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FIRST AIDS SYMPOSIUM BEING HELD ON SUNDAY

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THE FIRST SYMPOSIUM ON AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) FOR DOCTORS TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 31) AFTERNOON.

THE SYMPOSIUM IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO (UCSF), THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

IT WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL INCLUDE TWO WORLD AUTHORITIES ON AIDS - DR J. LEVY AND DR PAUL VOLBERDING.

TWO OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO SPEAK. THEY ARE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DR S.H. LEE, AND A CONSULTANT, DR E.K. YEOH.

ABOUT 300 DOCTORS, HEALTH PERSONNEL AND SCIENTISTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SYMPOSIUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BRIEFING BY THE MAIN SPEAKERS AT THE AIDS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE GIVEN ON SUNDAY AT THE TENG ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, SHERATON HOTEL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK OF THE SYMPOSIUM OUTSIDE THE SILVER BALLROOM, THIRD FLOOR, SHERATON HOTEL, NOT LATER THAN 5.45 PM TO COLLECT PRESS BADGES.

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SEVEN NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR EASTERN NT

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, SEVEN NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES TO HELP REDUCE THE SHORTFALL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID THREE SCHOOL PROJECTS WOULD COMMENCE SHORTLY AND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1990.

"ANOTHER FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FOR COMPLETION IN 1991 SUBJECT TO THEIR NEED BEING CONFIRMED BY A DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF REGIONAL DEMAND AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE SITES.

"THE ASSESSMENT WILL ALSO HELP TO DETERMINE WHETHER MORE NEW SCHOOLS WOULD NEED TO BE BUILT IN THE REGION.

HE SAID THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES WOULD HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE ON EXISTING SCHOOL PREMISES.

"IT WILL ALSO ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE ON CHILDREN WHO WILL OTHERWISE NEED TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME IN TRAVELLING TO SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AND REDUCE THE BURDEN ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM BETWEEN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON."

THE CAPITAL COST OF SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF STANDARD DESIGN IS ESTIMATED AT $119 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICES, WHILE THE ANNUALLY RECURRENT COST OF PROVIDING THESE SCHOOLS IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT $72 MILLION.

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GOVERNOR LOOKS OVER AIRPORT OPERATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ONE OF THE WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, AND THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, MR RICHARD SIEGEL, THE GOVERNOR FIRST TOURED THE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES IMMIGRATION PROCESSING AREAS.

THE AIRPORT HANDLED 12.6 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 1987, A 20 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON A $270-MILLION EXTENSION PROJECT NOW UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPACIOUS CHECK-IN, IMMIGRATION AND BAGGAGE HANDLING FACILITIES AT THE PASSENGER TERMINAL.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HONG KONG AS A MAJOR TRADING TERRITORY AND A MAJOR TOURIST CENTRE TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD AIRPORT THAT CAN HANDLE THE EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WISH TO USE IT," HE SAID.

WHEN COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR, THE EXTENSION WILL EXPAND THE THROUGHPUT OF THE TERMINAL FROM 3,400 PASSENGERS PER HOUR TO 5,400.

THE GOVERNOR LEARNED THAT COMPUTERISATION OF IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR.

THIS WILL SPEED UP THE PROCESSING OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS, WHO ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF AIRPORT PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

THE GOVERNOR THEN TOURED THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER, WHERE HE SAW HOW AIR MOVEMENTS IN HONG KONG AIRSPACE ARE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED.

HONG KONG, BEING AT THE HUB OF AIR TRAFFIC IN THE REGION, HANDLED 73,000 MOVEMENTS IN 1987, COMPARED TO 64,800 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

SIR DAVID ENDED HIS VISIT BY TOURING THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINAL, THE WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE CONSOLIDATED CARGO TERMINAL.

THE CARGO TERMINAL HANDLED 600,000 TONNES OF FREIGHT LAST YEAR, MORE THAN ALL 16 TERMINALS AT HEATHROW AIRPORT, AND RANKED SIXTH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CARGO VOLUME THROUGHPUT. A FIVE PER CENT GROWTH IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO WATCHED OPERATIONS AT THE CARGO TERMINAL AND WAS BRIEFED ON PLANS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

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PROMOTIONS FOR THREE SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTIONS OF THREE SENIOR LOCAL FRIE OFFICERS TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER.

THE PROMOTIONS OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER JAMES HO KWOK-CHUEN AND SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER CHOW WING-CHEONG HAVE BEEN BACK-DATED TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR WHILE THAT OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER LAI YUN-SHAN WILL TAKE EFFECT IN MARCH.

IN A SHORT CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, PRESENTED CONGRATULATORY LETTERS TO THE OFFICERS INFORMING THEM THEIR PROMOTIONS.

MR HO, AGED 51, JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES AS A FIRE OFFICER III IN 1958 AND THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS ROSE TO THE RANK OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1982. HIS LATEST POSTING WAS ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND.

HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

MR CHOW, AGED 50, JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1960 AND THROUGH A NUMBER OF PROMOTIONS BECAME SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1982. HIS LATEST POSTING WAS ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU.

MR CHOW, WHO WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1984, IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

MR LAI, AGED 43, JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES AS A FIRE OFFICER III IN 1965 AND ROSE TO THE RANK OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1984. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE THIS YEAR.

AT PRESENT ON A SENIOR STAFF TRAINING COURSE, MR LAI IS MARRIED WITH ONE DAUGHTER.

THE DIRECTOR, IN HIS CONGRATULATORY LETTERS, PRAISED THE OFFICERS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICES AND THEIR INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN FIRE-FIGHTING, FIRE PROTECTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

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CSD CENTRAL REGISTER CAN ASSIST PRIVATE SECTOR

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A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG KEPT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CAN BE OF USE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REGISTER SERVES MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN BENEFIT FROM IT BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, AND BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

PRIVATE FIRMS MAY APPLY TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* $2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY, AND

* A MINIMUM CHARGE OF $340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNIT) PLUS $17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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UK COMPUTER COPYRIGHT LAW EXTENDED TO HONG KONG

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COPYRIGHT PROTECTION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE WILL BE FURTHER TIGHTENED UP FOLLOWING THE EXTENSION OF THE UK COPYRIGHT (COMPUTER SOFTWARE) AMENDMENT ACT 1985 TO HONG KONG WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1 (MONDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT COMPUTER PROGRAMMES ARE PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT IN HONG KONG.

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE UK ACT TO HONG KONG IS ONLY AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF PERMANENT LOCAL LEGISLATION.

THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION IS NOW CONSIDERING HONG KONG'S FUTURE NEEDS IN RESPECT OF COPYRIGHT LAW, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF COPYING TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE UK COPYRIGHT ACT TO HONG KONG WAS EFFECTED BY A UK ORDER IN COUNCIL MADE ON DECEMBER 18. THE ORDER WAS LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON JANUARY 8 AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON MONDAY.

THE ORDER IN COUNCIL WILL BE GAZETTED SHORTLY.

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STAR FERRY FARE RISE APPROVED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY THE STAR FERRY COMPANY FOR SMALL FARE INCREASES FROM APRIL 1.

THE STAR FERRY'S LAST FARE REVISION WAS IN MARCH 1983.

FOR THE EDINBURGH PLACE TO KOWLOON POINT SERVICE, FIRST CLASS FARES WILL INCREASE BY 10 CENTS: FROM 70 CENTS TO 80 CENTS FOR ADULTS; AND FROM 40 CENTS TO 50 CENTS FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS.

SECOND CLASS FARES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL ALSO GO UP BY 10 CENTS, FROM 50 CENTS TO 60 CENTS.

AS FOR THE EDINBURGH PLACE TO HUNG HOM SERVICE WHICH IS A LONGER ROUTE, ADULT FARES WILL INCREASE FROM 70 CENTS TO 90 CENTS. FARES FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WILL GO UP FROM 40 CENTS TO 50 CENTS.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EXAMINED THE STAR FERRY'S EXISTING FINANCIAL POSITION AND APPROVED INCREASES TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION AND RISING OPERATING COSTS.

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TWO MORE COMPANIES TO JOIN RICE IMPORTING TRADE

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TWO ADDITIONAL RICE IMPORTERS WERE SELECTED BY BALLOT HELD IN PUBLIC AT THE CITY HALL THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THIS HAS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED RICE IMPORTERS TO 46.

THE TWO ARE WING SHUN RICE CO. LTD. AND LUEN YICK. THEY WERE AMONG THE 33 APPLICANTS TAKING PART IN THE BALLOT WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, MRS PAMELA CHAN; AND MEMBERS OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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GUIDE BOOKS ON PRESSURE EQUIPMENT PUBLISHED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED FACTORY OWNERS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE SAFE OPERATION OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE EQUIPMENT.

TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THE LAW BETTER, THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION HAS JUST PUBLISHED THREE GUIDE BOOKS ON STEAM RECEIVERS, FIRE-TUBE BOILERS AND AIR RECEIVERS.

"THEY EXPLAIN NOT ONLY THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IN HONG KONG BUT ALSO DESCRIBE ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL DETAILS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION, CORRECT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"OWNERS AND OTHER USERS SHOULD FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THESE PUBLICATIONS AS THE SAFETY OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION DEPENDS ULTIMATELY ON A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE EQUIPMENT, REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND, ABOVE ALL, A CONSCIOUS REALISATION AMONG ALL CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY."

THE GUIDE BOOKS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE FROM THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION AT ROOM 1706, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8524185.

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ARTICLE ON REVISION OF HK DOLLAR EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEXES

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THE NOVEMBER 1987 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON THE "REVISION OF THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEXES (EERI) FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR".

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE EERI WAS CONDUCTED IN EARLY 1987 IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RECENT YEARS IN HONG KONG'S TRADE PATTERN AND OF LINKING THE HONG KONG DOLLAR TO THE U.S. DOLLAR SINCE OCTOBER 17, 1983.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THIS REVIEW WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, FOR IMPROVING THE METHOD OF COMPILING THE EERI. A NEW SERIES OF EERI WAS INTRODUCED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE RECENT REVIEW WHICH HAS COVERED THE MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE EERI FORMULA, NAMELY THE WEIGHTING SCHEME, THE TYPE OF INDEX, THE METHOD OF AVERAGING MOVEMENTS OF EXCHANGE RATES, THE BASE DATES AND THE BASKET OF CURRENCIES FOR COMPARISON WITH THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

THE ARTICLE ALSO DISCUSSES IN DETAIL THE THREE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW SERIES OF EERI OVER THE OLD SERIES, NAMELY: (I) UPDATING THE BASE DATE FROM DECEMBER 18, 1971, TO OCTOBER 24 TO 28, 1983; (II) UPDATING THE TRADE WEIGHTS USED TO BE THAT BASED ON THE TRADE PATTERN OF 1981 TO A NEW SET BASED ON THE AVERAGE TRADE PATTERNS OF 1984 TO 1986; AND (III) THE USE OF GEOMETRIC AVERAGING TO REPLACE ARITHMETIC AVERAGING IN THE FORMULA FOR COMPILING THE EERI.

MOREOVER, AS SOME USERS MAY HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING THE NEW INDEX DUE TO THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE CHANGES INTRODUCED, A SECTION IS DEVOTED TO DISPELLING SOME COMMON FALLACIES ABOUT THE NEW EERI.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT $28 PER COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE; OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE TRADE ANALYSIS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234914.

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TUEN MUN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN DRAWS TO CLOSE

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 30), MARKING THE COMPLETION OF A SERIES OF ANTI-DRUG EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HELD DURING THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS.

MORE THAN 6,000 YOUTHS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE CAMPAIGN'S WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE HAD AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A FILM SHOW, SEMINARS, VISITS TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, ADVENTURE TRIPS, ROCK CLIMBING CLASS, WALL-PAINTING, STREET DRAMA AND PUBLICATION OF A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT.

IN ADDITION, A MOBILE EXHIBITION VISITED SCHOOLS AND SHOPPING ARCADES, ATTRACTING 14,000 STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

IT COST $120,000 TO MOUNT, AND AIMED AT GATHERING INFORMATION ON DRUG ABUSE AND FOSTERING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUGS.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE AT 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY. IT WILL FEATURE A SCHOOL BAND PERFORMANCE, WALL-PAINTING AND STREET DRAMA.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR FREDERICK TONG; TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.H. COX; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR SIT HO-YIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY IN THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 11 AM.

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LAI-SEE PACKETS TO PUBLICISE DB ELECTIONS

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LAI-SEE PACKETS CARRYING THE MESSAGE "A VOTE IS A VOICE, SUPPORT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS" ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN NORTH DISTRICT ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

PREPARED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE PACKETS SERVE A DUAL PURPOSE OF BEING AN USEFUL ITEM FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR AND REMINDING REGISTERED VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10, POLLING DAY.

THE PACKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

MEANWHILE, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE DEVOTED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY TO STAND FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE URGED PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS BEFORE 5.15 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

"SO FAR 22 CANDIDATES AGED BETWEEN 24 AND 79 FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED IN THE DISTRICT," MR CHEUNG SAID.

DURING LAST YEAR'S REVIEW ON DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, NORTH DISTRICT HAD BOTH ITS NUMBERS OF SEATS AND CONSTITUENCIES INCREASED BY THREE. AS A RESULT, THE CANDIDATES ARE CONTESTING 11 SEATS IN NINE CONSTITUENCIES.

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ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION IN MONG KOK

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A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

THE EVENT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD. IT WILL FOCUS ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS CAUSED BY PASSIVE SMOKING.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXHIBITION WILL PROVIDE USEFUL AND UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SMOKING AND CERTAIN DISEASES.

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THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 50 DISPLAY BOARDS, A NUMBER OF MODELS, A VIDEO SHOW, AND A WIDE SELECTION OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS CONTAINING FACTS AND STATISTICS ON THE DANGERS OF SMOKING.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, AND ITS TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, 85 IVY STREET.

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SOCIAL SERVICES SEMINAR IN KWUN TONG

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A FULL-DAY SEMINAR AIMING AT IDENTIFYING THE DEMANDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG AND SUGGESTING WAYS TO MEET THESE DEMANDS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 31).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AS WELL AS LABOUR WILL GIVE TALKS ON SIX TOPICS: THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, WELFARE FOR THE ELDERLY, SOCIAL WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND COUNSELLING FOR PRIMARY PUPILS.

THE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR WILFRED TSUI; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTANT, DR S.Y. CHAN; A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG CHI-HING; SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY), KWUN TONG, MRS DOROTHY WOO; CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN; AND ASSISTANT INSPECTOR (STUDENT GUIDANCE CENTRE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS HUI POON WAI-HING.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE "SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG" PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG" SEMINAR WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, 5 TSUI PING ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF PROJECTS UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING EMERGENCY PROJECTS AND REPAIRS TO VILLAGE LIGHTING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE REPORTS ON THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S STREET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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SAI KUNG DANCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DANCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 30) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

ABOUT 250 DANCERS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM CHINESE, WESTERN AND CHILDREN'S DANCES.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT WHICH IS ORGANISED BY A 14-MEMBER WORKING GROUP AND SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DANCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 30) AT 7.30 PM AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

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WATER CUTS IN SHA TIN, EAST KOWLOON

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED TAKES IN SHING WAN ROAD, SHING CHUEN ROAD, TSUEN NAM ROAD, TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD AND SHING HING STREET.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, 7-169 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, 53-59 KWUN TONG ROAD, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, CHOI SHEK LANE AND SAN PO KONG.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG AND TUEN MUN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 30) TO 7 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD, CHEUNG WING ROAD, KWOK SHUI ROAD, LEI MUK ROAD, CHUN PIN STREET, TA CHUEN PING STREET AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

ALSO FOR WATER MAINS WORK, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1) TO 8 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT TSING CHUNG PIT YUEN, TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL NURSES AND STAFF QUARTERS, KONG SHAN TSUEN, SIU HANG TSUEN, PO TONG HA TSUEN AND CASTLE PEAK POULTRY BREEDING CENTRE.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN NORTH POINT

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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT FROM A POINT ABOUT 23 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

THE MEASURE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 30).

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON JAVA ROAD FROM A POINT 23 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHIU STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED.

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