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HK FACING CHANGE IN PRACTICAL WAY -- SIR DAVID  
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HONG KONG WAS FACING UP TO CHANGE IN A PRACTICAL WAY, BACKED BY A STRONG AND RESILIENT ECONOMY WHICH HAD CONTINUED ITS UPWARD TREND, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID IN MONTREAL TODAY (TUESDAY).

+DESPITE AN UNDERSTANDABLE IMPATIENCE, REAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE NUMEROUS COMPLICATED QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE RESOLVED,+ SIR DAVID TOLD THE HONG KONG-CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE HONG KONG PHILOSOPHY OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE AND INTERVENTION IN THE ECONOMY BY THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENABLED BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS +TO GET ON WITH THEIR JOB DURING THIS TIME WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO IRRELEVANT DIRECTIVES AND CONCERN FROM A GOVERNMENT PREOCCUPIED BY THE WEIGHTY PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE+.

APART FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO INVEST IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE, PRIVATE SECTOR CONFIDENCE AND INVESTMENT HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING, SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH PRIVATE INVESTMENT, WORK HAD BEGUN LAST YEAR ON A HK\$2-BILLION EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT -- ALREADY THE THIRD IN THE WORLD IN THROUGH-PUT; THE POWER COMPANIES HAD CONTINUED WITH THEIR VIGOROUS EXPANSION PLANS TO KEEP THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY TURNING, AND PRIVATE INVESTORS FROM JAPAN, CHINA AND BRITAIN WOULD BEGIN WORK LATER THIS YEAR ON ANOTHER ROAD AND RAIL LINK UNDER THE HARBOUR. AND, NORTHWARDS, ROAD AND RAIL LINKS WERE BEING IMPROVED BOTH IN HONG KONG AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING PARTS OF GUANGDONG WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS WITHIN HONG KONG TO AND FROM THE REST OF CHINA.

+THESE ARE LARGE INVESTMENTS BY ANY STANDARD AND I HOPE THAT MENTION OF THESE EXAMPLES TO YOU TODAY WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF SOME OF THE PRACTICAL STEPS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN TO UNDERPIN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HONG KONG'S LINKS WITH THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AND ECONOMY HAD BEEN GROWING STEADILY, PARTICULARLY OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS, SIR DAVID SAID.

+IT HAS BEEN A FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP AND ONE WHICH IS MUCH VALUED BY HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

CANADA WAS HONG KONG'S SIXTH LARGEST EXPORT MARKET AND ITS TENTH TRADING PARTNER. AND LAST YEAR, CANADA'S EXPORTS TO HONG KONG HAD GROWN BY 15 PER CENT.

/THIS GROWTH, .....

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THIS GROWTH, HE SAID, WAS REFLECTED IN THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CANADIAN EXPORTERS WHO HAD BECOME AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL MARKET, FOR ITS ACCESS TO THE REST OF CHINA AND AS A REGIONAL CENTRE.

CANADA'S INCREASING INTEREST WAS MATCHED BY THE INTEREST SHOWN IN HONG KONG BY OTHER MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, SIR DAVID SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE COULD BE NOTHING BETTER, +IN THIS UNCERTAIN WORLD, THAN THIS SET OF ASSURANCES AND NO BETTER COLLATERAL.+

+NOW, MOST THINGS THAT WE DO, MOST PLANS AND PROGRAMMES CAN BE AND ARE MEASURED AGAINST THE AGREEMENT, AND ALMOST EVERYTHING IS DONE WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS GIVES A MORE POSITIVE DIRECTION TO PROGRESS, BUT IT HAS CHANGED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FROM THEIR LACK OF INVOLVEMENT TO ONE OF DEEP CONCERN AND INTEREST= AND IT HAS STIMULATED A LIVELY AND ALMOST NEVER-ENDING PUBLIC DEBATE.

+GRADUALLY FROM THIS DEBATE A CONSENSUS WILL EMERGE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

AS A DIRECT OUTCOME OF THE AGREEMENT, SIR DAVID SAID, SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS HAD BEEN GAINED THROUGH THE SETTING UP OF THREE ORGANISATIONS - THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE LAND COMMISSION, AND A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, TO DRAFT THE BASIC LAW FOR THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

+THESE ARE ALL SOLID AND NECESSARY ACHIEVEMENTS, THEY ARE NOT SENSATIONAL BUT THEY, I HOPE, INDICATE TO YOU THAT HONG KONG IS FACING UP TO CHANGE IN A PRACTICAL WAY, AND, DESPITE AN UNDERSTANDABLE IMPATIENCE, REAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE NUMEROUS COMPLICATED QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE RESOLVED,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID IS ON A SEVEN-DAY PROMOTIONAL TOUR OF NORTH AMERICA, AS GUEST OF HONOUR WITH A TOP-LEVEL, 10-MEMBER ECONOMIC AND TRADE DELEGATION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

LATER IN THE EVENING, HE WILL ATTEND THE TDC'S GALA FASHION PRESENTATION AT THE MONTREAL STORE OF EATON'S, THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE GROUP IN CANADA.

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NEW DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER NAMED  
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IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR ROBERT NIGEL PEIRCE, A MEMBER OF HM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, IS TO SUCCEED MR RICHARD MARGOLIS AS DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER AT THE END OF APRIL.

MR PEIRCE IS 30. HE JOINED THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN 1977, STUDIED CHINESE AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND LATER IN HONG KONG. HE SERVED IN PEKING FROM 1980 TO 1983 AS THIRD SECRETARY AND LATER SECOND SECRETARY.

MR PEIRCE RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN OCTOBER 1983, WHERE HE HELD APPOINTMENTS SUCCESSIVELY IN THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN AND HONG KONG DEPARTMENTS. MORE RECENTLY MR PEIRCE HAS BEEN ON SECONDMENT TO THE CABINET OFFICE. MR PEIRCE IS MARRIED.

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POLL CARDS SENT TO VOTERS  
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POLL CARDS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6 HAVE BEEN SENT TO NEARLY 1.4 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS.

A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID INFORMATION ON THE POLL CARDS INCLUDE ELECTORS' CONSTITUENCIES, DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS, ELECTION DATE, AND POLLING HOURS.

+ELECTORS MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CAST THEIR VOTES,+ HE SAID.

+THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY CANNOT SPEAK TO ANYONE OTHER THAN ELECTION OFFICIALS, WHEN INSIDE THE POLLING STATIONS WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED ELECTORS THAT THEY CAN ONLY VOTE IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED.

+VOTING IS SIMPLE, ALL AN ELECTOR HAS TO DO IS MARK AN X AGAINST THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE OF HIS CHOICE,+ HE SAID.

+ELECTORS WHO HAD REGISTERED IN PREVIOUS DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS CAN ALSO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS IN THEIR DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

THERE ARE 39 CANDIDATES CONTESTING FOR THE 15 SEATS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND 40 CANDIDATES ARE VYING FOR THE 12 SEATS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

/TWO CANDIDATES, .....

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TWO CANDIDATES, ONE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND ONE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, HAVE BEEN DUELY DECLARED AS BEING ELECTED BECAUSE THEIR NOMINATIONS WERE UNCONTESTED.

THEY ARE MR PAO PING-WING OF KOWLOON CITY EAST CONSTITUENCY AND MR JAMES WONG MAN-TAI OF KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI CONSTITUENCY.

ELECTORS IN THESE TWO CONSTITUENCIES WILL NOT BE RECEIVING POLL CARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID REGISTERED VOTERS SHOULD RECEIVE THEIR POLL CARDS THIS WEEK, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-270369 OR 5-270380.

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\$1 BILLION WORTH OF UC PROJECTS SINCE 1973

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IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ITS LONG-TERM GOAL OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG PEOPLE'S LIFE-STYLE, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$1 BILLION ON HUNDREDS OF CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS SINCE IT GAINED FINANCIAL AUTONOMY IN 1973.

THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THIS AT THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY OPEN MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

HE SAID THE PROJECTS COVERED WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED IN MUNICIPAL TERMS THE NECESSARY (MARKETS, ETC), THE HEALTHY (SWIMMING POOLS, SPORTS GROUNDS, ETC) AND THE FINER THINGS (LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES).

+THE COUNCIL HAS BUILT FOUR MARKET COMPLEXES AT NGAU TAU KOK, ABERDEEN, SAI WAN HO AND TO KWA WAN, EACH OF WHICH HAS BROUGHT BIG IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THOSE DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

+AND TODAY SIMILAR URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR PLANNING FOR THE REMAINING HEAVILY-POPULATED URBAN DISTRICTS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR.+

TURNING TO THE HEALTHY, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE EXTENSIVE RANGE OF HIGHLY POPULAR FACILITIES OPENED IN THE PAST 12 YEARS INCLUDED SIX SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES, ONE SPECIALIST TRAINING POOL, THREE SPORTS GROUNDS AND EIGHT INDOOR GAMES HALLS.

ON THE FINER THINGS, HE SAID: +TODAY WE HAVE SUCH SPLENDID CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES AS THE 12 500-SEAT COLISEUM, THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE KO SHAN THEATRE. OTHER NEW CULTURAL FACILITIES INCLUDE THE SPACE MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM OF TEA WARE.+

/LOOKING TO .....

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SAID THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME COVERING THE PERIOD 1985-86 TO 1989-90 PROVIDED FOR A TOTAL NUMBER OF 127 MAJOR PROJECTS AND INVOLVED ANTICIPATED CASH EXPENDITURE OF THE ORDER OF \$1.57 BILLION.

+AS PART OF THIS RE-STRUCTURED PROGRAMME, PROJECTED EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS WILL RISE BY 59 PER CENT IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR TO \$330 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEONG-LEEN STRESSED THAT WHILE THE COUNCIL WAS COMMITTED TO PRESS ON WITH ITS LARGE BUILDING PROGRAMME, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE EXTREME VIGILANCE AND STRINGENT FINANCIAL CONTROL OVER ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

+STAFFING IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT SCRUTINY BOTH BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNCIL, AND SINCE APRIL 1, 1983, NO FEWER THAN 1921 USD POSTS HAVE BEEN DELETED+, HE ADDED.

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COUNCIL TO SEEK DISTRICT BOARDS' VIEWS  
ON CONTROL OF BILLIARD PREMISES  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL CONSULT ALL URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS ON THE COUNCIL'S POLICY WITH REGARD TO PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS AND PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS.

AT ITS COMMITTEE STAGE THIS AFTERNOON, THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL DISCUSSED A PAPER FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS SEEKING THEIR VIEWS ON WHETHER PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS NEED TO BE CONTROLLED AND, IF THEY DO, IN WHAT WAY.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER AGREED THAT BEFORE THE COUNCIL MADE ANY FINAL DECISION ON THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS, THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC, AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE HAD ALSO AGREED THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT CONSULATION WITH DBS WAS CONDUCTED EFFECTIVELY, A PAPER ON THE ISSUE WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THEM FOR DISCUSSION.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT THE COUNCIL RECOGNISED THAT BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER WERE BOTH HEALTHY GAMES AND IT HAD NO INTENTION TO ACT IN ANY WAY WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN AS OBSTRUCTIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF THE GAMES.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN STUDYING THE QUESTION OF CONTROL OF PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AND PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS FOR SOME TIME WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING A POLICY WHICH MAY, ON ONE HAND, PROVIDE ADEQUATE CONTROL OVER THE BUSINESS AND CUSTOMERS, AND, ON THE OTHER, PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THOSE GENUINE CLUBS CATERING EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR MEMBERS, AND PROMOTE HEALTHY INTEREST IN A SKILFUL SPORT.

COUNCILLORS WERE TOLD THAT SEVERAL OPTIONS WERE BEING CONSIDERED. THESE INCLUDE:

- + TO LICENSE PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AS AT PRESENT AND, IN ADDITION, TO REQUIRE ALL PRIVATE CLUBS WITH MORE THAN 5 BILLIARD TABLES TO BE LICENSED
- + TO ABANDON LICENSING ALTOGETHER BUT TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF BOTH PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AND BILLIARD CLUBS
- + TO LICENSE PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AS AT PRESENT, PAYING NO ATTENTION TO THE EXISTENCE OF PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS
- + TO CEASE TO CONTROL ALTOGETHER, REQUIRING NO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION WHATSOEVER.

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CLOSE UC/EPA CO-OPERATION TO RID ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION  
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THERE IS IN GENERAL MUCH SCOPE FOR CLOSE LIAISON AND MUTUAL SUPPORT BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN KEEPING THE CITY FREE FROM NOISE, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, DR DENNY HUANG, IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS BY MR JOSEPH CHAN AT THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY OPEN MEETING.

DR HUANG SAID THE COUNCIL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE EPA, ACTED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE TO ABATE NUISANCES RELATING TO, INTER ALIA, THE EMISSION OF DUST, FUMES OR EFFLUVIA.

+THE COUNCIL ALSO TAKES APPROPRIATE STEPS TO MONITOR WATER QUALITY, PARTICULARLY AT BATHING BEACHES THROUGH REGULAR SAMPLING AND SANITARY SURVEYS,+ HE SAID.

+THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO TRANSFER TO THE EPA RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT PUBLIC BEACHES, AND HAS ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANSFER ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF NOISE NUISANCE WHEN THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WAS PASSED INTO LAW.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN AFTER THESE FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED, THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE VERY CLOSELY WITH THE EPA IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE BEST QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.+

ON THE COUNCIL'S FUTURE PLANS FOR EDUCATING CITIZENS TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAN, DR HUANG SAID AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE ISSUE OF A NOTICE TO RATE-PAYERS WAS BEING CONSIDERED, AND CONSULATION WITH CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WAS IN PROGRESS.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL HAD AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN THE PROGRESS OF WHICH WAS MONITORED BY THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE.

+IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, THE COUNCIL CO-ORDINATES THROUGH THIS COMMITTEE ALL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT IMPROVING THE GENERAL CLEANLINESS OF THE CITY AND CHANGING THE LITTER-CREATING HABITS OF THE POPULACE AT LARGE.+

APART FROM A SIX-PHASED SCHEDULE OF YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, DR HUANG SAID SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED THROUGH THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP DRIVE, THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME FOR TARGET BEACHES, AND THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BADGE SCHEME, PLUS A SELF-CLEANSING SCHEME BEING PLANNED FOR SQUATTER VILLAGERS.

IN COOPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO DRAWN UP HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AIMING AT STIMULATING THE AWARENESS OF STUDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN, HE ADDED.

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TAI PO LAUNCHES ELECTION PROMOTION EFFORT  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS LAUNCHED PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), EXHIBITION BOARDS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT FIVE LOCATIONS TO LET RESIDENTS KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ELECTIONS. THE LOCATIONS ARE: THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RAILWAY STATION, THE TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL AND AT THE KAI-TO PIER WHICH OPERATES SERVICES RUNNING BETWEEN TAP MUN AND WONG SHEK PIER.

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THE BOARDS WILL DISPLAY THE FUNCTION AND WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE PLATFORMS OF THE FIVE CANDIDATES.

ABOUT 35 000 COPIES OF AN ELECTION SUPPLEMENT WILL BE SENT TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FOUR-PAGE SUPPLEMENT COVERS THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, CANDIDATES PLATFORMS, POLLING STATIONS AND GUIDE TO VOTERS.

FILMS PUBLICISING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION WILL BE SHOWN AT THREE CINEMAS AND ELECTION MESSAGES WILL BE BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ORGANISED A SLOGAN COMPETITION TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTION AND MORE THAN 2 000 SOUVENIR BALL PENS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC TO REMIND THEM TO VOTE ON MARCH 6.

THREE FORUMS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES TO THE PUBLIC. THE FIRST FORUM HELD ON FEBRUARY 5 AT THE TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE.

THE OTHER FORUMS WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23) IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AND AT 8.30 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 28) AT THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL.

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#### LAB SAFETY KIT CONTEST

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CONTEST ON THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF A PROMOTIONAL KIT ON LABORATORY SAFETY IN SCHOOLS.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG.

AIMED AT PROMOTING THE AWARENESS OF LABORATORY SAFETY IN SCHOOLS AND DEVELOPING PUPIL'S COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS, ALL ENTRIES MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 15 TO 20 IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

ENTRIES MAY BE IN THE FORM OF AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION SUCH AS A SET OF SLIDES WITH COMMENTARY ON CASSETTE TAPES, A FILM OR VIDEO TAPE WITH USERS' NOTES, OR A GAME AND LEARNING PACKAGE.

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THE TOPIC CHOSEN CAN BE ON ANY ASPECT OF SAFETY IN A SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORY AND THE KIT CAN BE EITHER IN CHINESE, ENGLISH OR IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE SCHOOL HEAD TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICS), SCIENCE SUBJECT SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY NOT LATER THAN APRIL 9 THIS YEAR.

PRIZES FOR THE THREE WINNING ENTRIES INCLUDE A TRIP TO SINGAPORE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGAPORE YOUTH SCIENCE FORTNIGHT 1986 TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IN MAY AND JUNE.

BOOK COUPONS WORTH BETWEEN \$200 TO \$1 000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE PRIZE AND FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS.

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COMMITTEE SUPPORTS SPORTSGROUND PROPOSAL  
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MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY GAVE THEIR SUPPORT TO A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A STANDARD SPORTSGROUND AT MUI WO, LANTAU, FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR GEOFFREY ORR, TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS NO STANDARD SPORTSGROUND IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AT PRESENT AND MAJOR EVENTS HAD TO BE HELD OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

MR ORR SAID WHILE THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT WAS UNDER THAT CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED IN THE HONG KONG PLANNING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF A STANDARD SPORTSGROUND, A STRICT APPLICATION OF THE PLANNING STANDARDS MIGHT RESULT IN UNDER PROVISION.

A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY, THEREFORE, HAD TO BE APPLIED IN ASSESSING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR ISOLATED RURAL DISTRICTS, HE SAID.

THE PROPOSAL WILL GO TO THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE NEXT TUESDAY AND THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL ON MARCH 20.

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MEET THE MEDIA  
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THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), LT. COL. T.C. VILLIERS, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SPRING RECEPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS  
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 4.30 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

ABOUT 600 GUESTS INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM WILL ALSO ATTEND.

MEANWHILE, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION ON THURSDAY AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, FANLING AT 1 PM.

ABOUT 120 LOCAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE.

AT THE EVENT, BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE BOARD IN THE PAST AND ITS FUTURE PLANS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPRING RECEPTIONS.

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## LANTERN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT IN A NUMBER OF CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS TO BE HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED MORE THAN \$98 000 FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES IN TIN WAN, WONG CHUK HANG, POK FU LAM, STANLEY, WAH FU AND SHEK PAI WAN.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID SOME 32 000 RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

+WE HOPE SUCH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL HELP PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS, ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND BOOST COOPERATION AMONG VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE TIME AND VENUE OF SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
1. TIN WAN	7 PM - 11 PM	FOOTBALL PITCH BETWEEN BLOCK 6 AND BLOCK 7, TIN WAN ESTATE
2. WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS	1 PM - 6 PM	SQUARE OUTSIDE TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE
3. POK FU LAM	2 PM - 5 PM	CHI FU FA YUEN SKATING RINK
4. STANLEY AND SHEK O	2 PM - 6 PM	STANLEY UC PLAYGROUND
5. WAH FU	2 PM - 10 PM	WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE
6. SHEK PAI WAN	11 AM - 6 PM	SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE

THE CELEBRATIONS WILL FEATURE SONGS BY ARTISTES AND LOCAL GROUPS, ACROBATIC SHOWS, LION DANCES, GAMES STALLS, LANTERN QUIZES, DRAWING COMPETITIONS AND SPRING COUPLETS WRITING COMPETITIONS.

IN SHEK PAI WAN, SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE GEARED TOWARD THE ELDERLY, WITH PROGRAMMES THAT WILL INCLUDE A TEA PARTY AND AN INTRODUCTION TO WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE AGED. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE WORK OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW  
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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE HAWKER CONTROL PROBLEMS AND THE ORGANISING OF CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR THE KWAI CHUNG PARK, AN ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN APRIL AND THE NAMING OF TWO NEW OPEN SPACES.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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CONTRACT AWARDED  
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A CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR AIR-CONDITIONING THE DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION AT TAI PO.

THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$2.5 MILLION, IS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM TO COVER THE 4 000-SQUARE-METRE OFFICE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE POLICE STATION NEAR TAI PO TOWN CENTRE, WHICH STARTED LAST SEPTEMBER, WILL BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

THE AIR-CONDITIONING WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, TOGETHER WITH THE PERIOD OF THE BUILDING CONTRACT.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO DAH CHONG HONG (ENGINEERING) LTD.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS CONTROLS ON ANIMAL WASTES  
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NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO COLLECT MEMBERS VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS AT THE MEETING THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986, AND LISTEN TO A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, NEW TERRITORIES.

SPRING RECEPTIONS  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 400 GUESTS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE OCCASION, 43 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR GOOD SERVICE TO COMMUNITY BUILDING AND EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

THE RECEPTION WILL START AT 3.30 PM AT THE TELFORD RESTAURANT IN TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM AND THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

MEANWHILE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION ON THURSDAY AT 3.30 PM AT THE MAXIM'S RESTAURANT IN CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CENTRAL.

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MORE THAN 400 COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM; THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SPRING RECEPTIONS.

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STAFF QUARTERS FOR TREATMENT CENTRE  
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WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARRACKS AND 14 FOUR TO FIVE-STOREY BLOCKS WHICH WILL BE USED AS STAFF QUARTERS AT HEI LING CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$31.95 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1987.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ALONG THE SECTION OF BEACH ROAD BETWEEN REPULSE BAY ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING BEACH ROAD AND SOUTH BAY ROAD WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

ALSO FROM THE SAME TIME, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY. THEY INCLUDE:

- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM WA STREET.
- \* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND FACTORY STREET.
- \* THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF FACTORY STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ALDRICH STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

- \* THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF FACTORY STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST AND ALDRICH STREET.
- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ALDRICH STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE ABOVE ROAD SECTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONES ON THESE ROAD SECTIONS AND THE PLB URBAN CLEARWAYS ON THE SECTION OF NAM ON LANE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND NAM ON STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY THE SOUTHBOUND OF PUI TO ROAD, INCLUDING SAN HOP LANE, TIN HAU ROAD, SAN ON STREET, HUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HING WONG STREET, SAN LIK STREET, SAN PING CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN KAU HUI AND TSING SHAN TSUEN.

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