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17,000 HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE

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ABOUT 17,000 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22.

A TOTAL OF 46 CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED VALIDLY, 26 IN 12 ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND 20 IN 13 FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THIRTEEN OF THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN DECLARED ELECTED UNOPPOSED IN THREE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND NINE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) TO APPEAL TO REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

THE PRESS CONFERENCE, BEGINNING AT 11 AM WILL BE HELD IN GYNASIUM II ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI. GYM II WILL BE SET UP AS A PRESS CENTRE PROVIDING FACILITES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE ELECTIONS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE ARENA WHERE COUNTING OF VOTES WILL TAKE PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

MEANWHILE, A SET OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERAGE OF THE ELECTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES LATER TODAY.

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NEW CHAIRMAN OF MTRC NAMED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR HAMISH T. MATHERS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN, MR C.W. NEWTON, ON MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

MR MATHERS, AGED 55, IS A CHARTERED ENGINEER. HE WAS BORN IN SCOTLAND WHERE HE SPENT THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER IN HEAVY ENGINEERING.

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HE HAD WORKED IN INDIA BEFORE JOINING THE LARGE MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANY UNILEVER IN 1959.

WITH UNILEVER, HE HAS WORKED MAINLY IN NIGERIA IN A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS BEFORE TAKING UP HIS PRESENT POSITION IN 1982 AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF U.A.C. OF NIGERIA, WHICH IS A LARGE CONGLOMERATE OF 12 COMPANIES WITH 8,000 EMPLOYEES, INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

MR MATHERS IS MARRIED WITH THREE GROWN-UP CHILDREN.

MR MATHERS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 1 TO BECOME MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN (DESIGNATE), AND WILL TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION FROM APRIL 1.

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PROPOSALS INVITED FROM INTERESTED PARTIES ON CABLE TV

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) INVITED PARTIES INTERESTED IN BUILDING AND OPERATING A CABLE NETWORK AND CABLE TV BROADCASTING SERVICE IN HONG KONG TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 1989 TO MAKE THEIR PROPOSALS.

"THIS INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS IS BEING MADE WORLDWIDE, AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME PROPOSALS FROM PARTIES OVERSEAS AS WELL AS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ANY PROPOSALS MADE MUST COVER BOTH THE LICENCE TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE CABLE NETWORK AND THE LICENCE TO RUN A CABLE TV BROADCASTING SYSTEM.

"WHILE TWO OR MORE DIFFERENT PARTIES COULD MAKE PROPOSALS FOR HOLDING THE INDIVIDUAL 15-YEAR LICENCES SEPARATELY, THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FORM A JOINT VENTURE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR PROPOSALS COVER BOTH LICENCES," HE SAID.

"PARTIES WHOSE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE INVITED TO APPLY FORMALLY TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR 15-YEAR LICENCES TO OPERATE THE NETWORK AND BROADCASTING SERVICES."

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GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED AN INFORMATION KIT WHICH INCLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE NOTE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES AND WHICH SETS OUT THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE LICENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BONA FIDE INTERESTED PARTIES MAY OBTAIN THE INFORMATION KIT FROM TODAY AT A CHARGE OF HK\$160, FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH AT ROOM 125, 1ST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE READY A CROSSED CHEQUE FOR HK\$160 MADE OUT TO "HONG KONG GOVERNMENT" AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE PARTIES THEY REPRESENT, INCLUDING THE ADDRESS, LOCAL (HONG KONG) CONTACT ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, FAX AND TELEX NUMBERS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE USED FOR SUBSEQUENT UPDATING OF INFORMATION.

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AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO UK RESUME
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THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE RESUMED.

HOWEVER, THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IS STILL UNABLE TO ACCEPT AIRMAIL LETTERS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE BACKLOG OF MAIL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS STILL NOT CLEARED.

THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE HAS NOW RESUMED FULL SPEEDPOST SERVICE FOR 11 MAJOR CITIES. THEY ARE:

BIRMINGHAM	LONDON
BRISTOL	MANCHESTER
EDINBURGH	NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW	NOTTINGHAM
LEEDS	READING
LIVERPOOL	

ALL ITEMS, INCLUDING DOCUMENTS, BUSINESS PAPERS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE CAN NOW BE SENT BY SPEEDPOST TO THESE CITIES.

POST OFFICE CUSTOMERS WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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A REVISION OF THE LEVEL OF FIXED PENALTY FINES AND A SUGGESTION THAT THE OFFENCE OF OVERLOADING BE INCLUDED IN THE DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE COMPETING APPLICATIONS FROM THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AND THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY TO OPERATE A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE TAC WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EXTENSION OF SEAT BELT LEGISLATION.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE LEVEL OF TAXI SERVICE IN MARCH AND ON THE IMPACT THAT SUMMER TIME WOULD HAVE ON TRANSPORT SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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BELONGER OUTLINES REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

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FOUR REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE WERE OUTLINED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, IN A SPEECH TO THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES LAST WEEK.

"I AM FOURTH GENERATION IN HONG KONG AND I INTEND TO BE AROUND IN 1997 AND AFTERWARDS," MISS CHUNG TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING WHICH MARKED THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR OF THE SCHOOL'S EAST ASIA LEGAL PROGRAMME.

THE SOUND REASONS TO BE UPBEAT ABOUT THE FUTURE DERIVED FROM THE POSITIVE ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES OF CHINA, BRITAIN, HONG KONG ITSELF, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SHE SAID.

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"CHINA HAS BECOME HONG KONG'S MAIN TRADING PARTNER, AND IS ALSO THE THIRD LARGEST SOURCE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY.

"CHINA IS POLITICALLY COMMITTED TO HONG KONG AND ITS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN VERY SINCERE," SHE SAID.

THOUGH CHINA HAD A SOCIALIST ECONOMY AND HONG KONG WAS CAPITALIST, CHINA HAD DEMONSTRATED QUITE CONVINCINGLY THAT A WORKING RELATIONSHIP COULD EMERGE DESPITE THE BASIC DIFFERENCES OF THE TWO SYSTEMS.

SHE POINTED TO THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS OF THE 1984 SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

MISS CHUNG SAID BRITAIN TOO WAS COMMITTED TO HONG KONG, AND ITS OWN INTERESTS COINCIDED WITH THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO WANTED A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE TERRITORY.

IT WAS WRONG TO SAY THAT BRITAIN WAS WALKING AWAY FROM HONG KONG, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT "I AM SURE UK WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE REGION BEFORE AND AFTER 1997".

HONG KONG ITSELF WAS A REASON FOR CONFIDENCE, MISS CHUNG SAID. SHE REFERRED TO THE TERRITORY'S ROBUST ECONOMY IN WHICH IMPRESSIVE FACTORS INCLUDED IMPRESSIVE GROWTH IN THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, VERY LOW UNEMPLOYMENT AND STRONG DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT.

MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS WERE UNDERWAY INVOLVING BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

"NOT ONLY IS THE QUANTITY OF BUSINESS GROWING, SO IS THE QUALITY AND MATURITY OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS," SHE SAID, NOTING THAT MANY OVERSEAS FIRMS WERE MAKING HONG KONG THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR OPERATIONS IN ASIA.

HONG KONG WAS BECOMING A CENTRE FOR BUSINESS SERVICES AND EXPANDING RAPIDLY IN SELLING ITS PRODUCTS TO OTHER MARKETS, AND HONG KONG FIRMS WERE DIVERSIFYING RAPIDLY AND MAKING THEIR INFLUENCE FELT AS A MULTINATIONAL FORCE.

MISS CHUNG SAID HER FOURTH REASON FOR CONFIDENCE WAS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WHICH HAD CONTINUED TO SHOW FAITH IN HONG KONG. THE UNITED STATES WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE, BEING HONG KONG'S BIGGEST EXPORT MARKET AND HONG KONG IN RETURN WAS AN IMPORTANT MARKET FOR U.S. GOODS.

MAJOR U.S. FIRMS HAD HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG AND JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR 20 PER CENT OF TOTAL KNOWN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY.

"UK AND EEC ARE ALSO FAST CATCHING UP ON THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PACIFIC RIM COUNTRIES AND RAPIDLY UTILISING HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA," SHE ADDED.

TEN NOMINATED FOR LAB ELECTION

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TEN CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS FOR ELECTION AS EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

THEY ARE:

- * MR HO KWOK-KIN
HONG KONG MEDICINE WORKERS GENERAL UNION (YEE-SHING)
- * MR CHAN YUN-CHE
HK & KLN. MOTOR CAR DRIVERS GENERAL UNION
- * MR PETER MOK KA-WING
HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS GENERAL UNION
- * MR CHEUNG PAK-CHI
CABLE & WIRELESS (HK) LTD. STAFF ASSOCIATION
- * MS LI FUNG-YING
HK & KLN. ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES' GENERAL UNION
- * MR MARK LI KIN-YIN
HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS' GENERAL UNION
- * MR LEUNG CHAU-TING
CLERICAL GRADES CIVIL SERVANTS GENERAL UNION
- * MISS LAM SHUK-YEE
HONG KONG AND KOWLOON METAL INDUSTRY WORKERS GENERAL UNION
- * MR MONG WAI-MING, WILLIAM
LABOUR INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
- * MR LEE CHEUK-YAN
CLOTHING INDUSTRY WORKERS GENERAL UNION

"OF THE CANDIDATES, FIVE WILL BE ELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS STARTING FROM JANUARY 1, 1989," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS WILL BE INVITED TO APPOINT NOT MORE THAN TWO PERSONS AS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE ELECTION BY SECRET BALLOT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 22."

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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY TRIPARTITE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON LABOUR MATTERS, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD WILL BE CHANGED AS FROM THE NEW TERM OF OFFICE IN THAT THE NUMBER OF ELECTED EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES AND OF NOMINATED EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES WILL EACH BE INCREASED FROM FOUR TO FIVE.

THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 12 MEMBERS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND THE ADDITIONAL ELECTED/NOMINATED SEATS WILL BE OFF-SET BY THE REDUCTION OF ONE APPOINTED SEAT ON EACH SIDE.

THE EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE NOMINATED RESPECTIVELY BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, AND THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR LOADING VEHICLES PUBLISHED

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A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS AND DRIVERS ON HOW TO LOAD THEIR VEHICLES SAFELY.

"THE CODE IS TO ENSURE THAT OPERATORS OF GOODS VEHICLES ARE AWARE OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THIS," THE ACTING SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, MR C.W. KWAN, SAID.

THE CODE IS PREPARED UNDER SECTION 109 (4) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

A TOTAL OF 100,000 COPIES IN CHINESE AND 10,000 IN ENGLISH HAVE BEEN PRODUCED.

THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO DRIVERS OF GOODS VEHICLES AND PEOPLE IN THE GOODS VEHICLE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING VEHICLE FLEET OPERATORS' ORGANISATIONS, DRIVERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS.

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MR KWAN POINTED OUT THAT THE FAILURE TO OBSERVE ANY PROVISIONS OF THE CODE SHOULD NOT OF ITSELF RENDER A PERSON LIABLE TO ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

"HOWEVER, ANY SUCH FAILURE MAY IN A LEGAL PROCEEDING BE RELIED UPON BY ANY PARTY INVOLVED AS TENDING TO ESTABLISH OR NEGATE ANY LIABILITY WHICH IS IN QUESTION IN THAT PROCEEDING," HE SAID.

"WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT PEOPLE IN THE TRADE WILL STUDY THE CODE IN DETAIL AND ADOPT THE ADVICE GIVEN FOR THE SAFETY OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER ROAD USERS."

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ISSUED A PROVISIONAL CODE IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR TO INVITE COMMENTS FROM THE GOODS VEHICLE INDUSTRY.

"WE MUST THANK THE TRADE FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS WHICH HELPED US IN PREPARING THE FINAL CODE," MR KWAN SAID.

COMPARED WITH THE PROVISIONAL CODE, THE CONTENT OF THE FINAL CODE HAS BEEN MADE MORE COMPREHENSIVE, INCLUDING MORE ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF CRANES ON GOODS VEHICLES, ARRANGEMENTS OF LOADS IN CONTAINERS AND THE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS.

OTHER ADVICE GIVEN INCLUDES SAFE AND PROPER WAYS OF TRANSPORTING ENGINEERING PLANTS, LONG LOADS SUCH AS BAMBOO POLES AND TIMBER, AND LOOSE BULK LOADS OF WASTE OR EXCAVATED MATERIAL.

WARNINGS CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENT OF LOADS, LOADING AND UNLOADING ON STEEP GRADIENTS, OBSTRUCTIONS TO FOOTPATHS BY GOODS WAITING TO BE LOADED, AND THE HAZARDS OF ROLLER LOADING DEVICES FITTED TO SOME VEHICLES ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

BESIDES THE CODE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A LEAFLET SUMMARISING THE ADVICE GIVEN IN THE CODE FOR QUICK AND SIMPLE REFERENCE.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY TO THE TRADE THROUGH VARIOUS GOODS VEHICLES ASSOCIATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES.

ANOTHER INFORMATION SHEET ON HOW TO DETECT OVERLOADING OF GOODS VEHICLES IS BEING PREPARED.

IN ADDITION, A POSTER ON THE CODE OF PRACTICE, SPONSORED BY BRIDGESTONE TYRES, WILL BE READY IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME.

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VISIT BY CHINESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS

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A GROUP OF SIX CHINESE OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LED BY MR CHEN SHIQIU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND CONFERENCES, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 3 AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR A 10-DAY PROGRAMME OF VISITS AND BRIEFINGS.

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AWARD FOR BRAVE CITIZEN

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PRAISES AND APPRECIATION WERE BESTOWED ON HONG KONG'S LATEST GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, MR TAM WAI-MING, FOR HIS BRAVERY AND OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

MR TAM, A 32-YEAR-OLD CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN, WAS HONOURED WITH THE COVETED GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD TODAY (MONDAY) AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DR HELMUT SOHMEN.

MR TAM WAS AWARDED A CERTIFICATE AND A CASH AWARD OF \$10,000 WHICH WAS THE MAXIMUM IN THE SCHEME, PLUS A FIVE-DAY TRIP TO SEOUL.

COMMENDING MR TAM'S EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AND INITIATIVE IN A BURGLARY CASE, DR SOHMEN SAID HIS ACTION HAD HELPED THE POLICE TO ARREST A MURDERER AND HAD SET A FINE EXAMPLE TO OTHER CITIZENS.

"WITH CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN OUR SOCIETY, HONG KONG WILL DEFINITELY BE A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN," DR SOHMEN SAID.

RECALLING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE, MR TAM WAI-MING SAID HUMBLY THAT HE WAS JUST PERFORMING THE OBLIGATION OF A CITIZEN AND HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF BEING REWARDED.

ON NOVEMBER 29 LAST YEAR, MR TAM AND HIS WIFE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME ON LAMMA ISLAND AND UPON ENTERING, THEY FOUND A BURGLAR INSIDE. WITHOUT HESITATION, MR TAM CONFRONTED THE BURGLAR AND A FIERCE STRUGGLE ENSUED.

IN THE STRUGGLE, MR TAM SUSTAINED AN INJURY TO HIS LEFT ARM AND, DESPITE THIS, HE EVENTUALLY SUBDUED THE BURGLAR AND MADE A REPORT TO THE POLICE.

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IT WAS LATER FOUND THAT THE ARRESTED PERSON HAD EARLIER COMMITTED ANOTHER BURGLARY ON THE ISLAND AND IN WHICH HE HAD KILLED THE VICTIM. THE CULPRIT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

MR TAM IS THE 20TH AWARDEE SINCE THE GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS SET UP IN 1984. THE AWARD SCHEME, JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, IS TO COMMEND CITIZENS WHO HAVE DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AND INITIATIVE IN ASSISTING THE POLICE TO COMBAT CRIME, AND TO ARREST THE CRIMINALS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE BRIGADIER IAN CHRISTIE, DIRECTOR OF HKGCC, AND MR LAU CHUN-SING, ACTING CHIEF STAFF OFFICER/PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE POLICE FORCE.

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MEASURES TO TACKLE SOCIAL WORK MANPOWER SHORTAGE

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THE MOST URGENT ISSUE IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY IS THE MANPOWER SITUATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SHE OUTLINED VARIOUS MEASURES TO TACKLE THE ISSUE WHEN SHE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE 4TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE DIPLOMA COURSE IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT (SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES).

"WE ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO RECRUIT MORE TRAINED WORKERS AS WELL AS TO TRAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MORE WORKERS.

"THESE MEASURES HAVE TO BE PUT INTO IMPLEMENTATION SO THAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL NOT BE HELD UP BECAUSE OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE BUT THEIR EFFECTS CAN ONLY BE SEEN AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME," SHE SAID.

"TRAINING AND MANPOWER PLANNING ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

"HOWEVER, THESE ARE DIFFICULT TASKS AS MANY FACTORS AFFECTING MANPOWER CANNOT BE PREDICTED," MRS WONG SAID.

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"TO GO TOGETHER WITH THESE MEASURES, CONSIDERATION HAS TO BE GIVEN TO MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF RESOURCES AND MORE DYNAMIC RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES TO COPE WITH SUDDEN SHORTAGE OF SOCIAL WORKERS," SHE ADDED.

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED GRADUALLY WITH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES OVER THE PAST YEARS, MRS WONG SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS ALONG THE LINES SET OUT IN THE TWO WHITE PAPERS, NAMELY "SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG: THE WAY AHEAD" AND "A UNITED EFFORT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1980S", PUBLISHED IN 1973 AND 1979 RESPECTIVELY.

"WHILE UNDERLINING THAT SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT IS ULTIMATELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE WHITE PAPERS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE ON THE ONE HAND THAT IN THE MAJOR SERVICE AREAS THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUBVENTION FOR THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ON THE OTHER HAND, QUALITY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED," SHE SAID.

"THIS IS THE DIRECTION WHERE THE CHANGES IN THE SUBVENTION SYSTEM ARE HEADING IN THE RECENT YEARS WHILE IN EACH AND EVERY SERVICE, THERE HAS BEEN CONSTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICE TO COPE WITH THE DEMANDS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS," MRS WONG ADDED.

"PERSONALLY I THINK THERE IS A SOUND FOUNDATION TO EACH SERVICE AND THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIMES AND PROVEN APPROPRIATE AND SHOULD BE FURTHER PURSUED AND IMPROVED UPON," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SPECIALISED OR EXPERIMENTAL SERVICES TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY OR CERTAIN GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS.

REFERRING TO THE QUESTION OF 'EFFECTIVENESS' OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES MENTIONED BY MR LEE JARK-PUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT LAST YEAR'S GRADUATION CEREMONY, MRS WONG AGREED THAT SOME DATA ON EFFECTIVENESS WAS NEEDED TO PERFECT OUR SERVICES AND TO ASSESS THE APPROPRIATION OF RESOURCES.

SHE SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD STARTED RECENTLY TO LOOK FOR SOME 'EFFECTIVENESS INDICATORS' AND HOPED TO STUDY THE ISSUE WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

SHE URGED THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE MANAGEMENT AND THE UTILISATION OF RESOURCES WHEN THEY DEVELOPED THEIR SERVICES.

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VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR ELDERLY
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A VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER).

ANNOUNCING THE DETAILS TODAY (MONDAY), MR ALFRED CHUI WING-MAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (FAMILY WELFARE) SAID: "THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ASSIST OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS."

THE CODE OF PRACTICE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1986 TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES TO HELP THE OPERATORS TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF SERVICE.

"A REVIEW IN LATE 1987 ON THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE SHOWED THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WERE NEEDED TO SECURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE IN ORDER TO ENSURE A REASONABLE QUALITY OF CARE AND SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THESE HOMES," MR CHUI SAID.

SUBSEQUENT TO CONSULTATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, IT WAS PROPOSED, AND ENDORSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THAT A VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME BE INTRODUCED.

THE GOVERNMENT THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION SCHEME WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER 1988 IN PREPARATION FOR LEGISLATIVE CONTROL IN MID-1990.

THE SCHEME WILL OPERATE UNDER A THREE-TIER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, HAVING REGARD TO PREVAILING STANDARDS OF PRIVATE HOMES ON ONE HAND AND A REASONABLE LEVEL OF SERVICE ON THE OTHER.

UNDER THE SCHEME, PRIVATE HOMES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME FORWARD VOLUNTARILY TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM FROM A PRIVATE HOME, A REGISTRATION OFFICER OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL VISIT THE HOME TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS STANDARDS.

AFTER THE ASSESSMENT, A 'CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION' WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HOME IF IT IS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS OF ANY OF THE THREE CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION.

PERIODIC VISITS WILL BE PAID TO ALL THE REGISTERED HOMES TO ENSURE THEIR CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION STANDARDS.

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"WHERE THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, THE HOME CONCERNED WILL BE SUBJECT, AS APPROPRIATE, TO UPGRADING, DOWNGRADING, OR EVEN DE-REGISTRATION," MR CHUI SAID.

AS FOR THE HOMES WHICH HAD BEEN FOUND UNABLE TO MEET THE REGISTRATION STANDARDS, DUE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE WOULD BE RENDERED WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR STANDARD OF SERVICE, HE ADDED.

OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING THEIR HOMES.

"WHILE SOME PRIVATE HOMES ARE RUN IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER AND ARE OFFERING A USEFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, OTHER HOMES REQUIRE IMPROVEMENT.

"AS PROPER RESIDENTIAL CARE REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN WELFARE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, I SINCERELY APPEAL TO OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES, IN THE SPIRIT OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, TO SUPPORT THIS FURTHER STEP IN ENHANCING SERVICE STANDARDS," MR CHUI SAID.

THE ADDRESS OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IS ON 21/F OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8955395.

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SCHOOL BEGINS FOR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN
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SOME 220 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM CLOSED CENTRES STARTED SCHOOLING AT THE NEW HORIZON SCHOOL IN THE KAI TAK OPEN CAMP FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

ALL AGED SIX, 110 CHILDREN ARE FROM THE SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRE WHILE THE REST ARE FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRE.

THIS MARKS THE START OF THE FIRST PHASE OF A PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN TO RECEIVE EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLOSED CENTRES.

THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORT FOR THE CHILDREN AS WELL AS RUNNING THE SCHOOL.

MORE CHILDREN FROM THE TWO CLOSED CENTRES WILL BE SENT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL PLACES BECOME AVAILABLE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 45.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 264.145 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 433.087 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 73.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE TODAY (MONDAY) INVITED APPLICATIONS FOR THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR OUTSTANDING LOCAL STUDENTS WITH HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS, STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND FULL COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND TO ITS FUTURE WELL-BEING.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL FINANCE STUDENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A FIRST DEGREE OR FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE EITHER BY RESEARCH OR BY COURSEWORK OR BOTH.

SELECTED SCHOLARS MAY PURSUE ANY COURSE OF STUDY AT ANY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL NORMALLY INCLUDE UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND ASSISTANCE FOR AIR TRAVEL.

SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE AND SELECTION WILL BE BY MERIT.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION FOR THIS YEAR'S UK-BOUND SCHOLARS AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAPPY VALLEY CLUBHOUSE TODAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE, MR HENRY LITTON, SAID: "ALL THE SCHOLARS WHO WERE SELECTED FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR SHOWED A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG."

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"WE ARE SURE THAT THESE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, ON RETURN FROM STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WILL NUMBER AMONGST THE FUTURE LEADERS, DECISION MAKERS, AND FORMERS OF OPINION IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

FOUR OUT OF THIS YEAR'S NINE SCHOLARS ARE GOING TO OXBRIDGE, WHILE FOUR OTHERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND ONE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

UPON COMPLETION OF STUDIES, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE UP AND REMAIN IN EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FINANCED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY, UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE, C/O QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, LOWER BLOCK, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-8650438).

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 19, 1988.

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PLB FARES DISCOUNT FOR KWAI TSING ELDERLY

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ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL BENEFIT FROM A TRAFFIC CONCESSION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE SCHEME, INITIATED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, WILL OFFER A 50 PER CENT FARE DISCOUNT TO SENIOR RESIDENTS ON FOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF RESPECT THE ELDERLY WORKING GROUP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR ANDREW CHAN KONG-WING SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SCHEME HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED WITH THE SUPPORT OF OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF ABOUT 230 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM OCTOBER 3 TO THE END OF NEXT YEAR ON ROUTES FROM SHEK YAM TO JORDAN, SHEK YAM TO SHAM SHUI PO, SHEK YAM TO TSUEN WAN AND SHEK LEI PUI TO TSUEN WAN.

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PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHEME MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT FROM KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD. APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ELDERLY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME IS PART OF THE ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF THE RESPECT THE ELDERLY WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS FUNDED WITH AN ALLOCATION OF \$57,000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND \$20,000 IN SPONSORSHIP.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP INCLUDE THE RECRUITMENT OF 150 ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS IN A VISIT EXERCISE TO OTHER OLD PEOPLE LIVING ALONE AND THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND SOUTH KWAI CHUNG GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL.

A LARGE-SCALE TEA RECEPTION FOR ALL ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS AND SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED IN MID-DECEMBER.

MEANWHILE, LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ALSO BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DRIVE TO SHOW THEIR RESPECT AND CARE TO OLD PEOPLE BY DESIGNING POSTCARDS AND SENDING THEM TO SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT THROUGH THE WORKING GROUP.

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TWO LOTS OF LAND FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

ONE LOT IS IN AREA 4B IN SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES, COVERING 2,816 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE OTHER LOT IS AT THE JUNCTION OF PO ON ROAD AND CHEUNG WAH STREET IN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

THE AREA OF THIS LOT IS ABOUT 2,110 SQUARE METRES AND IT IS FOR MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING PETROL-FILLING STATION, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

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KWAI TSING CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOSQUITOES

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RESIDENTS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT AN ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN THAT BEGAN IN THE DISTRICT TODAY (MONDAY).

A SERIES OF ANTI-MOSQUITO SURVEYS AND MEASURES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS BY STAFF OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL VISIT BUILDING SITES, DOMESTIC PREMISES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, VILLAGES, SQUATTER HUT AREAS AND MOSQUITO BLACK-SPOTS.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HELP GENERATE LOCAL SUPPORT FROM AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER RESIDENTS TOWARDS THESE OPERATIONS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OCTOBER 3.

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PUMPING TESTS AT PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE

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STAFF OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) BRIEFED LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES IN NORTH DISTRICT TODAY (MONDAY) ON THE RESULTS OF A PUMPING TEST AT A TRIAL DEEP WELL FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES.

THE WELL HAS BEEN DRILLED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL TO MAKE A SITE IN WONG MAU HANG SHAN, TA KWU LING, THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL.

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TA KWU LING RURAL COMMITTEE AS WELL AS VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES INSPECTED THE TRIAL WELL THIS MORNING AND BESIDES BEING BRIEFED ON THE TEST RESULTS WERE GIVEN A PUMPING DEMONSTRATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EPD EXPLAINED THAT THE TESTING WORK SHOWED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION BEFORE WORK ON THE LANDFILL BEGAN.

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AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY, CONDUCTED BY THE EPD'S CONSULTANT ON THE PROPOSED LANDFILL, FOUND THAT THE LANDFILL PROJECT WOULD AFFECT A STREAM WHICH VILLAGERS USE FOR IRRIGATION.

DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROJECT VILLAGERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THIS MATTER.

IN ORDER TO SECURE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF WATER, THE CONSULTANT RECOMMENDED THAT FOUR DEEP WELLS SHOULD BE DRILLED IN AN AREA TO THE SOUTH OF HA HEUNG YUEN.

A TRIAL WELL WAS DRILLED TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF THE DEEP WELL SCHEME, AND PUMPING TESTS STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING, YIELDING A BETTER THAN EXPECTED SUPPLY OF WATER.

MORE PUMPING TESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT THIS WINTER TO ESTABLISH THE SUPPLY DURING THE DRY SEASON.

DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THESE TESTS, PROVISION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLY BY MEANS OF A STORAGE RESERVOIR MAY BE CONSIDERED.

THE PROPOSED LANDFILL IS ONE OF THE THREE LARGE-CAPACITY LANDFILLS INTENDED TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE ENTIRE TERRITORY AS PART OF LONG-TERM WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY.

PREPARATORY SITE WORK ON THE \$1.6 BILLION PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 1990 WITH LANDFILLING DUE TO COMMENCE IN LATE 1993.

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EXTENSION OF FERRY PIER AT LUK KENG PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE EXISTING FERRY PIER AT LUK KENG, NORTHEAST LANTAU.

THE EXTENSION WILL TOTAL ABOUT 9.55 METRES AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1,510 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT LUK KENG.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15.

IN ADDITION, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT A BREAKWATER WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 2.29 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SAI KUNG HOI.

THE BREAKWATER IS TO PROVIDE AN AREA OF SHELTERED WATER AS COMPENSATION FOR THAT LOST UNDER THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF SAI KUNG CREEK.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN HO MAN TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HO MAN TIN FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UPON COMPLETION OF THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN SHEUNG FOO STREET:

- * SHEUNG FOO STREET WILL RETURN TO TWO-WAY OPERATION FROM ITS EXISTING TEMPORARY ONE-WAY OPERATION ENTERING FROM FAT KWONG STREET.
- * KMB ROUTES NO. 7B, 8 AND 18 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO HUNG HOM FERRY, STAR FERRY AND OI MAN RESPECTIVELY WILL RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS VIA FAT KWONG STREET, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEUNG FOO STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.
- * KMB ROUTE NO. 17 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 8 AND 28M ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO OI MAN, TSIM SHA TSUI AND MONG KOK RESPECTIVELY WILL RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS VIA SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEUNG FOO STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.
- * THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND LOCATED NEAR BLOCK 5 OF HO MAN TIN ESTATE WILL BE REINSTATED, WHILE THE TEMPORARY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND NEAR BLOCK 6 WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON, NEW TERRITORIES

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN TSIM SHA TSUI, TUEN MUN AND TAI PO FROM WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, KIMBERLEY STREET BETWEEN SHUN YEE STREET AND CARNARVON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

IN TUEN MUN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT TUEN LUNG STREET, THE EAST SECTION OF TUEN LUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 27.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE VIA STREETS C AND D WHEN TRAVELLING BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND TUEN HI ROAD.

IN TAI PO, THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING TAI PO ROAD, YUEN CHAU TSAI AND TOLO HIGHWAY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON SEPTEMBER 22 (THURSDAY) AND 23.

MOTORISTS ON TAI PO ROAD, YUEN CHAU TSAI HEADING FOR KOWLOON MAY EITHER USE TAI PO ROAD OR DIVERT VIA NAM WAN ROAD AND TAI PO TAI WO ROAD TO REJOIN TOLO HIGHWAY AT SHUI WAI.

AT THE SAME TIME, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 58S WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TAI PO ROAD ON ITS JOURNEYS TO TAI PO.

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SALT WATER CUT IN TAI KOK TSUI

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE AREA BOUNDED BY WAI ON STREET, POK MAN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND THE SEAFRONT.

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