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PROFESSIONALS' VITAL ROLE STRESSED
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HONG KONG'S PRESENT LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE OF THE PROFESSIONALS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

AND HONG KONG WITHOUT THE PROFESSIONAL WOULD BE A HONG KONG WITH NO FUTURE, HE SAID.

SINCE HE WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, HE WAS EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL TO THAT FUTURE WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IN IMPORTANCE IN THE YEARS AHEAD, HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS ON +THE ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL IN THE FUTURE HONG KONG,+ THIS EVENING.

HONG KONG, HE SAID, SEEMED TO HIM TO BE CONTINUALLY UNDERESTIMATING ITSELF.

IT WAS COMMON TO HEAR SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE PEOPLE HERE LACKED POLITICAL MATURITY, AND YET THERE WERE FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE THERE WAS SUCH A VARIETY OF POLITICAL COMMENT AND EXPRESSION AVAILABLE FOR DAILY CONSUMPTION FROM THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, HE SAID.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN AN ENORMOUS FERMENT OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND THIS EVENING'S SYMPOSIUM WAS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS INTENSE INTEREST IN A SATISFACTORY AND SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DEBATE ABOUT THE FORM OF SOCIETY TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH OF HONG KONG THROUGH THE YEARS HAD BEEN ESSENTIAL, HE SAID.

+AND IN KEEPING WITH THIS ESSENTIAL ROLE, THE SIZE OF THE PROFESSIONAL CLASS IN OUR SOCIETY HAS GROWN TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF A DIVERSIFIED AND INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED ECONOMY AND A PUBLIC, WHOSE GROWING ASPIRATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE FIELD OF LAW, MEDICINE, EDUCATION AND AN IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT, PLACES NEW DEMANDS EACH DAY UPON THE SERVICES OF PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

DURING THESE YEARS, HONG KONG HAD ALSO STRENGTHENED ITS LINKS AND ITS DEPENDENCE UPON A WIDER COMMUNITY OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE ADVICE AND HELP WHEN NECESSARY OF EXPERTS FROM OVERSEAS.

+THESE LINKS ARE NECESSARY, AND I AM SURE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO GROW,+ HE SAID.

/THE PRESENCE

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THE PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSIONAL IN THE HIGHER COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT HAD LONG BEEN A FEATURE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

+NEXT YEAR THIS LINK IS BEING STRENGTHENED BY ASKING THESE GROUPS AND THE PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS TO SELECT AND ELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE METHOD OF ELECTION, DECIDING WHO HAD THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS AND HOW THOSE ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD, WOULD BE AGREED WITH THE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED IN TIME FOR THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO BE ENACTED.

HE WAS SURE, HE SAID, THAT THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WOULD GRASP THIS CHANCE TO SELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVE A DIRECT VOICE IN THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE, LIKE ANY OTHER LEGISLATURE, WAS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, WHILE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BRING THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO BEAR, THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE TO RELATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO A MORE GENERAL BACKGROUND AND TO THE WIDER PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE SYMPOSIUM WAS AN INDICATION OF HOW RESPONSIBLY THE PROFESSIONALS VIEWED THEIR TASK IN THE YEARS AHEAD, HE SAID.

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NT TAXI BOUNDARY EXTENDED * * *

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE OPERATING BOUNDARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL IN SHA TIN, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE NEW BOUNDARY LIMIT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT SOME TIME IN DECEMBER, PENDING ERECTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

+NT TAXIS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES BETWEEN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND THE CASUALTY UNIT OF THE HOSPITAL WHICH WAS OPENED RECENTLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ACCESS ROUTE FOR THESE TAXIS TO THE HOSPITAL WILL BE VIA TAI PO ROAD, SHA TIN ROAD (ROAD T1), SLIP ROAD TO SHA TIN WAI ROAD, SHA TIN WAI ROAD, NGAN SHING STREET AND CHAP WAI KON STREET.

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THE ROUTING WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND THE MEI SHA FERRY TERMINAL.

SEPARATE STANDS WILL BE PROVIDED INSIDE THE HOSPITAL AND THE RACECOURSE FOR USE BY NT TAXIS.

+HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THE SPECIFIED ROUTE IN SHA TIN LEADING TO THE HOSPITAL.

+THESE ADDITIONAL NT TAXI ACTIVITIES ALONG THE SPECIFIC ROUTES SHOULD THEREFORE NOT HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT UPON THE URBAN TAXI TRADE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FREIGHT INDUSTRY NEEDS MORE TRAINED HANDS

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WITH ITS EXPANSION AND INCREASING SOPHISTICATION, THE FREIGHT TRANSPORT INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG DEMANDS MORE BETTER-TRAINED PERSONNEL, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE INDUSTRY'S FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY.

+STAFF TRAINING IS VITAL TO THE OVERALL GROWTH OF AN INDUSTRY WHOSE PRODUCTIVITY DEPENDS MORE AND MORE ON OFFICE AUTOMATION AND THE INCREASING USE OF MACHINES IN CARGO-HANDLING,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY, ORGANISED BY THE BOARD IN SEPTEMBER 1983, PREDICTS THAT THE INDUSTRY WILL BE OFFERING MORE JOBS FOLLOWING THE RECOVERY IN HONG KONG'S FOREIGN TRADE.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS, NOW PUBLISHED IN A REPORT, PROMPTED THE BOARD TO RECOMMEND ORGANISING TRAINING COURSES FOR THE INDUSTRY'S EMPLOYEES AT ALL LEVELS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF SEMINARS WOULD BE OFFERED AT THE MANAGERIAL LEVEL. THE TOPICS WILL RANGE FROM WAREHOUSING TO THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

THE BOARD IS ALSO CONSIDERING SETTING UP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, TWO PART-TIME EVENING CERTIFICATE COURSES ON THE SEA AND AIR FREIGHT INDUSTRY FOR SUPERVISORY STAFF.

THE SURVEY PROBED INTO THE STAFFING AND TRAINING NEEDS AMONG AIR-FREIGHT CARRIERS, SHIPPING FIRMS AND FORWARDING AGENTS. IT ALSO COVERED LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT BY TRUCKS, GODOWNS AND COLD STORAGE, CARGO-HANDLING TERMINALS AND CONTAINER SERVICES.

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ALTOGETHER, THE INDUSTRY EMPLOYED ABOUT 31 000 STAFF, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM WERE TRUCK OR CONTAINER HAULAGE DRIVERS.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, THE INDUSTRY HAD ONLY 167 VACANCIES, OR 0.5 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL EMPLOYMENT. THE LOW PERCENTAGE MIGHT BE DUE TO THE RECESSION THEN, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$26.50 A COPY.

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TAC HEARS ABOUT KCR MISHAP
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON HAD A DETAILED BRIEFING BY THE KCRC GENERAL MANAGER, MR PETER QUICK, ON THE DERAILMENT ACCIDENT OVER THE WEEKEND.

MEMBERS RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE SAFETY OPERATION OF THE KCR. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT KCRC WOULD MAKE A FULL REPORT ON THE INCIDENT TO THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER A FULL INQUIRY IS REQUIRED.

A FILM ON THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING PROJECT, +A FAIR WAY TO GO+, PRODUCED BY RTHK WAS SHOWN AT THE MEETING.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT, REPORTED THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE PILOT SCHEME. ON-ROAD TEST FOR THE SYSTEM WILL COMMENCE AT THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

EXPERTS FROM TRANSPOTECH, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT VARIOUS STUDIES RELATING TO THE PROJECT, WERE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

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TAX RESERVE INTEREST CUT
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

AS FROM NOVEMBER 28, 1984, THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 7.56 PER CENT (TAX FREE), AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 8.04 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.63 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 28, 1984.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:-

- 7.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 3, 1982 AND BEFORE MAY 27, 1983;
- 10.2% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 27, 1983 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1983;
- 12% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1983 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 7, 1983;
- 9.6% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 7, 1983 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 1984;
- 7.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 10, 1984 AND BEFORE MARCH 23, 1984;
- 5.16% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 23, 1984 AND BEFORE MAY 18, 1984;
- 8.4% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 18, 1984 AND BEFORE JULY 6, 1984;
- 10.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 6, 1984 AND BEFORE JULY 13, 1984;
- 12.84% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 13, 1984 AND BEFORE AUGUST 10, 1984;
- 10.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 10, 1984 AND BEFORE AUGUST 31, 1984;
- 9.6% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 31, 1984 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 5, 1984;

/8.52% PER ANNUM

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8.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
OCTOBER 5, 1984 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 1984; AND

8.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
OCTOBER 31, 1984 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 28, 1984.

BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST
CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETED MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR
PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON NOVEMBER 28, 1984,
DECEMBER 28, 1984 AND JANUARY 28, 1985 RESPECTIVELY,
AND SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON FEBRUARY 27,
1985 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

ON \$1 000, NOVEMBER 28, 1984 TO
FEBRUARY 27, 1985 THREE COMPLETE
MONTHS AT \$6.30 PER MONTH = \$18.90

ON \$1 000, DECEMBER 28, 1984 TO
FEBRUARY 27, 1985 TWO COMPLETE
MONTHS AT \$6.30 PER MONTH = \$12.60

ON \$1 000, JANUARY 28, 1985 TO
FEBRUARY 27, 1985 ONE COMPLETE
MONTH AT \$6.30 PER MONTH = \$ 6.30

\$37.80

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TUEN MUN SITE SOLD
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A 6 800-SQUARE-METRE SITE ON THE SEAFRONT AT TUEN MUN HAS
BEEN SOLD BY TENDER FOR \$7 MILLION TO A SUBSIDIARY OF THE SUN WAH
MARINE PRODUCTS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.

THE COMPANY, WHICH IS THE FLAGSHIP OF A GROUP OF LOCAL
SEAFOOD PROCESSING AND TRADING COMPANIES, IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP
THE SITE FOR THE PROCESSING OF SEAFOOD INTO PREPARED SEAFOOD,
DRIED AND FROZEN SEAFOOD.

HOWEVER, THE PROCESSING OF FISH AND SHRIMP WASTE INTO FISH
MEAL, FISH OIL OR OTHER BY-PRODUCTS IS NOT PERMITTED, TO AVOID
POSSIBLE POLLUTION.

/THE PURCHASER

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THE PURCHASER ALSO HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE THE 113-METRE SEA WALL WHICH FORMS ONE BOUNDARY OF THE LOT FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING SEAFOOD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ADJACENT TO AN AREA WHERE A WHOLESALE FISH AND CRUSTACEA MARKET WILL BE BUILT TOWARDS THE END OF THE DECADE, FORMING AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL BOTH SERVICE AND BENEFIT FROM THE LARGE CASTLE PEAK FISHING FLEET.

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NO WINTER SWIMMING CHILLS

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THE WINTER CHILL THAT USED TO DETER REGULAR SWIMMERS FROM TAKING THEIR DAILY DIP WILL SOON BE A THING OF THE PAST WITH THE EXTENDED OPENING HOURS OF URBAN COUNCIL'S TWO HEATED SWIMMING POOLS.

STARTING FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 1) AND UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY 1985, THE LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL WILL OPERATE TWO SESSIONS DAILY - FROM 7 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND FROM 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL WILL, HOWEVER, BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THREE SESSIONS DAILY - FROM 6.30 A.M. TO 12 NOON= 1 P.M. TO 6.30 P.M. AND 7.45 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

MEANWHILE, THE NEWLY-COMPLETED WAN CHAI TRAINING POOL WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY.

THIS POOL WHICH IS ALSO HEATED, HAS TEN LANES AND IS EQUIPPED WITH UNDERWATER VIEWING BAYS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

IT WILL CATER TO ORGANISED TRAINING IN SWIMMING, WATER POLO AND LIFE-SAVING BY CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THIS POOL, WHICH OPENS FROM 9 A.M. TO 8 P.M., SHOULD CALL 5-745240 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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GYMNASTIC TRAINING FOR CHILDREN
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CHILDREN ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN ELEMENTARY GYMNASTICS COURSES BEING OFFERED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE COURSES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION.

+CHILDREN WHO ARE GIFTED IN GYMNASTICS WILL ONLY BE DISCOVERED THROUGH PROPER TRAINING,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS.

THE TRAINING SCHEME COVERS THREE SETS OF EXERCISES DESIGNED FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO ATTAIN BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD AWARD BADGES. EACH SET IS DIVIDED INTO ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED LEVELS.

+WE ARE ORGANISING 19 BRONZE BADGE ELEMENTARY TRAINING COURSES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY TO TAP TALENTS AT DISTRICT LEVEL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME CAN ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 700 CHILDREN. THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 14 ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN BRONZE ELEMENTARY AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES ON PASSING THE EXAMINATION SET BY THE ASSOCIATION.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL START ON DECEMBER 1 AND THE LAST, IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OR DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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VISITS TO ELDERLY FOLK
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OLD PEOPLE AT HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE VISITED BY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

THE COMMITTEE WILL VISIT THE PO CHING CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED IN FANLING, WHICH HAS 221 PEOPLE, AND THE WONG FUNG TING HOME FOR THE AGED IN SHEUNG SHUI, WHICH HAS 102.

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LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO MAN-KWONG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR NG, THEY WILL PRESENT EACH OLD PERSON WITH A PACKAGE OF GIFTS AS A GESTURE OF RESPECT FOR THEM.

THE VISITS ARE PART OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR.

IN THE COMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, THE LOCAL ELDERLY WILL BE INVITED TO A CANTONESE OPERA BY THE LUNG CHEUNG OPERA TROUPE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

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WHEELCHAIR TRAIL
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A WHEELCHAIR TRAIL, DESIGNED AS A CHALLENGING BUT ENJOYABLE EXERCISE COURSE SPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS, WILL BE OPENED BY MR JOHN WHOLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THE TRAIL IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, AND CONSISTS OF 15 STATIONS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH THINGS AS PARALLEL BARS, CHIN-UP BARS AND CLIMBING ROPES FOR EXERCISES.

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SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN FOUR SIMILAR SEMINARS ON THE USE OF THE WIREFREE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE SEMINARS ARE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE. THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE'S HONG KONG OFFICE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD ON JANUARY 11, AND AT THE KOWLOON OFFICE AT TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F., 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD ON JANUARY 25, STARTING AT 9.30 AM AND AT 2.30 PM.

EACH OF THE SEMINAR LASTS TWO HOURS.

THERE WILL BE SHORT TALKS ON THE DIFFERENT MODES OF UTILISING THE SYSTEM TO PROMOTE PUPILS' LISTENING SKILLS, MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND ADMINISTERING A TAPED PROGRAMME IN THE ENGLISH LESSON.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 40 TEACHERS AT EACH SEMINAR, AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 20.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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LUNCHTIME MUSIC

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS WILL BE HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS AND FACTORY WORKERS IN WONG CHUK HANG ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS FROM NOVEMBER 29.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND SOCCER PITCH (NO. 2 AND 3) BETWEEN 12.30 PM AND 1.30 PM ON THOSE THURSDAYS.

THE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION, THE 22ND (CHESHIRE) REGIMENT ONE OF THE MOST WELL-ESTABLISHED BANDS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE 1758, WILL PERFORM IN THE OPENING CONCERT TOGETHER WITH TWO POPULAR LOCAL SINGERS.

OTHER BANDS IN THE CONCERT SERIES, WILL BE THE HONG KONG PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, THE LOS PITOS (FLAMENCO) GUITAR ENSEMBLE AND THE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH POPULAR SINGERS.

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VENEZUELA MAIL RESUMES

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ALL POSTAL SERVICES TO VENEZUELA, HAVE NOW BEEN RESUMED, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE SERVICES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED ON NOVEMBER 10.

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PLB CLEARWAYS IN CENTRAL

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STANLEY STREET IN CENTRAL, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COCHRANE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PLB URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DAILY 7 AM-TO-MIDNIGHT PLB CLEARWAY ON COCHRANE STREET, BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND STANLEY STREET, WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARD FOR ABOUT 10 METRES.

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FLYOVER CLOSURE

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THE UP-RAMP LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 4, FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

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NIGHT ROAD WORK

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A SHORT SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR CHI LOK FA YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10.30 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 29) UNTIL 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR TUEN MUN OR YUEN LONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT THE SIU NAM INTERCHANGE.

THE MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AND NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 3) NIGHTS.

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