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POSITIVE INDICATORS FOR HK'S FUTURE

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BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, AND EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE CONCEPTS AND UNDERTAKINGS BEHIND THIS DOCUMENT -- WHICH PROVIDES HONG KONG'S ROUTE MAP TOWARDS THE FUTURE -- ARE WORKING.

THE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH OUTLINING THE POSITIVE INDICATORS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TWO YEARS OF HIGH LEVEL EFFORT WERE INVESTED IN WHAT WERE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS TO HAMMER OUT THE JOINT DECLARATION.

IN BOTH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE BASIC LAW, THERE WAS A WILL ON THE PART OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED TO MAKE THE CONCEPT OF "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS" WORK, HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT AUTONOMY WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"CHINA SINCE THEN HAS MADE ENORMOUS CAPITAL AND OTHER INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG, WHICH NOW PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN CHINA'S OWN MODERNISATION POLICY.

"IN ADDITION, EVIDENCE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION IS WORKING; THAT MEASURES WHICH ARE VITAL TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE ARE BEING STEADILY IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE JLG," HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID HE WAS IN PARTICULAR IMPRESSED BY THE SINCERITY OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS THEIR OBLIGATIONS; BY THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO MAINTAINING THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG AND TO A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997; AND BY THEIR BUSINESS-LIKE APPROACH TO ALL THEIR MEETINGS.

"A LOT OF WORK HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LEGAL, POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF IS ADJUSTED GRADUALLY, AND IN GOOD TIME, SO THAT THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF CHANGE IS REQUIRED IN 1997," HE SAID.

THE ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH THE JLG INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS COVERING NATIONALITY AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS; FOR HONG KONG TO NEGOTIATE ITS OWN AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS; TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN SHIPPING REGISTER; AND IN THE FIELD OF EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP.

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MR WIGGHAM ALSO POINTED OUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HONG KONG'S SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE AND OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE RETAINED BEYOND 1997.

"AS A RESULT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL PARTIES, HONG KONG CAN NOW SPEAK WITH ITS OWN VOICE, DEFENDING ITS OWN INTERESTS, IN THESE INTERNATIONAL WORLD BODIES," HE SAID.

ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO HONG KONG, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN 14 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

HE NOTED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AS HONG KONG DEVELOPED A NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD CONTINUE BEYOND 1997 AND WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT THE TERRITORY WOULD REMAIN AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, WITH ITS OWN SEPARATE SYSTEMS.

"AND SO ALREADY, PROMISES MADE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION ARE BEING FULFILLED, AND IN VERY REAL AND PRACTICAL (NOT TO SAY INTERNATIONAL) WAYS HONG KONG'S HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY IS BEING ESTABLISHED," HE ANALYSED.

TURNING TO THE DRAFT BASIC LAW, MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE CURRENT DRAFT DID INDEED REFLECT THE PROMISES OF THE JOINT DECLARATION -- "IN SOME CASES ACTUALLY WORD FOR WORD".

"DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW CANNOT HAVE BEEN AN EASY TASK, SINCE IT INVOLVES TRANSLATING WHAT IS ALREADY A UNIQUE DOCUMENT (THE JOINT DECLARATION) INTO ANOTHER UNIQUE DOCUMENT, DESIGNED TO REFLECT THE UNIQUE SITUATION OF HONG KONG; AND LAST FOR AT LEAST HALF A CENTURY," HE NOTED.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT, BEING A FIRST DRAFT, AND AS THE DRAFTERS HAD THEMSELVES ACKNOWLEDGED, THE VERSION OF THE BASIC LAW NOW UNDER DISCUSSION WAS NOT PERFECT.

NOTING THAT IN SOME AREAS THE JOINT DECLARATION ITSELF MIGHT BE IMPRECISE, MR WIGGHAM SAID THERE WERE GENUINE DRAFTING PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH TWO VERY DIFFERENT LEGAL SYSTEMS.

HE SAID THE QUESTION COULD BE ASKED WHETHER IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE COMPREHENSIVE THE DRAFTERS HAD INCLUDED SOME ITEMS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGAL DOCUMENT.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE THOSE AREAS WHERE, ALMOST BY DEFINITION, THERE WAS ROOM FOR A GENUINE DIFFERENCE OF VIEW.

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THEREFORE, MR WIGGHAM SAID, THE PRESENT DRAFT REFLECTED THIS BY INCLUDING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

REFERRING TO THE MAIN AREAS OF PUBLIC CONCERN OF THE BASIC LAW, HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS INCLUDED WHETHER IT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE SAR WOULD ENJOY THE HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY PROVIDED FOR IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

IT WAS ALSO CONCERNED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR BASIC RIGHT AND FREEDOMS IN THE SAR.

FURTHERMORE, THE PUBLIC CONCERNED WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE LEGALLY BINDING PROVISIONS IN THE BASIC LAW WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THE AUTONOMY PROMISED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT IN DECIDING ITS ECONOMIC, FISCAL OR OTHER POLICIES, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"ON THESE ISSUES, IT SEEMS THAT A CONSENSUS VIEW IS GRADUALLY EMERGING IN HONG KONG; AND THIS WILL NO DOUBT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FURTHER DRAFTING WORK," HE ADDED.

MR WIGGHAM SAID IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL INCLINATION, ALL SHARED THE COMMON DESIRE OF DEVELOPING A SYSTEM WHICH WAS BEST SUITED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF HONG KONG, AND WHICH WOULD BEST CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS, AND PROSPERITY WITH STABILITY.

DURING THIS PERIOD OF DEBATE AND CONSULTATION ON THE SORT OF POLITICAL SYSTEM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW, HE SAID IF ALL CONCERNED RESPONDED IN A FLEXIBLE AND PRAGMATIC WAY SO THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMMON GROUND COULD BE FOUND TO FORM THE BASIS OF A MODEL ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, THEN THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG COULD BE MOST EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED.

WHILE ADMITTING THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW IN AN ERA OF CHANGE AND THAT CHANGE COULD BE UNSETTLING, MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT CHANGE ALSO PROVIDED GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE WHO WERE PREPARED TO FACE THE CHALLENGE.

"NO ONE CAN NOW GUARANTEE WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1997, 2007 OR 2047. ONE CAN ONLY MAKE PREDICTIONS BASED ON PRESENT INDICATORS," MR WIGGHAM SAID, ADDING THAT AS FAR AS HE COULD SEE, THE INDICATORS WERE POSITIVE AND THERE WAS GOOD CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM.

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DONALD LIAO REAPPOINTED AS EXCO MEMBER

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED MR DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1989, AFTER THE EXPIRY OF HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT ON AUGUST 31 THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

IN ANNOUNCING THIS APPOINTMENT, THE ACTING GOVERNOR PAID TRIBUTE TO MR LIAO'S IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO TWO SALARIES COMMITTEES

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED TWO NEW MEMBERS, MR MARTIN BARROW AND MR VINCENT LO, TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

MR BARROW, 44, IS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF JARDINE MATHESON HOLDINGS LTD. HE CHAIRS THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND SITS ON THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD.

MR LO, 40, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF SHUI ON GROUP. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

BOTH MR BARROW AND MR LO ARE FAMILIAR WITH SENIOR STAFFING MATTERS. THEIR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT ARE BOTH FOR THREE YEARS TO JULY 31, 1991.

THE TWO INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES CONCERNING THE GRADE STRUCTURE, SALARY SCALES, PAY, ALLOWANCES, CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVANTS AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS RESPECTIVELY.

AT PRESENT BOTH COMMITTEES ARE CHAIRED BY MR G. R. ROSS AND HAVE THE SAME MEMBERSHIP.

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MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LINGNAN COLLEGE

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LINGNAN COLLEGE WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE COLLEGE WOULD RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$4.63 MILLION DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND A FURTHER \$10.38 MILLION IN 1989-90.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF EXTENDING THE EXISTING STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO ALL POST-SIXTH-FORM STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE IN 1989-90 AND THEREAFTER.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS ARE ESTIMATED TO AMOUNT TO \$1.06 MILLION AND ADDITIONAL LOANS TO \$0.97 MILLION EACH YEAR.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED A CAPITAL GRANT OF UP TO \$1.1 MILLION IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR TO ENABLE LINGNAN COLLEGE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS ON THE COLLEGE, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT LINGNAN SHOULD BE GIVEN GREATER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

BUT IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE UNDER THE POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE ORDINANCE FOR THE TIME BEING UNTIL A DECISION WAS TAKEN ON ITS LONG TERM ROLE AND STATUS, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ACCEPTED THE COLLEGE'S PROPOSALS THAT ITS SIXTH FORM COURSES SHOULD BE PHASED OUT FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRESENT 2:1 STRUCTURE FOR POST-SIXTH-FORM DIPLOMA COURSES OF THE COLLEGE SHOULD BE MODIFIED SO THAT STUDENTS MAY FOLLOW AN INTEGRATED THREE-YEAR COURSE IN FUTURE.

AT PRESENT, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE IS IN THE FORM OF A CAPITATION GRANT CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FORMULA WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE UNIT COST OF A SIXTH FORM PLACE IN AN AIDED SCHOOL.

THIS GRANT IS HOWEVER NOT APPLICABLE TO FINAL YEAR PLACES OF THE COLLEGE'S POST-SIXTH-FORM COURSES.

WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE AT A REVISED RATE WHICH WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGE.

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FROM SEPTEMBER 1989, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON THE NEW RATE WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE COLLEGE'S FINAL YEAR PLACES.

AS REGARDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS, AT PRESENT YEAR THREE AND YEAR FOUR STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE, ON THE BASIS OF NEED, FOR BOTH GRANTS AND LOANS BUT YEAR FIVE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS ONLY.

WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1989, NEEDY STUDENTS IN THE FINAL YEAR WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS.

ON THE REQUEST OF THE LINGNAN COLLEGE TO BECOME AN INSTITUTION UNDER THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE UPGC WOULD BE INVITED TO ADVISE, HAVING REGARD TO THE PRESENT AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, ON THE ROLE THAT THE COLLEGE SHOULD PLAY AND ON THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLICATIONS OF BRINGING IT UNDER THE UPGC SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AS THESE ISSUES WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND DETAILED CONSULTATION, IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE FIRM CONCLUSIONS COULD BE REACHED.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME OPERATIONAL AT AIRPORT

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PHASE IV OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME COMMENCED TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINT AT THE AIRPORT BECAME OPERATIONAL.

TO MARK THIS OCCASION, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LAURENCE LEUNG; THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, DR C.C. GREENFIELD; AND THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR OF IBM, MR HENRY CHOW, PERFORMED A "PRESS-BUTTON" CEREMONY IN THE COMPUTER ROOM OF THE AIRPORT IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINT THIS AFTERNOON.

A TOTAL OF 10 COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO SERVE THE TERMINALS SET UP AT THE EXISTING 98 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE IMMIGRATION COUNTERS, PROVIDING A MODERNISED SYSTEM TO FACILITATE TRAVELLING THROUGH THE AIRPORT.

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WHEN THE AIRPORT STAGE V EXTENSION PROJECT IS COMPLETED, AN ADDITIONAL 68 IMMIGRATION COUNTERS, ALL EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTER TERMINALS, WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE AT THIS CONTROL POINT.

SPEAKING AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR LAURENCE LEUNG SAID PHASE IV OF THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME AT THE AIRPORT LAID ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE COMPUTERISATION OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL WORK.

"STARTING FROM TODAY, THIS \$7.8 MILLION PROJECT WILL ENABLE HONG KONG RESIDENTS TO USE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE AIRPORT WITHOUT THE NEED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CARDS," HE SAID.

"ADULTS HOLDING HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL FURTHER BENEFIT FROM BEING EXEMPT FROM PRODUCING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR HONG KONG IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION, WHILE HOLDERS OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WITH THE *** SYMBOL WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM CHINA BY AIR WITHOUT HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS."

BUT OF COURSE ALL TRAVELLERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED FOR THEIR DESTINATIONS, HE ADDED.

THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL AT THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND BORDER CONTROL POINTS.

"BY THE TIME THE SCHEME IS EXTENDED TO THE NEW CHINA FERRY TERMINAL BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, ALL IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WILL BE FULLY COMPUTERISED," MR LEUNG SAID.

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DB HOLDS EXHIBITIONS ON DRAFT BASIC LAW

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ORGANISED TWO EXHIBITIONS AND A QUIZ COMPETITION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE DRAFT BASIC LAW.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ONE OF THE EXHIBITIONS AT WORLD WIDE HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU HON-CHUEN, SAID THESE ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED TO INTRODUCE THE DRAFT BASIC LAW TO RESIDENTS IN A MORE INTERESTING MANNER.

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RESIDENTS MUST FIRST KNOW ABOUT THE DRAFT BASIC LAW BEFORE THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS, HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WERE A BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR VINCENT LO HONG-SUI, AND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LIU LIT-FOR.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF WORLD WIDE HOUSE UNTIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 6. ANOTHER EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT CHONG YIP CENTRE, SAI YING PUN, FROM TOMORROW TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 7.

BOTH EXHIBITIONS ARE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM AILY. A VIDEO FILM CONCERNING THE BASIC LAW WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE DRAFT BASIC LAW QUIZ COMPETITION CAN OBTAIN QUESTIONNAIRES AT THE EXHIBITION VENUES. PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DRAFT BASIC LAW BASING ON INFORMATION OBTAINED AT THE EXHIBITIONS. THEY MAY RECEIVE BALLPENS AS PRIZES.

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USE OF DB LOGO ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE USE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S LOGO WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF ITS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE MEETING WILL CONSIDER LAYING DOWN VETTING PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF THE LOGO, AND DETAILS OF PENALTY AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED USE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO A LIST OF CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE LAST TERM DISTRICT BOARD, AND CONSIDER WHETHER THESE CHANGES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE PRESENT TERM.

IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, AND DETAILS OF THE BOARD'S PLANNED STUDY TOUR OVERSEAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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\$100,000 DONATION TO DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE PROGRAMMES
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RECEIVED DONATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE AS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A CENTRALISED JOINT YOUTH AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN NOVEMBER.

UNDER THIS PROGRAMME, ABOUT 850 DISABLED PERSONS, PROBATIONERS AND YOUTHS WILL BE CAMPING OUT AT THE CHINESE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE IN SHA TIN TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF "INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY".

THE MONEY WILL ALSO BE USED FOR OUTREACHING PROGRAMMES FOR STREET SLEEPERS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

IT WILL ALSO GO TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE WHERE RESIDENTIAL CARE IS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT YEARS OLD WHO ARE FOUND ABANDONED OR ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

THE CHEQUE WAS RECEIVED FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE, MR SO KAM-MING, BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR KWOK KA-CHI.

MR KWOK PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION AND EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT IN WELFARE SERVICES.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 31.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 186.705 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 431.496 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 73.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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DEADLINE FOR ANTI-DRUG DRAMA COMPETITION ENTRIES EXTENDED

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE ANTI-PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE DRAMA COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES, HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM AUGUST 13 TO AUGUST 31, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE DECISION WAS TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES ON THE DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION. MANY PEOPLE ALSO ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO PREPARE THEIR PRESENTATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE PERILS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE AND ENLISTING THEIR SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: STUDENTS (ALL FORMS ONE TO SEVEN STUDENTS) AND OPEN (GROUPS OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL COMPANIES).

ENTRIES TO THE CONTEST SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED OR STAGED. THE DRAMA, TO BE PERFORMED IN CANTONESE BY A CAST OF AT MOST 10 PEOPLE, SHOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN 15 MINUTES.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES AT FLAT C, 15TH FLOOR, 272 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE TWO PRIZES FOR EACH SECTION. WINNERS OF THE GRAND PRIZE AND OF THE SPECIAL PRIZE WILL EACH BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND A CASH CHEQUE OF \$1,500 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY.

TO TIE IN WITH THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER THIS YEAR, THE FINALS OF THE COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 22 AT THE LOKE YEW HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

ENTRY FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SING TAO CENTRES.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-438913.

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NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN JUNK BAY

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ROAD AND SITE FORMATION WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN JUNK BAY AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES OF ROADS AND THE FORMATION OF ONE HECTARE OF LAND.

THE ROAD WORKS WILL INCLUDE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AT THE HEAD OF BAY RECLAMATION TO FOUR LANES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS TO SERVE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING YAN MING COURT AND KING LAM ESTATE.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS AND SITE FORMATION WORK FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES NEAR THE HOUSING ESTATES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 2.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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SECTIONS OF SHA TIN ROAD, TAI PO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE FAST LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL BE CLOSED.

THE SOUTHBOUND SLOW LANES OF SHA TIN ROAD FROM CITY ONE SHATIN TO PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND FROM FO TAN NULLAH TO CITY ONE SHATIN WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING ON AUGUST 9 AND AUGUST 16 RESPECTIVELY.

ON TOLO HIGHWAY, THE SOUTHBOUND FAST LANE BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE AND FO TAN NULLAH WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON AUGUST 22 TO 8 PM ON AUGUST 24. FROM 8 AM ON AUGUST 30 TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY, ITS SOUTHBOUND FAST LANE NEAR MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND FAST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN FO TAN NULLAH AND HO TUNG LAU WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 5.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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DISRUPTIONS TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 4) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DUE TO WATER WORKS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHA TIN PASS ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, SHEUNG TAK STREET, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND TAI SHING STREET.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY WATER WORKS.

ALL PREMISES BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND M.S. 11-AND-A-HALF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 4) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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