QUICKER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT BUSES WERE AT PRESENT REQUIRED TO MAKE THREE-POINT TURNS AT THE JUNCTION. UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE EXISTING CONCRETE BRIDGE STRUCTURAL DECK WOULD BE EXTENDED TO JOIN THE CARRIAGEWAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE SMOOTH TURNING FOR BUSES, AND AT THE SAME TIME ELIMINATING A DIFFICULT MANOEUVRE FOR THE BUSES.

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THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE BUILDING OF RETAINING WALLS, CONCRETE CARRIAGEWAY, ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS AND LANDSCAPING WORK.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START ON MARCH 2 AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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KWAI TSING HOLDING COURSES IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT
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A THREE-SESSION TRAINING COURSE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR KWAI TSING RESIDENTS WILL START ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ARE SPECIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND AND RAISE QUESTIONS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SPONSORED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM 8 PM TO 10.30 PM ON FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 3 AND 5.

IT WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING GENERAL LEGAL ISSUES IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES, AND COLLECTION OF MANAGEMENT FEES.

PROFESSIONALS FROM EACH FIELD WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE TALKS. SPEAKERS INCLUDE A LAWYER FROM THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY, MR LAU HON-CHUEN; AN ARCHITECT, MR HUI WING-TAO; A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, MR YAU SUN-WAI; AND AN ACCOUNTANT, MR CHAN KWONG-WING.

THE COURSE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SEMINAR SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON MARCH 8.

THE TRAINING COURSE AND SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT ARE ORGANISED BY WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SEVEN SUB-OFFICE IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON 0-212855 EXT. 251 AND 0-264632.

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WAN CHAI PREPARES FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS INVITING THE DISTRICT'S VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH DONATIONS ALSO COMING FROM RESIDENTS. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS +TO SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY+.

ANY ORGANISATION MAY APPLY FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-742281.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MARCH 21. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER.

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NORTH DB TO CONSIDER POWERLINE PROPOSALS
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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF TWO 400KV OVERHEAD POWERLINES TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE DISTRICT.

THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWERLINES, TO BE BUILT BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, WILL TRANSMIT ELECTICITY FROM DAYA BAY TO HONG KONG BY EARLY 1990'S.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF TOWERS TO BE BUILT ALONG THE CABLE ROUTE.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR SETTING UP A COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT, THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP TELEPHONE EMERGENCY HELPLINE AND A REVIEW OF THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY CULTURAL PLANS
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL PLANS DRAWN UP BY THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE BRIEFINGS ON THE WORK OF THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS UNIT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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DB TO DISCUSS LANTAU ACCESS ROAD
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THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD LINKING SHA LO WAN TO THE MAIN ROAD ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE MUI WO CENTRAL LAYOUT PLAN WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, IDENTIFICATION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND RESERVATION OF SITES FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF A MARICULTURE ZONE AT LO TIK WAN AND THE PROPOSED CENTRALISED PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEME FOR SOUTH LANTAU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING STARTING AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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KOWLOON CITY PLANS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO DISCUSS AN ALLOCATION OF ABOUT \$500 000 FOR CARRYING OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1987-88.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION OF \$115 000 FOR BUILDING A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS AT THE NORTHERN END OF VALLEY ROAD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR TREE PLANTING IN WHAMPOA ESTATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE CAUSED BY DOG EXCRETA IN STREETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE AND NO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP

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AN OPEN MEETING OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MR W.M. SULKE WILL BE HELD AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO WIDEN THE MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINGBURGH PLACE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TUEN MUN, TSIM SHA TSUI

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUEN MUN FROM THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO FEBRUARY 28 BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO ENABLE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND TO TIN HAU ROAD WILL BE BANNED. MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE VIA KIN TAI STREET, KIN WING STREET AND TSUN WEN ROAD TO TIN HAU ROAD.

ALSO VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM TSUN WEN ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN HAU ROAD AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

IN ADDITION, RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TIN HAU ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUN WEN ROAD NORTHBOUND, KIN WING STREET, KIN TAI STREET, HO TIN STREET AND TSUN WEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, BRISTOL AVENUE BETWEEN CARNARVON ROAD AND MODY ROAD WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FEBRUARY 27 TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

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