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GOVERNOR VISITS MARINE POLICE DIVISION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED ONE OF THE MARINE POLICE REGION'S BUSY DIVISIONS AND ITS TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT IN ABERDEEN.

SIR DAVID, VISITING THE SOUTH DIVISION AT SHUM WAN, WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR NICK SWAIN. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE DIVISION SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF ITS TIME AND EFFORT IN INTERCEPTING, PROCESSING, DOCUMENTING AND ESCORTING SOME 24,300 OF THE TOTAL INFLUX OF OVER 34,000 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

MR SWAIN EXPLAINED THE WORK OF THE DIVISION IN MANNING AND RUNNING VBP CAMPS AT TAI A CHAU AND SHEK KWU CHAU, AND IN PROVIDING LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPS RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT HEI LING CHAU AND CHI MA WAN. SIR DAVID COMMENDED THE POLICE, THE OTHER DISCIPLINED AND AUXILIARY SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED FOR THE ENORMOUS EFFORTS THEY HAD MADE IN COPING WITH THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE THAT HONG KONG HAD FACED IN 1989.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON OTHER AREAS OF WORK OF THE DIVISION INCLUDING THE APPREHENSION OF VESSELS ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING FROM HONG KONG TO CHINA, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, CASUALTY EVACUATION, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARITIME LEGISLATION.

SIR DAVID LATER BOARDED THE POLICE LAUNCH "SEA HORSE" WHICH SERVES AS A FLOATING DIVISIONAL COMMAND CENTRE. IN THE WEST LAMMA CHANNEL, HE SAW A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH COMPUTER-ASSISTED RADAR WAS USED TO TRACK A TARGET, WITH "COURSE AND SPEED TO INTERCEPT" DATA BEING QUICKLY RELAYED TO SMALL BOAT UNIT PURSUIT CRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA.

EARLIER, SIR DAVID, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA AND THE REGIONAL COMMANDER MARINE, MR JOHN MACDONALD, VISITED THE MARINE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT ABOUT 170 COURSES ARE HELD ANNUALLY COVERING NAVIGATION AND SEAMANSHIP, ENGINEERING, RADAR, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND COMMUNICATIONS; AND THAT MORE THAN 2,000 OFFICERS WOULD HAVE ATTENDED COURSES OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL BY MARCH 1990.

SIR DAVID CONCLUDED HIS AFTERNOON'S VISIT WITH A RETURN TRIP ON BOARD A MARK III DAMEN, ONE OF THE 15 LAUNCHES OF THIS CLASS WHICH FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE MARINE POLICE FLEET.

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SPECIAL CHECK-IN FACILITIES AT AIRPORT FOR NEW YEAR

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A SPECIAL PASSENGER CHECK-IN AREA WILL BE SET UP AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR CHINA-BOUND TRAVELLERS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (CAD) SAID THE SPECIAL CHECK-IN AREA WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE WESTERN END (NEAR TO KWA WAN) OF THE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

IT WOULD BE IN OPERATION FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 24) UNTIL WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 31).

"THIS FACILITY IS PART OF A NUMBER OF MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO AID THE LARGE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR CHINA DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD," HE SAID.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA (CAAC) WILL OPERATE OVER 170 ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS WHILE OTHER AIRLINES WILL OPERATE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS ABROAD DURING THE HOLIDAY.

THE BUSIEST DAY WILL BE ON THE LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FRIDAY) WHEN 47 EXTRA OUT-BOUND FLIGHTS CARRYING OVER 8,000 PASSENGERS WILL BE OPERATED.

"FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE DEPARTING PASSENGERS, CAD WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PUT UP DIRECTIONAL BANNERS AT PROMINENT POINTS ADVISING PASSENGERS OF THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS AND THE CHECK-IN COUNTERS.

"IN ADDITION, PERIODICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE AIRPORT PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM ADVISING PASSENGERS TO PROCEED TO IMMIGRATION CONTROLS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, TAXI OPERATORS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO USE THE WESTERN END OF THE DEPARTURES KERBSIDE FOR OFF-LOADING PASSENGERS BOUND FOR CHINA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HELP TO ENSURE A SMOOTH FLOW OF PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE THROUGH THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

HE ALSO URGED PASSENGERS TO FOLLOW A FEW SIMPLE RULES TO EASE CONGESTION AT THE AIRPORT:

- DEPARTING PASSENGERS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY AT THE AIRPORT, AT LEAST TWO HOURS BEFORE THE STATED DEPARTURE TIME, FOR CHECKING-IN;

- PASSENGERS SHOULD PROCEED TO IMMIGRATION CONTROLS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHECKING-IN TO ENSURE THAT THEY BOARD THEIR FLIGHTS IN TIME;

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- PASSENGERS SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS FOR TRAVEL TO THE AIRPORT. ALSO, CONSTRUCTION WORK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE IN THE MULTI-STOREY CARPARK HAS CAUSED A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN AIRPORT CAR PARKING CAPACITY;

- TO AVOID CONGESTION, PASSENGERS SHOULD DISCOURAGE THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES FROM TRAVELLING TO THE AIRPORT TO BID THEM FAREWELL;

- USE THE NEW FLYOVER FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ACCESS ROUTE TO THE PASSENGER TERMINAL; AND

- ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, TRAVELLERS SHOULD LOOK FOR SIGNS INDICATING FLIGHT NUMBERS AND CHECK-IN AREAS.

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GROWING TRADE LINKS WITH CALIFORNIA
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HONG KONG IS EQUIPPED WITH EXCELLENT TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WITHIN THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICE IN HONG KONG, MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG'S UNIQUE ROLE AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA WOULD BE OF IMMENSE HELP TO CALIFORNIAN BUSINESSMEN NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

MR CHAN SAID THE TRADE, INVESTMENT, SOCIAL AND OTHER TIES BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND HONG KONG WERE MANY AND LONGSTANDING.

"THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN ITS OWN RIGHT, IS HONG KONG'S THIRD LARGEST EXPORT MARKET. HONG KONG INVESTMENTS IN CALIFORNIA, PARTICULARLY THE BAY AREA, HAVE ATTRACTED A FAIR AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY. THERE ARE FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND HONG KONG STUDENTS BEING EDUCATED IN CALIFORNIA," HE SAID.

IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, MR CHAN SAID, HONG KONG WAS A MAJOR MARKET -- AND A TOTALLY OPEN MARKET -- FOR CALIFORNIAN EXPORTS OF A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS, INCLUDING RESINS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS, DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND FRESH FRUIT.

"THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AND GROWING AMERICAN PRESENCE IN HONG KONG, WITH OVER 900 U.S. CORPORATIONS AND SOME 18,000 U.S. CITIZENS, MANY FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA," HE SAID.

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MR CHAN SAID THESE WERE JUST A FEW INDICATORS OF THE CLOSE TIES WHICH ALREADY EXISTED BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND HONG KONG AND PROVIDED A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE NEW TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICE. "MUCH MORE CAN BE BUILT UPON THAT FOUNDATION," HE SAID.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ALREADY VERY GOOD PORT, AIRPORT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THESE WOULD GIVE RISE TO INCREASING TRADE, FINANCING AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

"WE WELCOME AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND INDEED COMPANIES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, TO BE OUR PARTNERS IN THIS AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING," HE SAID.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICE IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN ASIA AND CALIFORNIA AND TO SERVE AS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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A TOTAL OF 5,364 KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY TEACHERS HAVE ATTENDED COURSES RUN BY THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SINCE 1983.

OF THESE, 1,665 WERE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND 3,699 WERE PRIMARY TEACHERS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE TOLD THIS WHEN THEY VISITED THE ARGYLE ANNEXE OF THE COLLEGE THIS (MONDAY) MORNING. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION), MRS RUBY LAU.

THE VISITORS WERE ALSO TOLD THAT COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS COMPRISED A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE AND A 12-WEEK PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE.

THE TWO-YEAR COURSE IS FOR TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE. PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TWO THREE-HOUR SESSIONS PER WEEK.

ITS AIM IS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, THE CURRICULUM AREAS IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND THE BASIC SKILLS FOR TEACHING KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.

A FIVE-WEEK RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS WAS IMPLEMENTED LAST NOVEMBER TO ACQUAINT SERVING TEACHERS WITH MODERN METHODS AND APPROACHES, TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING IN USING RESOURCES AND TO INTRODUCE NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

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THIS COURSE IS FOR TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AFTER THEIR INITIAL TRAINING.

THE PARTY WHO TOURED THE ANNEXE INCLUDED THE COMMITTEE'S NEW CHAIRMAN, MR TIMOTHY HA, AND MEMBERS MR CHAN YING-LUN, PROFESSOR BRIAN COOKE, MRS MINNIE LAI, MS SO YAN-LAP, MRS NANCY YUNG, AND MS SANSAN CHING.

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HK CELEBRATES CUSTOMS DAY

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HONG KONG, AS AN INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION IN THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) SINCE 1987, CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY TODAY (MONDAY).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, THIS EVENING HOSTED A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 GUESTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OMELCO MEMBERS, CONSULS-GENERAL AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

THE CCC, NOW WITH 104 MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS, WAS SET UP IN 1953 WITH A MUTUAL GOAL OF PROMOTING CO-OPERATION, HARMONY AND UNIFORMITY, AND CIRCULATION OF INFORMATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY SERVES AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION IN THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND IS ALSO INTENDED TO FORGE CLOSE LINKS AMONG CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS.

THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME HONG KONG CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY SINCE BECOMING AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE CCC IN JULY 1987.

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SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANKING LICENCE APPLICANTS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANKING LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN BANKS AND LOCALLY INCORPORATED COMPANIES ARE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES ARE JUDGED AGAINST CERTAIN SPECIFIED CRITERIA, ONE OF WHICH IS SIZE AS MEASURED BY TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS, AND TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) AND DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS.

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THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND LOCAL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW.

"THE 1989 REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE TO THE SIZE CRITERIA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TOTAL ASSETS THRESHOLD REMAINS AT US$14 BILLION FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS. FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS, THE SIZE CRITERIA REMAIN AT HK$2,500 MILLION FOR TOTAL ASSETS AND AT HK$1,750 MILLION FOR DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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'FAI-CHUNS' PUBLICISE DB MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME

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SPRING SCROLLS OR "FAI-CHUNS" TO PUBLICISE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

PREPARED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE "FAI-CHUNS" SERVE THE DUAL PURPOSE OF BEING A USEFUL ITEM FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR DECORATIONS AND REMINDING RESIDENTS TO MAKE FULLER USE OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, THE SHA TAU KOK COMMUNITY HALL, THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, AND FROM THE THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, IN SAN FUNG AVENUE, AND IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY 1983, THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS BECOME A CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

EVERY THURSDAY, FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ANSWER RESIDENTS' QUERIES, RECEIVE COMPLAINTS, HEAR SUGGESTIONS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE AT THE MEMBERS' INTERVIEW ROOM AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

DURING 1989, NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 66 CASES, OF WHICH 33 CASES WERE RESOLVED.

THESE CASES MAINLY RELATED TO MATTERS SUCH AS HOUSING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, LAND, AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MAY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY TELEPHONING 6758041.

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ENVIRONMENT PROBLEM ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF NOISE NUISANCE AT THE SAI WAN HO TEMPORARY COOKED FOOD MARKET AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS THAT COOKED FOOD STALLS IN THE MARKET WERE CAUSING DISTURBANCE TO NEARBY RESIDENTS AT NIGHT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER SUBSTANDARD SIGNBOARDS INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AND CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A TRAIL FOR MORNING WALKERS BESIDE THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IN CHAI WAN.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE MEETING TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A DRAWING COMPETITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME FOR TAI PO

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME STARTED TONIGHT (MONDAY) WITH A VARIETY SHOW WHICH INCLUDED SINGING AND ACROBATIC ACTS.

THE 20-DAY PROGRAMME WILL PROVIDE 21 RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE..

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS YIU, SAID HE HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME, RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TANG KWONG-WING; AND TAI PO DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR S.P. CORRICK.

MEANWHILE, DECORATIVE LIGHTINGS SET UP AT LAM TSUEN RIVER TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WERE SWITCHED ON LAST WEEK.

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SPEECH CONTEST TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE ARE ORGANISING A SPEECH CONTEST TO MARK THE TERRITORY-WIDE "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY" ON FEBRUARY 25.

THE CONTEST ALSO AIMS AT ENHANCING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE CONTEST, WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT, IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY, JUNIOR SECONDARY (FORMS ONE TO THREE), SENIOR SECONDARY (FORMS FOUR TO SEVEN), AND OPEN SECTIONS.

THE TOPIC FOR THE PRIMARY SECTION IS "A GOOD CITIZEN" AND THOSE FOR THE SECONDARY AND THE OPEN SECTIONS ARE "CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY" AND "HONG KONG NEEDS YOU AND THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS" RESPECTIVELY.

SPEECHES FOR THE PRIMARY SECTION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES AND THOSE FOR THE OTHER SECTIONS TO FIVE MINUTES.

THE PRELIMINARY ROUND IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17 AND THE FINAL FOR FEBRUARY 25.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, AT 37 TONKIN STREET, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 9. ENQUIRIES ON DETAILS CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 7295334.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CIVIC CENTRES SURVEY REPORT

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A SURVEY REPORT ON CIVIC CENTRES IN KWUN TONG AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY A PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO HAVE HELD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 FOR SEVEN YEARS MAY APPLY FOR ENTRY TO HONG KONG:

* HUSBANDS/WIVES (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENTS SPOUSE IN HONG KONG; AND

* AGED PARENTS/DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT CHILDREN/PARENTS IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE SPONSOR'S STAY IN HONG KONG MUST NOT BE LIMITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS ENTRY SCHEME MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON TEL. 8246111.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FRIDAY, JANUARY 26) AND ON THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR (MONDAY, JANUARY 29).

THE CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 27 AND 28 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE, YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON; SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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IMPROVED TV RECEPTION FOR TAI PO TSAI VILLAGERS

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TELEVISION RECEPTION IN TAI PO TSAI VILLAGE HAS BECOME MUCH CLEARER FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY REBROADCASTING SYSTEM EARLY THIS (JANUARY) MONTH.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE NEW SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED AT TV CITY OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL TV USERS IN TAI PO TSAI SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE OFF AIR TELEVISION SIGNALS FROM THE NEW ACTIVE DEFLECTOR SYSTEM.

HE SAID THE REBROADCASTING CHANNELS WERE CHANNELS 48, 50, 52 AND 54, WHICH WERE DIFFERENT FROM THE CHANNELS TRANSMITTED PREVIOUSLY BY THE TELEVISION REPEATER STATION AT THE HILLTOP OF RAZOR HILL.

FOR GOOD RECEPTION, THE VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO TUNE THE RECEIVERS TO THE CORRECT CHANNELS AND MOUNT THE RECEIVING ANTENNAE IN A HORIZONTAL POSITION POINTING TO THE DIRECTION OF TV CITY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANIES WERE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT TELEVISION TRANSPOSER STATION FOR USERS IN TAI PO TSAI AND THE NEIGHBOURING AREAS WITHIN THIS YEAR.

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TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICES ON MOVE

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES IN ARGYLE CENTRE, TOWER II, IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MRS REGINA IP, SAID ALL THE OFFICES AND COUNTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT AND ISSUE COUNTERS FOR LICENCES, CERTIFICATES AND RELATED APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT OCEAN CENTRE WILL MOVE TO THE NEW ACCOMMODATION.

"THE NEW PREMISES AT ARGYLE CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED ABOVE THE MONG KOK MTR STATION, WILL BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT," SHE SAID.

THE NEW PREMISES WILL BE READY FOR BUSINESS ON AUGUST 28.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF BENEFICIAL FINANCE (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (MONDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 39.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 230.406 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 224.336 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 38.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM HOI YUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND ONTO HING YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG HAS BEEN BANNED DUE TO A WATERMAIN BURST.

THE LEFT-TURN BAN WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL AROUND JANUARY 26 (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI YUEN ROAD, WAI YIP STREET, KING YIP STREET AND HING YIP STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 24), TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE RESUMED ON THE SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND POPLAR STREET, UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE LAYING OF WATER PIPES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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