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PAID SICK LEAVE LAW EFFECTIVE TUESDAY

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THE LAW INCREASING THE RATE OF PAID SICK LEAVE COMES INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1), ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE LAW, KNOWN AS THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1983, APPLIES TO ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND ALSO TO NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$8 500 A MONTH.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO SICKNESS ALLOWANCE AT AN IMPROVED RATE OF TWO DAYS PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EACH MONTH OF SERVICE DURING THE FIRST 12 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT AND FOUR DAYS FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PAID SICKNESS DAYS:

THE FIRST TYPE IS MADE UP OF PAID SICK LEAVE ACCUMULATED UP TO 36 DAYS, WHICH MAY BE TAKEN BY PRODUCING A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY ANY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER,

THE SECOND TYPE IS MADE UP OF LEAVE IN EXCESS OF 36 DAYS AND MAY BE ACCUMULATED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 84 DAYS.

WHEN THE FIRST TYPE OF PAID SICKNESS DAYS IS EXHAUSTED AND THE EMPLOYEE HAS TO TAKE THE SECOND TYPE OF PAID SICKNESS DAYS, THE EMPLOYER MAY REQUIRE HIM TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A HOSPITAL DOCTOR.

AN EMPLOYER IS NOT ALLOWED TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE DURING SICK LEAVE UNLESS HE PAYS HIM WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, THE FULL SICKNESS ALLOWANCE TO WHICH HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED AND AN ADDITIONAL SUM EQUAL TO SEVEN DAYS' WAGES.

THE ORDINANCE, HE ADDED, ALSO REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO RECORD THE PAID SICKNESS DAYS ACCUMULATED AND TAKEN AS WELL AS ALLOWANCE PAID TO EACH EMPLOYEE. A SPECIMEN FORM FOR RECORD-KEEPING HAS BEEN POSTED UP IN ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

A GUIDE TO THE SICKNESS BENEFITS PROVISIONS IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE IN THOSE OFFICES AND THE TWO REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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\$50-MILLION TUEN MUN CONTRACT SIGNED
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A \$50-MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO TOBISHIMA CORPORATION FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR YU KWOK-LEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, INCLUDING AN INTERCHANGE, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES TO LINK TUEN MUN ROAD WITH A NEW RIVER BRIDGE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

UPON COMPLETION, THE NEW SECTION, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, WILL PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM TUEN MUN ROAD TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUTTERFLY AND WUKING ESTATES.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN A LEGAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

FROM TODAY OCTOBER 28, 1983, THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 12 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 10.2 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$1.00 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

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

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER TODAY (OCTOBER 28, 1983).

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1983 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS :-

8.4% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 27TH OCTOBER 1979 AND BEFORE 11TH APRIL 1980;

10.5% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER 11TH APRIL 1980 AND BEFORE 30TH MAY 1980;

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- 9% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
30TH MAY 1980 AND BEFORE 27TH JUNE 1980;
- 7.2% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
27TH JUNE 1980 AND BEFORE 30TH JULY 1980;
- 6.24% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
30TH JULY 1980 AND BEFORE 16TH OCTOBER 1980;
- 8.16% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
16TH OCTOBER 1980 AND BEFORE 21ST NOVEMBER 1980;
- 9.84% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
21ST NOVEMBER 1980 AND BEFORE 31ST JULY 1981;
- 13.2% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
31ST JULY 1981 AND BEFORE 16TH OCTOBER 1981;
- 14.4% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
16TH OCTOBER 1981 AND BEFORE 4TH DECEMBER 1981;
- 12% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
4TH DECEMBER 1981 AND BEFORE 4TH JUNE 1982;
- 10.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
4TH JUNE 1982 AND BEFORE 27TH AUGUST 1982;
- 9% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
27TH AUGUST 1982 AND BEFORE 3RD DECEMBER 1982;
- 7.8% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
3RD DECEMBER 1982 AND BEFORE 27TH MAY 1983; AND
- 10.2% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER
27TH MAY 1983 AND BEFORE 28TH OCTOBER 1983

BUT 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 28TH OCTOBER 1983,
28TH NOVEMBER 1983 AND 28TH DECEMBER 1983
RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON
28TH JANUARY 1984 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED
AS FOLLOWS :-

ON \$1 000, 28TH OCTOBER 1983 TO 28TH JANUARY 1984,
3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$10 PER MONTH - \$30

ON \$1 000, 28TH NOVEMBER 1983 TO 28TH JANUARY 1984,
2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$10 PER MONTH - \$20

ON \$1 000 28TH DECEMBER 1983 TO 28TH JANUARY 1984,
1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$10 PER MONTH - \$10

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INJURED FIREMEN PRAISED
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DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON, ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND ROY WHEATLEY, AND SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF KOWLOON EAST PAUL CHAN HOI TODAY VISITED FIREMEN AND OFFICERS INJURED WHILE FIGHTING A FIRE AT A SQUATTER AREA IN ON LOK TSUEN, KWUN TONG, THIS MORNING.

ALSO VISITING THE INJURED MEN WERE DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWUN TONG, MR KEVIN MAK AND SEVERAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THEY PRAISED THE FIREMEN FOR THEIR FIRE-FIGHTING EFFORTS UNDER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT AT 3 AM AND WAS PUT OUT ABOUT AN HOUR LATER.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BEING INVESTIGATED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

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UNION MEMBERS ELECTED TO LABOUR BOARD
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THREE EMPLOYEES' UNION MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AS EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1984.

THEY ARE MR SZETO WAH OF HONG KONG PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' UNION, MR POON CHI-CHING OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON LITHOGRAPHIC WORKERS UNION AND MR WONG WAI-HUNG OF ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT LAND AND ENGINEERING SURVEYING OFFICERS.

THE ELECTION, HELD BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, KOWLOON, WAS SUPERVISED BY OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY HIM, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER AS CHAIRMAN.

THREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS AND THE OTHER THREE ARE DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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PRISONERS NEED VISITORS - GARNER

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PRISONERS WITH NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS TO VISIT THEM HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IN PRISON, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

PRISONERS NEED FRIENDLY CONTACT FROM OUTSIDE THE PRISON AS SUCH ASSOCIATION KEEPS THEM IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATES SOCIETY'S INTEREST IN HELPING THEM BECOME BETTER PERSONS, MR GARNER SAID.

+NOT EVERYONE WILL AGREE WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD OF CORRECTIONS WE KNOW IT TO BE IMPORTANT,+ HE ADDED.

MR GARNER, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE PRISONERS FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION, WAS ADDRESSING THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN WAN CHAI.

BY MEETING VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE, A PRISONER WILL SERVE HIS SENTENCE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUTSIDE WHO CARE FOR HIM AND HIS FUTURE, HE SAID.

MR GARNER ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR MICHAEL TAYLOR FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASSOCIATION OVER THE PAST YEARS.

MR TAYLOR WILL BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AFTER MORE THAN 16 YEARS IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE MEETING, MR TAYLOR COMMENDED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ITS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ASSOCIATION AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE PARTICULARLY TO MR GARNER.

+IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WE CAME TO EXIST AS A GROUP IN THE FIRST PLACE,+ HE SAID.

THE ASSOCIATION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE +ASSOCIATION OF PRISON VISITORS+, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1980.

ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT BETWEEN PRISONERS AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE. MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION PAY REGULAR VISITS TO PRISONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF FRIENDSHIP, THEREBY HELPING THEM ADJUST IN PRISON AND LATER TO NORMAL LIFE IN SOCIETY AFTER DISCHARGE.

MR TAYLOR APPEALED PARTICULARLY TO MATURE CANTONESE-SPEAKING MEN OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

APPLICANTS MAY WRITE TO THE ASSOCIATION C/O GUARDIAN HOUSE 11TH FLOOR, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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FIRST TEACHERS TO GET RSA DIPLOMAS

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EIGHTEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAVE TODAY BECOME THE FIRST GROUP IN HONG KONG TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA FOR OVERSEAS TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AWARDED BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS (RSA).

ALL OF THESE TEACHERS ARE FORMER COURSE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A CEREMONY WAS HELD TODAY AT THE ILE, DURING WHICH THE TEACHERS WERE PRESENTED WITH THE DIPLOMAS BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR HAYE SAID THE DIPLOMA WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED TEACHING DIPLOMA WHICH WAS RAPIDLY GAINING MORE STATUS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

MANY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING INSTITUTIONS NOW DEMANDED THE DIPLOMA AS A PREREQUISITE FOR EMPLOYMENT, HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO SIT FOR THE DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, TEACHERS MUST FOLLOW A COURSE WHICH HAS TO BE RECOGNISED AND VALIDATED BY RSA.

MR HAYE SAID THE ILE COURSE WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY AN RSA ASSESSOR SOON AFTER IT STARTED LAST YEAR, AND SO ILE BECAME THE FIRST INSTITUTION IN HONG KONG TO OFFER THE RSA'S OVERSEAS TEACHERS' COURSE.

HE SAID IT WAS VERY RARE FOR 100 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES TO PASS ANY EXAMINATION, BUT IT HAPPENED TO THE 18 TEACHERS THIS TIME.

ONE TEACHER WAS AWARDED A DISTINCTION IN THE PRACTICAL TEST AND ONE A DISTINCTION IN THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION, HE SAID.

HE PRAISED THE TEACHERS FOR THE REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE AND THEIR HARD WORK IN PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION, AND COMMENDED TUTORS AT THE ILE FOR ASSISTING THE CANDIDATES.

TURNING BACK TO THE ILE, MR HAYE SAID SINCE ITS INCEPTION, 100 TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAD COMPLETED THEIR REFRESHER COURSE AND WERE NOW BACK IN THEIR SCHOOLS TEACHING IN ENGLISH AND HELPING CHILDREN TO COMMUNICATE REAL MEANINGS IN THE LANGUAGE BY TEACHING ITS SOUNDS, WORDS AND GRAMMAR THROUGH CONTEXTUALISED AND MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES, TASKS AND GAMES.

+IT IS VERY EXCITING TO REALISE THAT BY THE END OF THIS COURSE THE NUMBER OF THESE 'REFORMERS' WILL BE DOUBLED TO 200 AND BY THE SUMMER IT WILL BE TRIPLED TO 300,+ HE NOTED.

MR HAYE ADDED THAT REPORTS FROM ILE TUTORS WHO OBSERVED PAST COURSE MEMBERS' PERFORMANCE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS DURING FOLLOW-UP VISITS SHOWED AN ENORMOUS IMPROVEMENT IN TEACHING STANDARDS.

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+THOSE TEACHERS' LESSONS ARE NOW VERY LIVELY AND THE PUPILS ENJOY ENGLISH FAR MORE THAN BEFORE,+ HE SAID.

DURING TODAY'S CEREMONY MR HAYE ALSO INTRODUCED TO THE GATHERING THE NEW HEAD OF THE ILE, DR VERNER BICKLEY.

AN INTERNATIONALLY-RENOWNED LINGUIST, DR BICKLEY IS THE FORMER HEAD OF THE EAST-WEST CENTRE'S CULTURE LEARNING INSTITUTE AT HONOLULU.

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DISABLED YOUTHS GET SKILLS CERTIFICATES * * * * *

NINE DISABLED YOUNG PERSONS HAVE OBTAINED SKILLS CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE, WHICH SERVE AS A RECOGNITION OF THEIR ATTAINMENT IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

THEY HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR SYSTEMATIC SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME AT THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED AND HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A TEST SET AT INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS.

+THE SUCCESS OF GRADUATES HAS PROVED BEYOND DOUBT THAT, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, MANY DISABLED PERSONS CAN OBTAIN AN EMPLOYABLE SKILL,+ MR MORRIS MORGAN, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, SAID AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATES TODAY.

TWENTY TRAINEES ENROLLED IN THE PART-TIME EVENING TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON ELECTRONICS, CLOTHING AND BASIC COPYTYPING HAD TAKEN A TEST. NINE TRAINEES PASSED IN CLOTHING AND BASIC COPY-TYPING.

THE TEST PAPERS WERE PRESENTED TO THE RELEVANT INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARDS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL FOR COMMENTS AND WERE MARKED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS SKILLED IN THE SUBJECTS.

EACH GRADUATE HAD TO ATTEND AN INTENSIVE COURSE ON PRACTICAL SKILL AND THEORY.

+A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IS A PROOF THAT THE DISABLED HOLDER POSSESSES A SKILL WHICH IS COMPETITIVE ALONGSIDE THAT OF HIS ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPART IN THE SEARCH FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY OR COMMERCE,+ MR MORGAN SAID.

EMPLOYERS' CONFIDENCE ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS WILL BE STRENGTHENED AS WELL, HE ADDED.

THIS MILESTONE IN THE CERTIFICATION FOR DISABLED TRAINEES WILL ENHANCE AND EXTEND THEIR EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS.

EXAMINATION FOR TRAINEES ENROLLED IN FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSES WILL BE ARRANGED IN NEXT SUMMER.

THERE ARE ABOUT 250 TRAINEES AT THE CENTRE RECEIVING VARIOUS LEVELS OF FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME TRAINING IN CLOTHING, BUSINESS PRACTICE, ELECTRICAL WORK, ELECTRONICS, FABRICATION, ETC.

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EASTERN DB PRAISED FOR WORK

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THE RAMIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL REPRESENT A CHALLENGE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADVISING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE ANSWERING THE DEMANDS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WHEN EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MET TODAY.

+THERE HAVE BEEN LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AS IS MANIFESTED IN THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE, AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAI WAN,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WAS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEED OF THE SOCIETY AND, IN RECENT YEARS, THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAD EXPERIENCED RAPID CHANGES.

HE SAID FROM THE BOARD'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS REPUTATION AND GIVE THE GOVERNMENT ITS CONTINUED WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT, NOT ONLY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUT ALSO FOR THE WHOLE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

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STREET ALTERATIONS FOR MTR ISLAND LINE

A NUMBER OF STREET ALTERATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN QUARRY BAY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN M.T.R. ENTRANCE AND A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS KING'S ROAD FOR THE QUARRY BAY STATION.

THE ENTRANCE AND FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT TO CONNECT THE SITE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY NOS. 959-961 KING'S ROAD WITH THE STATION'S EAST CONCOURSE.

THE DATE FOR THE STREET ALTERATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

IN EACH CASE, ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AND TRAFFIC SIGNS ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. SUITABLE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION STAGE, THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE SECTION OF KING'S ROAD INVOLVED PLUS THEIR ADJACENT FOOTPATHS WILL BE TEMPORARILY REDUCED IN WIDTH.

ON THE SECTION OF FINNIE STREET BETWEEN HOI HONG STREET AND KING'S ROAD, THE NORTHERN FOOTPATH AND THE WESTERN FOOTPATH SOUTH OF NO. 5 FINNIE STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

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AT THE SAME TIME, A TEMPORARY FOOTPATH OF A MINIMUM WIDTH OF TWO METRES WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF NO. 957 KING'S ROAD AND NOS. 3-5 FINNIE STREET.

AFTER THE M.T.R. ENTRANCE AND FOOTBRIDGE IS COMPLETED, PERMANENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

UNDER THE ALTERATION SCHEME, THE SECTION OF THE WESTERN FOOTPATH OF KING'S ROAD IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE WIDENED AND THE EASTERN FOOTWAY OF KING'S ROAD ADJACENT TO THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF NO. 957 KING'S ROAD AND NOS. 3-5 FINNIE STREET.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE STREET ALTERATIONS WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

COPIES OF IT, TOGETHER WITH THE STREET ALTERATION PLAN (NO. MT/G/266), MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AT CGO WEST WING; THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AT 884-886 KING'S ROAD; OR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION IN MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE ALTERATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ROAD IS REINSTATED IN THE CASE OF THE TEMPORARY ALTERATION OR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ONE YEAR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE ALTERATION IN THE CASE OF PERMANENT ALTERATION.

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FOOTWEAR EXPORT LICENSING LIFTED
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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR ARE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING CONTROL.

THIS HAS BEEN GIVEN EFFECT BY THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER 1983 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT EXPORT LICENSING OF FOOTWEAR WAS REQUIRED PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE IT WAS AN IMPORT-SENSITIVE ITEM IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATED THAT SUCH CONTROL WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE REMOVAL OF FOOTWEAR FROM EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL WAS IN LINE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO MINIMISE IMPORT AND EXPORT FORMALITIES UNLESS THERE WAS A POSITIVE REASON NOT TO DO SO.

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FRENCH VISITORS LOOK OVER TREATMENT WORKS * * * *

A SEVEN-MEMBER FRENCH DELEGATION, ON THE FINAL DAY OF THEIR THREE-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG, TODAY VISITED THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE VISITORS, LED BY SENATOR R. POUILLE, WERE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR MICHAEL HUTTON, AND BRIEFED BY THE WORKS MANAGER, MR GORDON TAYLOR.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE PARTY MET THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG.

AMONG THOSE IN THE GROUP WERE MR ANDRE ROSSINOT, MAYOR OF NANCY IN EAST FRANCE; MR JEAN CLAUDE COLIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NANCY DISTRICT POTABLE AND WASTE WATERS COMMISSION AND MR ANDRE LEFEBVRE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NANCY DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

THE VISITORS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY, AFTER VISITING CHINA AND MACAU AND WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR NEW DELHI.

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TROPHIES FOR AQUATIC WINNERS * * *

SIXTY-TWO WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMME WERE THIS EVENING PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES AT A CEREMONY IN VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CEREMONY CONCLUDED A SERIES OF AQUATIC EVENTS, RANGING FROM PLATFORM DIVING TO SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, LAUNCHED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MAY THIS YEAR AND WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ABOUT 2 500 PEOPLE APPLIED TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME, WHICH CONSISTED OF 89 DIFFERENT AQUATIC COURSES HELD IN SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID THE SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMME, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN 1978, HAD BECOME EVER MORE POPULAR AS INTEREST IN SUCH SPORTS HAD DIVERSIFIED.

HE SAID THE RESPONSE TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME HAD BEEN TREMENDOUS, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTRODUCED TO THE SPORTS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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+I AM SURE ALL THOSE WHO COMPLETED THE TRAINING HAVE IMPROVED THEIR SKILL FOR THE SPORTS AS WELL AS THEIR PHYSICAL BEING,+ MR WILLIAMSON SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION, THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AND HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB FOR HELPING MAKE THE PROGRAMME A SUCCESS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR KWAN LIM-HO, SAID THE WINTER AQUATIC PROGRAMME WILL START NEXT MONTH.

EARLIER, THE WINNERS OF VARIOUS EVENTS GAVE A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR SKILL.

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SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS
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A TWO-WEEK KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE OPENED AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30).

STARTING AT 2 PM, A VARIETY OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES, FEATURING DANCING, GYMNASTIC DISPLAY, AND CYCLING DEMONSTRATION BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES' CYCLING TEAM, WILL BE STAGED.

MORE THAN 300 RESIDENTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN A VITALITY WALK IN THE DISTRICT.

PARTICIPANTS WHO CAN COMPLETE THE FIVE-KILOMETRE WALK WILL BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM; THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES, MR RANDOLPH O' HARA; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR STEPHEN LAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND IN TSUI PING ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OLD ID CARDS TO BE BURNED
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THE OLD IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO MEN BORN BETWEEN 1964 AND 1960 WILL BECOME INVALID ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30).

THESE CARDS WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT ON SUNDAY MORNING, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SYMBOLIC BURNING AT 10 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT AT 9.50 AM, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY G.I.S. STAFF AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING THEIR FLASHLIGHTS AND HAND-HELD CAMERAS.

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TUEN MUN STARTS ROAD SAFETY DRIVE
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A MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30).

THE CAMPAIGN, COSTING \$10 000, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING SAFE DRIVING HABITS AND HIGHLIGHTING THE DANGER OF JAYWALKING THROUGH PUBLICITY, EDUCATION AND PROSECUTION.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIODS, A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN WILL BE STAGED AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OF THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY RULES AND CODES.

BANNERS AND SIGNBOARDS WITH ROAD SAFETY SLOGANS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT PROMINENT PLACES TO REMIND DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS OF THE VARIOUS TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE POLICE WILL DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS AND BROADCAST THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS AT MAJOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT A LATER STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN WHEN JAYWALKERS AND CARELESS DRIVERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

ON SUNDAY, A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN EXHIBITION AND A TELEMATCH GAMES DAY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE OPENING.

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AT THE EXHIBITION, THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF A SEAT BELT CATAPULT, A ROAD SAFETY BUS, A POLICE ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIER, A RADAR POLICE CAR, DISPLAY OF WRECKED CARS, A ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY CENTRE AND A MOBILE VISION SCREENING VEHICLE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG HOK-YEE; THE CHAIRMAN OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMANDER OF ROYAL HK POLICE FORCE, MR VINCE CHAPMAN; AND THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (TRAFFIC), NT, MR RON CLIBBORN-DYER WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL AND TIN WAN, STARTING FROM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) AND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30).

TO ALLOW FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES, THE SUNDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AT CHATER ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR A LONGER PERIOD, FROM 0.01 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) UNTIL 5 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31).

ALL PARKING SPACES IN JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 29) AND MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY FOR ROAD REPAIRS AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL :

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN POTTINGER STREET AND PEDDER STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC;
- * DOUGLAS STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC;
- * ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES, TRAVELLING ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO USE JUBILEE STREET TO REACH CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL;

- * THE TERMINUS FOR BUS ROUTES 81M AND 90M AT DOUGLAS STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE BUS BAY ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH POTTINGER STREET. BUSES ON THESE TWO ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, JUBILEE STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY;
- * EASTBOUND BUSES ON ROUTES 5B, 10, 21, 101, 104, 105, 111 AND 113 ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JUBILEE STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY;
- * BUS ROUTES 11, 25 AND 75 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY;
- * BUSES ON ROUTE 20 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JUBILEE STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY;
- * ALL BUS STOPS LOCATED ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND JACKSON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED, AND A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EAST OF CITY HALL MAIN BUILDING TO SERVE THE DIVERTED ROUTES MENTIONED ABOVE;
- * TRAM SERVICES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TIN WAN TO FACILITATE SLOPE STABILISATION WORK AT TIN WAN HILL ROAD:

- * TIN WAN HILL ROAD FROM TIN WAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF SHEK PAI WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED;
- * TIN WAN STREET WILL BE REROUTED TWO WAYS;
- * SHEK PAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN TIN WAN HILL ROAD AND TIN WAN STREET WILL BE REROUTED TWO-WAY;
- * TIN WAN HILL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEK PAI WAN ROAD TO A POINT 50 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE REROUTED TWO-WAY;
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 79M AND 48 FROM TIN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN WAN STREET, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND TIN WAN HILL ROAD;
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 78 FROM TIN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN WAN STREET AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD;
- * MAXICABS ON ROUTES 11 AND 31 FROM TIN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND TIN WAN HILL ROAD;
- * ALL PARKING SPACES ON TIN WAN HILL ROAD AND TIN WAN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

CAS CADETS TO PARADE SUNDAY
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD A CADET GRAND PARADE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) AT FOOTBALL PITCHES 4, 5 AND 6 IN VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, TO MARK ITS 15TH YEAR.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, WILL ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY AND INSPECT THE PARADE.

THIRTY-SIX SQUADS WITH 756 CADETS AND 38 OFFICERS FROM 21 CADET UNITS WILL BE ON PARADE. THE PROGRAMME WILL START AT 11 AM.

AFTER THE PARADE AND THE PROCESSION, THE HON R.H. LOBO, CAS COMMISSIONER, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY, AT ABOUT 12.20 PM AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE CAS CADET CORPS, ESTABLISHED IN 1968, AIMS TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 12 TO 18 YEARS TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS BY DEVELOPING THEIR PERSONALITIES, PERSONAL TALENTS, PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND SENSE OF CO-OPERATION.

IT OFFERS TO ITS 2 570 MEMBERS MANY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CAMPING, BOATING, WORK PROJECTS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SKILL-TRAINING COURSES.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO KEEP TOWN CLEAN
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SHEK WU HUI RESIDENTS WERE URGED TODAY TO USE THE PERMANENT COLLECTION POINT FOR DISPOSAL OF THEIR REFUSE AND JUNK.

THE REQUEST WAS MADE BY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG.

MR LIU SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MORE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE NEW TOWN CLEAN AND OF IMPROVING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

HE URGED THE RESIDENTS NOT TO DUMP THEIR DAILY REFUSE IN OR NEAR LITTER CONTAINERS OR AT STREET CORNERS, BUT TO TAKE IT TO THE \$1 MILLION OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, WHEN IT COMES INTO USE NEXT MONTH.

MR LIU SPOKE WHILE TOURING THE NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECT AT FU HING STREET TODAY AS PART OF HIS TWO-HOUR VISIT TO THE NORTH DISTRICT TO SEE HOW FAR THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE WAS GOING ON.

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HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH DISTRICT, MR LAW WAI-MING.

MR LIU WAS TOLD ABOUT THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, AND WAS INFORMED THAT ALL REFUSE WOULD BE STORED IN COVERED BINS AND THAT COLLECTION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT INSIDE THE BUILDING.

HE THEN WENT TO KAM TSIN CHUEN TO SEE THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE AND THE CLEANSING SERVICES BEING PROVIDED TO SOME 1 000 VILLAGERS THERE.

HE ALSO VISITED A SECTION OF A STREAM OF THE RIVER INDUS AT HANG TAU TAI PO, WHERE HE SAW WORKERS OF THE NTSD CARRYING OUT CLEARING OPERATION ALONG THE 24-KILOMETRE RIVER ON A REGULAR BASIS.

BEFORE LEAVING, MR LIU ALSO VISITED A NEWLY COMPLETED AMENITY PLOT AT HO SHEUNG HEUNG TO SEE THE RESULTS OF TREE PLANTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEI FA PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLEARED
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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE +OPERATION FAR-FLING+ AT THEIR MEETING ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31) AFTERNOON.

THE OPERATION IS DESIGNED TO CLEAR 1 086 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON CROWN LAND IN THE WHOLE DISTRICT OVER A PERIOD OF TWO TO THREE YEARS.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL WHICH WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BEDS FROM 647 TO ABOUT 1 400.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND THE NOMINATION OF A CO-OPTED MEMBER FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 6, TUNG YAN STREET, THIRD FLOOR.

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COUNTRY PARKS GUIDED VISITS ORGANISED
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING GUIDED VISITS TO THE COUNTRY PARKS FOR SENIOR FORM STUDENTS AND SIMILAR AGE GROUPS FROM NOVEMBER 1.

THE FIVE-MONTH PROGRAMME IS BEING LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE A GREATER AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, AFTER ITS SUCCESS IN RECENT YEARS IN DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE GUIDED VISITS WILL BE AT FIVE SCENIC SPOTS - KEI LING HA, TWISK, TAI MEI TUK, ABERDEEN, AND NAM SHAN COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRES - EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

EVERY GUIDED VISIT WILL START WITH A BRIEF BY A COUNTRY PARK RANGER AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WALKS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. SUBJECTS INCLUDE TREES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS, PLANTATIONS IN TAI LAM CHUNG, LANDSCAPE OF PAT SIN LENG, COUNTRY PARKS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND LAND USE ON LANTAU.

THE BOOKING FOR THESE VISITS WILL BE TREATED ON A +FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED+ BASIS.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE PROGRAMME CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-688111 EXT. 219 OR 306 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN COUNTRY PARK
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FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30), N.T. MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 6 FROM LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE TO PAK TAM CHUNG AND NT MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 8 FROM LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE TO WONG SHEK PIER WILL BE CANCELLED.

N.T. MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 7 FROM LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE TO HOI HA WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE BETWEEN PAK TAM CHUNG AND HOI HA ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY, WITH A FARE OF \$2.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE FARE OF N.T. MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 9 FROM LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE TO SAI KUNG WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2 TO \$2.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY, AND KMB ROUTE NO. 95R FROM PAK TAM CHUNG TO HOI HA/WONG SHEK PIER WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE BETWEEN PAK TAM CHUNG AND WONG SHEK PIER ONLY.

THE ABOVE CHANGES ARE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES INSIDE THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK FOR VISITORS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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SWIMMING POOL REPAIR WORK
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THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC USE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29-30).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IS TO FACILITATE URGENT REPAIRS OF PLUMBING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE POOL WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY AS USUAL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HEUNG YIP ROAD TRAFFIC
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE WESTERN SECTION OF HEUNG YIP ROAD BETWEEN NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE. ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ZONE.

THE EXISTING TERMINUS FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 29 AT THE EASTERN END OF HEUNG YIP ROAD WILL BE RESITED TO THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE SAME ROAD.

A TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED NEAR THE EASTERN END OF HEUNG YIP ROAD.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES BETWEEN FU TEI SHEUNG TSUEN AND SAM SHING ESTATE, INCLUDING SIU HONG AND SIU ON COURTS; AREAS 4B, 10, 37A AND 37B; TAI HING, SAN FAT, ON TING, YAU OI, SHAN KING, SAM SHING, BUTTERFLY AND WU KING ESTATES AND MELODY GARDEN.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE CHINA CEMENT CO (HK) LTD, THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION IN TAP SHEK KOK, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, TUEN MUN CLINIC, YAN OI POLYCLINIC AND INDUSTRIAL ZONE AREAS 9 AND 12.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEET THE MEDIA

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, MR PATRICK MOSS, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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