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INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINING SCHEME BEING CONSIDERED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW TRAINING SCHEME TO HELP TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS AND TEACHERS TO ACQUIRE, ABSORB AND ADAPT TO LOCAL USE THE TECHNOLOGIES THE PRIVATE SECTOR WANTS, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE ORGANISATION.

MR YEUNG SAID THE NEW TRAINING SCHEME WAS LIKELY TO EMERGE AS A LARGE, MORE FULL-BLOODED VERSION OF AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT LAUNCHED TWO YEARS AGO.

HE SAID IN A COMMUNITY SUCH AS HONG KONG - WELL KNOWN FOR ITS RESILIENCE, SPEED OF ADAPTION TO CHANGE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - THERE NEVER WAS ANY ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY.

"WE SHARE WITH THE OTHER ASIAN NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES NOT ONLY THE HONOUR BUT ALSO THE BURDEN OF BEING A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY.

"IN ORDER TO SURVIVE WE HAVE TO TRADE SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND TO BE ABLE TO TRADE SUCCESSFULLY OUR ECONOMY MUST REMAIN HIGHLY COMPETITIVE.

"SO WE MUST THINK HARD AND OFTEN ABOUT THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY ARE MOVING, AND EXAMINE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR TRAINING SERVICES," MR YEUNG SAID.

WHILE DEMAND FOR MANUALLY SKILLED OPERATIVES WAS LIKELY TO REMAIN STABLE OR EVEN TO DECLINE AS MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE OPERATIONS MOVE INTO SOUTH CHINA, DEMAND FOR TECHNICIANS, TECHNOLOGISTS AND THEIR SERVICE-SECTOR EQUIVALENTS WAS LIKELY TO RISE, HE POINTED OUT.

THESE SHIFTS WERE POINTING CLEARLY TO THE CREATION OF MORE KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE, MORE TECHNOLOGY-BASED EMPLOYMENT, MR YEUNG ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN A DEMAND-LED VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT LITTLE IF ANYTHING WAS BEING DONE TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS IN THOSE GROUPS OF DISCIPLINES THAT WERE PERCEIVED TO BE CRITICAL TO THE COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR INDUSTRIES BUT WHICH WERE NOT YET EXTENSIVELY PRACTISED.

"THE SORT OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT I THINK WE MUST SEEK TO LEARN AND ADAPT TO LOCAL USE ARE THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH MECHANISATION, THE INTEGRATION OF AUTOMATED DESIGN AND PRODUCTION, THE NETWORKING OF COMPUTERISED SYSTEMS AND THE TECHNOLOGIES OF PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT, SUSTAINED QUALITY AND VALUE CREATION," HE SAID.

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CONCERNING THE KIND OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD BEST ENABLE HONG KONG'S MANPOWER TO ABSORB AND ADAPT THESE TECHNOLOGIES, MR YEUNG SAID THERE WERE MANY WHO WOULD LIKE THE GOVERNMENT TO EMULATE THE TERRITORY'S ASIAN NEIGHBOURS BY CREATING AT GREAT EXPENSE A SERIES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENTS.

"I DO NOT THINK THERE IS AN 'IDEAL' REGIONAL MODEL," HE STRESSED.

IN SEEKING A FORM OF TRAINING THAT WOULD WORK IN HONG KONG, WE MUST HAVE REGARD TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS, MR YEUNG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES SET SOMEWHAT SHORT-TERM HORIZONS IN THEIR APPROACH TOWARDS INVESTMENT, THEY WERE MORE CAPABLE THAN THE GOVERNMENT COULD EVER BE IN MAKING INVESTMENT DECISIONS, INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF THE SPECIFIC KINDS OF TECHNOLOGY THEY WISHED TO MASTER.

PRECISELY BECAUSE MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES WERE SMALL THEY TENDED TO LACK THE CAPABILITY FOR SUSTAINED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, THUS REQUIRING HELP IN FINDING SOURCES OF BENEFICIAL AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, HE SAID.

WE WERE ALSO CONCERNED WITH TECHNOLOGIES THAT WERE NOT YET BEING EXTENSIVELY APPLIED IN HONG KONG BUT WERE BEING USED SUCCESSFULLY ELSEWHERE, MR YEUNG ADDED.

"TAKING THESE THREE BASIC CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A TRAINING SCHEME THAT WOULD WORK IN HONG KONG WOULD NEED TO BE CREATED OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRAINING AUTHORITIES' TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION COURSES," HE SAID.

"GIVEN THAT MANY OF THE TECHNOLOGIES WE ARE CONSIDERING ARE NOT YET BEING APPLIED EXTENSIVELY WITHIN HONG KONG, WE MUST TURN TO THE PRIVATE SECTORS OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ARE APPLYING THEM, AND SEEK TO ARRANGE TRAINING ATTACHMENTS FOR OUR TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS.

"GIVEN, ALSO, THAT MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE SMALL, SOME DEGREE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE COST OF HAVING THEIR MANAGERS SENT AND ATTACHED ABROAD WOULD HELP TO STIMULATE INTEREST," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG NOTED THAT IN SHORT, IT SEEMED THAT THE INGREDIENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SCHEME IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES WERE, FIRST, A SUITABLE PLACEMENT AGENCY TO DEVELOP A NETWORK OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SUPPORTED, SECONDLY, BY THE RESOURCES OF TRAINING FUND.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE BACKGROUND, THE GOVERNMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC), RAN AN EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME TWO YEARS AGO.

UNDER THE SCHEME, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE LEADING SEMICONDUCTOR MULTINATIONALS TRAINING IN THE DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF CUSTOMISED CHIPS FOR SOME 40 ENGINEERS.

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"TO DATE, OF THE 22 WHO HAVE RETURNED (THE OTHERS ARE STILL UNDERGOING TRAINING), 21 HAVE REJOINED THEIR PARENT COMPANIES," HE SAID.

AS A RESULT, INVESTMENT IN DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF CUSTOMISED CHIPS HAD GROWN SUBSTANTIALLY AND THE MOST NOTABLE CASE BEING THE SETTING UP OF A BILLION DOLLAR DESIGN AND PRODUCTION PLANT IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MR YEUNG SAID THE PARTIES CONCERNED WERE EXPLORING DETAILS WITH THE VTC AND HE HOPED THAT A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE NEW TRAINING SCHEME WOULD SOON BE ANNOUNCED.

"IT IS THROUGH HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THIS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT, THAT A SOCIETY CREATES A HEALTHY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL 'CULTURE'.

"THAT 'CULTURE' IN TURN INFLUENCES BOTH INVESTMENT AND EDUCATION," MR YEUNG SAID.

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NEW INVESTMENT GIVES CAUSE FOR CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM IN INDUSTRY

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WHILE SENTIMENTS HAVE BECOME MORE CAUTIOUS THAN BEFORE, HONG KONG HAS WITNESSED A NUMBER OF NEW INVESTMENT DECISIONS MADE AFTER THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL'S MBA PROGRAMME, MR LEUNG SAID THESE INCLUDED SEVERAL NEW MANUFACTURING INVESTMENTS BY OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND THE DECISIONS BY TWO UNITED STATES COMPANIES TO RELOCATE THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE TWO UNITED STATES COMPANIES WERE HAYES MICROCOMPUTERS, MOVING TO HERE FROM SINGAPORE, AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, BEING RELOCATED FROM SHANGHAI.

THE NEW MANUFACTURING INVESTMENTS WERE MADE BY DAIWA STEEL (JAPAN), NEC (JAPAN), DAIDO CONCRETE (JAPAN), MULTIFORM (AUSTRALIA), 3M (USA) AND LAMDA MAGNETICS LTD (JAPAN/HONG KONG JOINT VENTURE), TOTALLING OVER US\$28 MILLION.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO BE DEFINITE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA ON HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES, SEVERAL APPARENT CONTRASTS HAD SO FAR EMERGED.

"FIRST, IN CHINA, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE IMPACT HAS BEEN FAR LESS IN THE SOUTH THAN IN THE NORTH," HE SAID.

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"THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION SUFFERED ONLY ISOLATED AND MINOR TRANSPORT AND OTHER DISRUPTIONS. ALL MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES THERE HAVE NOW VIRTUALLY RETURNED TO NORMAL."

MR LEUNG SAID THE SECOND CONTRAST WAS BETWEEN EXISTING BUSINESS AND NEW INVESTMENT PLANS. "WHILE MOST OF THE EXISTING OPERATIONS IN CHINA ARE BEING MAINTAINED, MAJOR NEW INVESTMENT PROPOSITIONS ARE BEING EVALUATED WITH MUCH GREATER CAUTION," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE THIRD CONTRAST WAS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND OTHER OVERSEAS INVESTORS. "GENERALLY, THEY (THE JAPANESE) ARE ABLE TO ADOPT A MORE RELAXED AND LONGER-TERM APPROACH," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE GROUNDS FOR HONG KONG'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM LAY IN ITS LONG TERM ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS.

FIRST OF ALL, HE SAID, HONG KONG HAD BEEN AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE.

"DURING THE PAST DECADE, OUR GDP HAS BEEN GROWING AT THE AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 8.4 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS. OUR PER CAPITA GDP IS NOW SECOND IN ASIA ONLY TO JAPAN.

"WE ARE NOW THE WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST EXPORTER OF GOODS AND THE 12TH LARGEST IMPORTER. THUS, WE HAVE BECOME A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM," HE SAID.

SECONDLY, MR LEUNG SAID, UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION HONG KONG HAD BECOME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT AND A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

HE SAID HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY INTERNATIONAL BODIES IN ITS OWN RIGHT BEYOND 1997.

MR LEUNG SAID THE THIRD FUNDAMENTAL WAS THAT HONG KONG HAD AN EXCELLENT BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING ITS ENTERPRISING ENTREPRENEURS, ITS HARD-WORKING LABOUR FORCE, ITS FREE ECONOMY, ITS WORLD-RENOWNED CONTAINER PORT, AIRPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

"THIS INFRASTRUCTURE WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXPANDED, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY OPENED KWUN TONG-QUARRY BAY MASS TRANSIT EXTENSION, THE SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, A PROPOSED THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AND A PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT," HE SAID.

FOURTHLY, HE SAID, AFTER RECENT EVENTS, CHINA HAD REPEATEDLY REAFFIRMED ITS "OPEN DOOR" POLICY.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE POLICY'S INCEPTION IN 1978, CHINA'S ECONOMY HAD ENJOYED AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 9.9 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS AND IT HAD BECOME THE WORLD'S EIGHTH LARGEST INDUSTRIAL PRODUCER.

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"MUCH OF THIS SUCCESS HAS BEEN SPEARHEADED BY GUANGDONG, ACCOUNTING FOR 40 PER CENT OF TOTAL REALISED FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA.

"IN TURN, GUANGDONG DEPENDS ON HONG KONG FOR 70 PER CENT OF ITS FOREIGN CAPITAL, FOR MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE AND FOR THE SUPPLY OF PARTS, COMPONENTS AND PROCESSED MATERIALS," HE SAID.

FIFTHLY, MR LEUNG SAID, HONG KONG HAD PROVED TO BE HIGHLY RESILIENT, EMERGING STRONGER THAN BEFORE THROUGH RECESSIONS AND THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN CHINA.

HE SAID ALREADY THERE WERE SIGNS THAT BUSINESS CONFIDENCE WAS RETURNING IN HONG KONG.

"THIS IS EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT US\$0.3 BILLION PURCHASE OF THE GARDEN ROAD SITE; THE US\$1.3 BILLION SYNDICATED LOAN FOR HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL CONTAINER CARGO HANDLING EXPANSION; THE US\$0.5 BILLION INVESTMENT IN NEW CABLE TV NETWORK BY HONG KONG CABLE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED INVOLVING US WEST AND CODITEL SA (BELGIUM) IN ADDITION TO LOCAL PARTNERS; AND A TENTATIVE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SYSTEM TO HONG KONG ISLAND AT A COST OF US\$0.8 BILLION," HE SAID.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE PROSPECTS IN THE 1990'S, MR LEUNG SAID A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS WERE IN THE OFFING.

"FIRST," HE SAID, "PROVIDED THE COST AND OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS CONTINUE TO BE REALISED, SOUTH CHINA, PARTICULARLY GUANGDONG, WILL REMAIN ATTRACTIVE TO INVESTORS IN THE MORE LABOUR INTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, SUCH DEVELOPMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL MANUFACTURING AND SUPPORT CENTRE."

SECONDLY, HE ADDED, HONG KONG WAS GATHERING PACE IN MOVING TOWARDS HIGHER VALUE-ADDED AND MORE KNOWLEDGE AND CAPITAL INTENSIVE PROCESSES.

"THIS IS ALREADY EVIDENT FROM THE GROWTH OF THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG WHICH CONVERT RAW MATERIALS INTO SEMI-MANUFACTURES, PRECISION PARTS, COMPONENTS AND INTERMEDIATES," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT WAS THAT TECHNOLOGY WAS LIKELY TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG.

"ALONG WITH OTHER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS, HONG KONG'S TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS BEING CONSIDERABLY REINFORCED," HE SAID.

FOURTHLY, HE SAID, HONG KONG WAS EXPANDING ITS TRADE AND PRODUCTION LINKS WITH FAST-GROWING ASIAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN, TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

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"OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH THESE COUNTRIES HAS GROWN AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 35.5 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. THESE MARKETS NOW REPRESENT 21.3 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE," HE SAID.

"OUR STATUS AS A REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED," HE ADDED.

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STANDING COMMITTEE VISITS IMMIGRATION DEPT

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY ARE MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, MRS NELLIE FONG, MR BRIAN RENWICK AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG.

THE VISITORS WERE RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR H.C. YEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (VIETNAMESE REFUGEES), MR W.Y. CHAN, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY VISITED HEI LING CHAU DETENTION CENTRE AND SAW THE SCREENING OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

THE PARTY ALSO WENT TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND SAW THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF NEWLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS THE SECOND OF THE THREE FAMILIARISATION TOURS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

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SPECIAL DB MEETING TO STUDY TRANSPORT GREEN PAPER

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO STUDY THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG.

THE PAPER IS THE BASIS ON WHICH VIEWS ARE SOUGHT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG TERM TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR THE TERRITORY.

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OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE GREEN PAPER AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE IMPROVEMENTS TO MID-LEVELS CORRIDOR

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MID-LEVELS EAST WEST ROAD CORRIDOR AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PAPER ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN WESTERN AND DISCUSS AN ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON THE DISTRICT'S PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS.

A MEMBER WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AT THE TERMINUS OF BUS ROUTE 91 IN CENTRE STREET, SAI YING PUN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS HAWKER QUESTIONS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A WRITTEN QUESTION CONCERNING THE INCREASE IN HAWKER LICENCE FEES AND THE REGISTRATION OF HAWKERS' ASSISTANTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE A QUESTION ABOUT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT LUARD ROAD, AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE A CLEAN FOOTBRIDGE CAMPAIGN AND THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN YOUTH RALLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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MEDICAL SERVICES IN NORTH DISTRICT ON AGENDA

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A SURVEY REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON COMMENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE MADE ON THE REPORT.

A REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A BRIEFING ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICE, AND AN APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR ORGANISING THE "CONCERN FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN".

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WELFARE SERVICES
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EASTERN/WAN CHAI), MR LAM HARK-CHEE, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THESE SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY, FAMILY SERVICES, MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES, SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AS WELL AS REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY SERVICES.

ALSO MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF DETAILS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FINANCE
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ITS REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1989-90.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$47,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR PRINTING A REPORT AND A BOOKLET ON THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DRAFT OF ANOTHER BOOKLET ON THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' COMMENT.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION BY THE DISTRICT BOARD THIS YEAR.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE AND COMMITMENT AS AT AUGUST 15 OF THE BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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A 17-PART RADIO PROGRAMME ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD WILL BE BROADCAST ON RADIO 1 OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG FROM WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

THE PROGRAMME, ENTITLED "WHAT A NICE DAY", WILL BE AIRED BETWEEN NOON AND 12.30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 27.

THE 30-MINUTE PROGRAMME COMPRISES A DRAMA ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, INTERVIEWS WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS AND CASE STUDIES PRESENTED BY THEM, A PHONE-IN QUIZ AND QUIZZES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS IN RELATION TO A HARMONIOUS FAMILY.

ANOTHER 10-MINUTE RADIO PROGRAMME ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 1 OF COMMERCIAL RADIO FROM OCTOBER 6 (FRIDAY). IT WILL BE A 10-PART SERIES AND WILL BE BROADCAST EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 8.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TWO RADIO PROGRAMMES, COSTING \$100,000 ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO BE HELD IN SHUN TAK CENTRE IN SHEUNG WAN AT THE END OF OCTOBER; AND A CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON DECEMBER 9 IN CONJUNCTION WITH RTHK.

ALSO, A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD WILL BE ORGANISED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED WELFARE AGENCIES.

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(1) WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 63.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 373.980 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 262.199 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS
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A TOTAL OF 20 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED DURING A TERRITORY-WIDE BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS HELD LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

"BILLS AND POSTERS ARE OFTEN DISPLAYED ILLEGALLY AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PLACES DURING WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND AFTER OFFICE HOURS, AFFECTING THE OVERALL TIDINESS AND CLEANLINESS OF THE CITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION, BLITZ OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

"WE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY ADVERTISING COMPANIES, WOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE IN HANDLING THEIR OUTDOOR PUBLICITY POSTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ANY PERSON WHO DISPLAYS BILLS AND POSTERS IN PRIVATE PLACES WITHOUT THE OWNERS' CONSENT OR AT PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT AUTHORISATION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000," HE ADDED.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TUEN MUN TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE AT FLAT 3, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK F6, PEARL ISLAND BUNGALOWS, IN TUEN MUN, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON DECEMBER 19 LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 2 HAS ALREADY BEEN POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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WATER CUTS IN FIVE DISTRICTS
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HA KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AREAS INCLUDING CHO YIU ESTATE, LAI YIU ESTATE, LAI KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, WONDERLAND VILLAS, WAH YUEN CHUEN AND PREMISES ALONG WAH KING HILL ROAD.

ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6), SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICTS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON EAST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, NGAU CHI WAN, PING SHEK, CHOI HUNG, KWUN TONG ROAD, FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO CHOI WAN ROAD, KAI YIP ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, FUNG SHING STREET, PING TING ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

ALSO, ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ANCHOR STREET, LIME STREET, FUK TSUN STREET, ELM STREET, BEECH STREET, OAK STREET, TIT SHU STREET, IVY STREET, PALM STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND PINE STREET.

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ROAD CLOSURE, PARKING METERS TO OPERATE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CHUK YUEN ROAD TO LION ROCK PARK ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FOR 10 DAYS TO FACILITATE URGENT ROAD REINSTATEMENT WORKS.

DURING THIS CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON CHUK YUEN ROAD HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHUK YUEN ROAD, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET ROUNDABOUT AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM TIN MA COURT TOWARDS LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHUK YUEN ROAD EASTBOUND, MA CHAI HANG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET ROUNDABOUT AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

IN TUEN MUN, THE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS INSTALLED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT THE SIX PARKING SPACES IN TSING HOI CIRCUIT SECTION EAST OF TSING SIN STREET, WILL OPERATE FROM 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

THESE PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE DAILY, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM. THE PARKING FEE WILL BE \$1 PER 30 MINUTES.

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