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NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (NCE) -- HONG KONG'S FIRST FULL-TIME TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE FOUNDED IN 1939 -- WILL CELEBRATE ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE WITH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CELEBRATIONS WILL INCLUDE A GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION AND OPEN DAY, A REUNION DINNER FOR GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE AND THE PUBLICATION OF A SOUVENIR BOOKLET.

THE EXHIBITION ON THE THEME OF "NCE PAST AND PRESENT" WILL BE OPENED OFFICIALLY BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, ON JULY 6.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO FORMER STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BETWEEN JULY 6 AND 8. VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE IN THE PAST 50 YEARS.

A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "THE HISTORY OF NCE" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16. IT WILL PROVIDE A "GOLDEN" OPPORTUNITY FOR THE "NORTHCOTIANS" IN THE PAST 50 YEARS TO GET TOGETHER IN SEARCH OF FOND MEMORIES OF THEIR COLLEGE LIFE.

A SOUVENIR PUBLICATION ON THE GOLDEN JUBILEE WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED EARLY NEXT YEAR. PAST STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PUBLICATION BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE NCE, ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WAS KNOWN BEFORE 1967 AS THE NORTHCOTE TRAINING COLLEGE AND COMMENCED OPERATION 50 YEARS AGO IN TEMPORARY PREMISES IN HOSPITAL ROAD.

THE FIRST INTAKE CONSISTED ONLY 24 STUDENTS IN EACH OF THE ENGLISH AND THE CHINESE SECTIONS.

IN 1940, THE COLLEGE MOVED TO ITS FIRST PERMANENT HOME AT BONHAM ROAD WHICH WAS FORMALLY OPENED BY THE THEN GOVERNOR, SIR GEOFFREY NORTHCOTE, IN NOVEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR.

TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR MORE TRAINED TEACHERS FOR THE RAPIDLY INCREASING SCHOOL POPULATION, THE COLLEGE CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND MOVED AGAIN TO THE EXISTING PREMISES AT SASSOON ROAD IN POK FU LAM IN 1962.

THE NCE'S BONHAM ROAD BUILDING WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE UNITED COLLEGE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG BEFORE ITS REVERSION TO THE COLLEGE IN 1973 TO ACCOMMODATE ITS CONTINUING EXPANSION.

SINCE THEN THE NCE HAS BEEN OPERATING COURSES AT BOTH THE SASSOON ROAD AND THE BONHAM ROAD PREMISES. THE COMBINED ENROLMENT OF THE TWO CAMPUSES NOW IS 766 FULL-TIME COURSE STUDENTS AND 450 PART-TIME COURSE STUDENTS.

THE NCE TODAY CONTINUES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN TEACHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG. OVER THE YEARS, THE COLLEGE HAS PRODUCED 8,308 QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN ITS FULL-TIME COURSES AND 5,471 QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN ITS PART-TIME COURSES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

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STUDIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT LARGE-SCALE TRANSPORT STUDIES AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MONITORING THE BUS NETWORKS THROUGH FIELD SURVEYS OF INDIVIDUAL ROUTES AND SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA COLLECTED. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY.

THE STUDIES, TO BE MADE WITH THE AID OF COMPUTERS, WILL FURTHER HELP TO IDENTIFY THE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES IN THE EXISTING NETWORKS.

THEY COULD OPTIMISE FREQUENCIES AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE FLEETS FOR BUS ROUTES, AND WOULD ALSO HELP QUANTIFY THE EFFECT ON EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PASSENGERS AS A RESULT OF POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE BUS NETWORKS.

BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY, THE ENHANCED EVALUATION OF THE TRANSPORT NETWORK WILL IN THE LONG TERM HELP TO REDUCE THE PRESSURE FOR HIGHER TRANSPORT FARES AND BRING ABOUT OVERALL BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE STUDIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, ASSISTED BY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TECHNICAL PROPOSALS FROM CONSULTANT FIRMS WITH A VIEW TO SELECTING THE BEST COMPUTER PROGRAM AND CONSULTANT SUPPORT FOR THE STUDIES.

SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES ARE LIKELY TO BE SELECTED FOR THE FIRST SUB-REGIONAL STUDY. THE TRAVEL HABITS OF THE PUBLIC AND THEIR CHOICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL BE ANALYSED.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A PROVISION OF \$2.2 MILLION IN 1989-90 AND \$2 MILLION IN 1990-91 FOR THE STUDIES, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER.

THE STUDIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAST YEAR THAT THE EXPANSION OF THE FRANCHISED BUS NETWORKS SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY AND SERVICE EXPANSION TO MEET PASSENGERS' TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR REPLACING VEHICLE LICENSING SYSTEM

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF REPLACING THE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS LICENSING INFORMATION DATA (VALID) SYSTEM.

THE TOTAL NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IS ESTIMATED AT \$34,066,000 AND THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AT \$2,144,000 FROM 1991-92 ONWARDS.

THE VALID SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN 1976 TO PROVIDE RAPID AND EFFICIENT INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS.

ITS DATA IS ALSO NECESSARY FOR POLICE ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTIES RELATING TO TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN OPERATING ON ONE OF THE TWO MAINFRAME COMPUTERS AT THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY (GDPA), WITH 62 OUT-STATION TERMINALS INSTALLED AT THE VARIOUS LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

CURRENTLY, THE SYSTEM PROCESSES ABOUT 8,000 TRANSACTIONS A DAY FOR THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL, TRANSFER OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT VEHICLES AND OWNERSHIP PARTICULARS.

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN 1987 BY THE GDPA WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT A COMPLETE REDESIGN AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY.

AFTER A FURTHER STUDY BY THE GDPA IN MID-1988 TO EXAMINE THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR REDEVELOPMENT, IT WAS PROPOSED TO REDEVELOP AND REDESIGN THE VALID SYSTEM ON A SEPARATE NEW CENTRAL COMPUTER IN THE GDPA, USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN DATABASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND NETWORKING.

THE NEW VALID SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE FOR A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS, AND IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF DRIVING AND PARKING LAWS THROUGH THE FIXED PENALTY SCHEME.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL MAINTAIN A CENTRAL ENVIRONMENT FOR INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL AND INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACCESS TO VEHICLES, DRIVERS AND OTHER TRANSPORT/TRAFFIC DATA INFORMATION.

IT WILL ALSO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN PROVIDING SYSTEM CHANGES TO MEET FUTURE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

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CP WARNS YOUNG PEOPLE AGAINST SHOP THEFT

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"SHOP THEFT IS A CRIME AND MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE," ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING.

THE COMMISSIONER MADE THIS REMARK THIS AFTERNOON (SATURDAY) WHEN HE GAVE AN ADDRESS AT THE ANTI-SHOP THEFT DAY ORGANIZED BY POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH AT CITYPLAZA, TAI KOO SHING.

"THE CRIME AFFECTS US ALL BECAUSE THE LOSSES SUSTAINED BY SHOPKEEPERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY PASSED ON TO US - THE CONSUMERS. SO ALL OF YOU, BY PLAYING YOUR PART IN HELPING TO COMBACT THIS CRIME, WILL ALSO BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION," HE SAID.

"IT IS THE EARNEST WISH OF THE POLICE FORCE THAT SHOP THEFT, WHICH IS A SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEM AS WELL AS A CRIME, CAN BE EFFECTIVELY TACKLED THROUGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, PUBLICITY EVENTS SUCH AS TODAY'S, AND WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF SHOPKEEPERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHOP THEFT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEAR IN DIFFERENT VENUES; IN HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE LARGER OUTLYING ISLANDS," THE COMMISSIONER ADDED.

TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSIONER TO OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM.

ALSO SPEAKING DURING THE EVENT, MRS TAM SAID: "THE FACT THAT SHOP THEFT FIGURE IS SHOWING AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF DROPPING SHOULD IN NO WAY MAKE US COMPLACENT WITH THE SITUATION."

QUOTING THE FIGURE THAT FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 5,201 REPORTED CASES WHICH COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THAT OF 6,210 IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MRS TAM CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SHE WAS MOST CONCERNED WITH THE COMPARATIVELY HIGHER PROPORTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN SHOP THEFT.

"I BELIEVE MOST OF THEM COMMIT THE CRIME ONLY OUT OF GREED, AND THEY HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IT WILL BRING TO THEM.

"THE ANTI-SHOP THEFT DAY, A LARGE-SCALE ACTIVITY AIMING AT YOUNGSTERS, WOMEN AND SHOPKEEPERS, IS TASKED WITH AROUSING THE CONCERN OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE FORMER TWO GROUPS, THAT SHOP THEFT IS NOT A GAME, BUT IS INDEED A CRIME THAT WOULD BEAR SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON THEIR FUTURE," SAID MRS TAM.

AN ELECTRONIC ANIMATED ROBOTIC SYSTEM - THE "ROBOTCOP", WHICH WOULD BE TASKED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON CRIME PREVENTION, WAS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE CEREMONY.

TO JOIN THE DRIVE AGAINST SHOP THEFT, BESIDES JACKIE CHAN, THE RENOWED MOVIE STAR, JACKIE CHEUNG AND ALEX TO, BOTH FAMED SINGERS, ALSO ATTENDED THE HOUR-LONG PROGRAMME AND CONTRIBUTED THEIR PARTS IN SINGING AND DRAMA PLAYING.

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YOUNGSTERS URGED TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AND HEALTHY PURSUITS.

MR MULLOY WAS ADDRESSING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A "JOINT SCHOOL ANTI-NARCOTICS DESIGN COMPETITION" HELD AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP (YVG) OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

WHILE COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE COMPETITION, MR MULLOY POINTED OUT THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS, AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE VOLUNTEERS' DEVOTION, ENTHUSIASM, INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS -- ALL OF WHICH PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG MENACE.

A TOTAL OF 15 EXHIBITION BOOTHS, DESIGNED BY PARTICIPATING TEAMS FROM 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE YVG, WERE ERECTED AT THE VENUE. EACH HAD A SPECIFIC DRUG-RELATED TOPIC.

THE SCHOOL TEAMS WERE FROM YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE NO. 2; ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY SCHOOL; HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE; KWAI CHUNG METHODIST COLLEGE; PO LEUNG KUK YAU LING SUN COLLEGE; HENRIETTA SCHOOL; KUNG LEE COLLEGE; YING WA COLLEGE; ST JOSEPH'S ANGLO CHINESE SCHOOL; KEI HEEP SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL; ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S COLLEGE; KEI YUEN COLLEGE; ST SIMON LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND DE LA SALLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

TOPICS COVERED RANGED FROM THE DEFINITION OF DRUGS AND LEGAL CONTROLS ON THEM TO PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE AND ITS ADVERSE EFFECTS AND THE DRUG SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY.

ANTI-DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES, AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WERE ALSO COVERED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

MR MULLOY PRESENTED PRIZES TO THREE SCHOOL TEAMS, KEI HEEP SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ST JOSEPH'S ANGLO CHINESE SCHOOL AND HENRIETTA SCHOOL, FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT DESIGNS.

THOSE ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT INCLUDED THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS KONG LI CHI-HO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YVG ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS CHAN 'OI-WAH.

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POLICE UPDATING COMPUTER SYSTEM

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE IS TO LAUNCH A SERIES OF COMPUTERISATION PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL FURTHER ENHANCE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSE TIME TO EMERGENCIES.

THE FIRST IN THE PIPELINE WILL BE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING POLICE OPERATIONAL NOMINAL INDEX COMPUTER SYSTEM (PONICS) IN THE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU.

OTHER PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING INCLUDE THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE MAJOR INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND DISASTER SUPPORT SYSTEM AND A PILOT STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A STATION INFORMATION COMMUNAL SYSTEM.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$42.5 MILLION, PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, FOR A REPLACEMENT PONICS AND ITS ASSOCIATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.

PONICS, WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY THE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU ROUND-THE-CLOCK SINCE APRIL 1983, IS AN ON-LINE SYSTEM WHICH MAINTAINS INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ENQUIRIES ON PERSONS WITH PREVIOUS CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, PERSONS OF INTEREST TO THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND THE NARCOTICS BUREAU, AND MISSING AND WANTED PERSONS.

NUMEROUS BUREAUX AND UNITS WITHIN THE FORCE HAVE ACCESS TO PONICS THROUGH THE 58 VISUAL DISPLAY TERMINALS WHICH THE SYSTEM SUPPORTS.

THE BULK ENQUIRIES, HOWEVER, COME FROM THE FOUR REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRES WHICH BEAT OFFICERS, PERFORMING STOP AND SEARCH OPERATIONS, CONTACT BY RADIO FOR VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECTS.

PONICS PROVIDES A RESPONSE WITHIN SECONDS AND HAS PROVED TO BE A VITAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM AND INTEGRAL TO POLICE WORK ON PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF CRIME.

THE SYSTEM AT PRESENT IN USE HAS BECOME UNRELIABLE AND FREQUENT FAILURES HAVE RESULTED IN THE INCREASING UNAVAILABILITY OF THE SYSTEM TO USERS.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT PONICS WILL NEED TO EXPAND TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH IN TRANSACTION VOLUMES AND TO INTERFACE IN FUTURE WITH OTHER SYSTEM CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT. THE PRESENT CONFIGURATION CANNOT HANDLE BOTH THE PROJECTED VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS OR THE INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS.

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THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM WILL HAVE AN OPEN-ENDED DESIGN TO FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THE TYPES OF INFORMATION STORED AND WILL INTERFACE WITH A FULLY INTEGRATED CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM, THE ENHANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMPUTER SYSTEM NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES WILL BE AN AVAILABILITY TO THE USER OF 99.5% AND A CAPABILITY OF SUPPORTING A WORKLOAD OF 40,000 TRANSACTIONS A DAY WITH A PEAK LOAD OF 6,500 TRANSACTIONS AN HOUR.

THE COMMITTEE APPROVED ANOTHER \$5.4 MILLION FOR THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE MAJOR INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND DISASTER SUPPORT SYSTEM WHICH IS CURRENTLY OPERATED ON A MANUAL BASIS.

MEMBERS ALSO ENDORSED A NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$5.5 MILLION AND AN ANNUAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE OF \$824,000 FOR THE PROJECT.

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WILL BE A STAND-ALONE ON-LINE COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE USED FOR BOTH MAJOR INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND MAJOR DISASTER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS, TO BE LOCATED CENTRALLY FOR ACCESS BY USER UNITS THROUGH VISUAL DISPLAY TERMINALS.

NORMALLY THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL BE USED FOR MAJOR INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS AND/OR MINOR CRIME INVESTIGATIONS BY THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME BUREAU AND REGIONAL CRIME UNITS, AND FOR TRAINING BY THE CASUALTY ENQUIRY UNIT (CEU) AND THE DISASTER VICTIM IDENTIFICATION UNIT (DVIU).

IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR DISASTER, THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO THE CEU/DVIU FUNCTIONS ACCORDING TO NEED, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TOTAL SYSTEM WILL BE GIVEN OVER IF NECESSARY.

A FURTHER \$4.1 MILLION, WHICH WILL BE USED TO CARRY OUT A PILOT STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A STATION INFORMATION COMMUNAL SYSTEM, WAS ALSO APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AT PRESENT, DATA KEPT IN DIFFERENT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS OF THE FORCE ARE PROCESSED AND MAINTAINED MANUALLY. A RECENT REVIEW SHOWED THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE EXTREMELY TEDIOUS AND INEFFICIENT.

THE ONE-YEAR PILOT SCHEME, IF PROVED TO BE COST-EFFECTIVE, WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPED INTO A FORCE-WIDE COMMUNAL SYSTEM CONTAINING INFORMATION AT STATIONAL, REGIONAL AND HEADQUARTERS LEVELS.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR SEPT-NOV RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED FURTHER DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988, WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED LOW, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE LABOUR MARKET REMAINED VERY TIGHT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988 WAS 1.3 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988 AND 1.9 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER. THE DECREASES OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD AND 0.6 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988 WAS ESTIMATED AT 36,900, COMPARED WITH 49,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988 AND 53,400 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1987.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988 WAS 0.6 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988. THE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1987 WAS 1.1 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988 WAS 18,100, COMPARED WITH 16,500 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1988 AND 29,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1987.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTHS PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

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THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1988 WAS 1.3 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.7 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1988 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND MARCH 20 AT \$10 PER COPY.

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COMMUNICATION, CO-OPERATION AMONG RESIDENTS IMPORTANT

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RESIDENTS OF TAI PO SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH AND CO-OPERATE WITH NEWLY ARRIVED RESIDENTS TO MAKE THE DISTRICT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

MR SUEN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL, HELD AT THE KWONG FUK BRIDGE.

HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT WOULD REACH 300,000 BY THE MID-1990'S, AND MOST OF THE RESIDENTS WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO HAD MOVED IN FROM OUTSIDE TAI PO, PERSONAL LINKS AND CO-OPERATION WERE SIGNIFICANT.

REFERRING TO THE FESTIVAL, HE SAID THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF LOCAL BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE VITAL IN ORGANISING SUCH A LARGE-SCALE EVENT.

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MR SUEN NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS, TO ALLOW AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN IN.

THE ACTING SECRETARY THEN SWITCHED ON THE FESTIVE LIGHTING FOR THE KWONG FUK BRIDGE, PO HEUNG BRIDGE, THE BANKS OF THE LAM TSUEN RIVER AND PO HEUNG STREET. THIS MARKED THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTING WILL LIGHT UP THE AREA EACH NIGHT UNTIL FEBRUARY 20, WHEN THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED A LION DANCE AND A COCKTAIL RECEPTION.

IN ADDITION, WINNERS OF POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN COMPETITIONS HELD RECENTLY TO PUBLICISE THE FESTIVAL RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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OUTLINE OF SPECIAL INDUSTRY IN TUEN MUN

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN WILL BE OUTLINED AT A MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16).

THE OUTLINE WILL BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THEY WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THE SETTING UP OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A REVIEW ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND VETTING PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS A REPORT ON THE SALE/OCCUPANCY OF FLATTED FACTORY UNITS IN TUEN MUN WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 16 (MONDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SECURITIES DEALER REPRIMANDED
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THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES HAS REPRIMANDED A SECURITIES DEALER, MR PETER KOH KWING-CHANG (TRADING AS KELLY & CO.) FOR MISCONDUCT.

THE MISCONDUCT COMPRISED MR KOH HAVING TRADED IN THE SHARES OF ASEAN RESOURCES LIMITED KNOWING THAT THE SHARES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE. PURSUANT TO RULE 539 OF THE RULES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE A MEMBER SHALL, IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES, DEAL IN A SUSPENDED STOCK.

MR KOH ALSO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE NAMELY SECTION 75 (CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF CONTRACT NOTES) AND SECTION 83 (CONCERNING THE KEEPING OF PROPER ACCOUNTS) IN RELATION TO THE SAME TRANSACTIONS.

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ROYAL HK REGIMENT RECRUITS JUNIOR LEADERS
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR ITS JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS. THE NUMBER OF NEW RECRUITS THIS YEAR IS TARGETTED AT 140.

APPLICANTS MUST BE MALE, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 16, PHYSICALLY FIT AND OF GOOD CONDUCT.

THEY MUST ALSO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND WRITE CHINESE AND ENGLISH, SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING, AND HAVE THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FOR JOINING THE CORPS.

SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR PROGRESSIVE TRAINING COURSE AIMED AT DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING CHARACTER AND SELF-RELIANCE AND PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP.

THE TRAINING INCLUDES FOOT DRILLS, CAMP CRAFT, MAP READING, ORIENTEERING, FIRST AID, RADIO COMMUNICATION, SHOOTING, SWIMMING, CANOEING AND LIFE SAVING. PART OF THE TRAINING IS GEARED TOWARDS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME.

MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS ARE PROVIDED WITH A UNIFORM AND RATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT 1 SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-761371. THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 31 THIS YEAR.

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CARNIVAL TO MARK 'CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL DAY'
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ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN CAUSEWAY BAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE "CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL DAY".

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SINGING PERFORMANCES, LION AND DRAGON DANCES, CHINESE AND FOLK DANCES, AND DRAMA.

THE CARNIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN CLEVELAND STREET WHICH WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW.

THE FUNCTION, PROVIDING FREE CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS AND SHOPPERS IN THE AREA, IS AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN CHOW; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR PANG KING-WO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EVENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL DAY" TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM IN CLEVELAND STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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SURVEY REPORT ON VOTING BEHAVIOUR TO BE RELEASED
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THE REPORT OF A SURVEY ON THE VOTING BEHAVIOUR OF RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK WILL BE RELEASED AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, AND A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, MR MAK HOI-WAH.

DR TSE WILL TALK ABOUT CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND THE DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, WHILE MR MAK WILL DISCUSS THE SURVEY REPORT.

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BOTH THE SURVEY AND THE SEMINAR ARE PART OF THE 1988-89 CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

A CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN, TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL AT 627-641 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, STARTING AT 3 PM.

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KOWLOON CITY DB OFFERS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARDS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD IS ORGANISING AN "OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME" TO HONOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE PERFORMED COMMENDABLE DEEDS IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND DISCHARGING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE SCHEME IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: YOUTH (UNDER 30 YEARS OLD), ADULT (30 TO 60 YEARS OLD) AND ELDERLY (OVER 60 YEARS OLD).

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, FACTORIES AND COMPANIES ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD. NOMINATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME.

CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD MUST EITHER LIVE, STUDY, WORK OR SERVE IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

EACH SECTION WILL CARRY EIGHT AWARDS. THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON MARCH 12 AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 21. NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, AND ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AT BULKELEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7110171 EXT. 28.

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MORE FACILITIES PLANNED FOR SWIMMERS AT STANLEY BEACH

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SWIMMERS AT THE STANLEY MAIN BEACH CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVED FACILITIES IN SUMMER NEXT YEAR.

TWO BUILDINGS WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE SWIMMERS AT THE BEACH.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE MAIN BEACH, ADJACENT TO STANLEY BEACH ROAD.

THE LARGER OF THE TWO BUILDINGS WILL CONTAIN CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES, AN OPEN DECK LINKED TO THE EXISTING CARPARK AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

THE SECOND BUILDING WILL INCLUDE A STAFF ROOM, LOOKOUT OFFICE, CHANGING FACILITIES, AND STORAGE FOR RESCUE CRAFT.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS, EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND TAKE 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 20.

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YUEN LONG TO HOLD CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR

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A SEMINAR AIMING AT INCREASING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL IN YUEN LONG ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16).

ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, THE SEMINAR IS ONE OF THE 14 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WILL BE PRESENT.

THEY WILL GIVE BRIEFINGS RESPECTIVELY ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, CONSUMER RIGHTS AND INTERESTS, AND THE LAW THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANTAGES.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, AND ASK QUESTIONS.

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PUMPING STATION AND SCREENING PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT A PUMPING STATION AND TWO SCREENING PLANTS AS PART OF THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THE WORKS UNDER THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBSTRUCTURES AND SUPERSTRUCTURES FOR A PUMPING STATION AND SCREENING PLANT AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, ANOTHER SCREENING PLANT AT SHAM SHUI PO AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURES.

THE SCREENING PLANTS WILL COARSE SCREEN THE SEWAGE FROM YAU MA TEI, TAI KOK TSUI AND LAI CHI KOK, CURRENTLY DISCHARGED TO SEA AT THE SHORELINE OF NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

THE PUMPING STATION WILL DISCHARGE THESE AND OTHER FLOWS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR FURTHER TREATMENT PRIOR TO DISPOSAL BY MARINE OUTFALL TO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORKS IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1991.

THIS CONTRACT FORMS PART OF THE ONGOING COMMITMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR NORTHWEST KOWLOON AND CONTROL OF THE POLLUTANTS CURRENTLY DISCHARGED TO THE COASTAL WATERS OF NORTHWEST KOWLOON AND VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 17.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN SHAM SHUI PO PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KWEILIN STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET INCLUDING APLIU STREET, KI LUNG STREET AND PEI HO STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD SLIP ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WESTBOUND TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 17) FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A LAMP POST.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WESTBOUND, ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD EASTBOUND AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD EASTBOUND.

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