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CHANGES TO LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH ANNOUNCED

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TWO POLICY BRANCHES AND TWO DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CREATED AS A RESULT OF AN INTERNAL GOVERNMENT STUDY TO CONSIDER THE REGROUPING OF THE FUNCTIONS AT PRESENT CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE IN STAGES FROM JULY ONWARDS.

ANNOUNCING THE MAIN CHANGES TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED THAT A PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH AND A WORKS BRANCH WOULD REPLACE THE EXISTING LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

"AS POINTED OUT BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION, KEY POLICY AREAS IN OUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT REQUIRE A HIGH DEGREE OF CO-ORDINATION AT THE SECRETARY LEVEL.

"THE CREATION OF A PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT DUE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE PLANNING SYSTEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THIS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT LAND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THAT LAND POLICIES ARE FORMULATED TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL USE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCES.

"THE CREATION OF A WORKS BRANCH WILL ENSURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO WORKS STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES ARE GIVEN THE FULL ATTENTION OF AN OFFICER AT THE SECRETARY LEVEL," HE ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO FACILITATE CLOSE LIAISON AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO SECRETARIES AND BETWEEN THEIR STAFF AT ALL LEVELS.

ON RE-ORGANISATION AT THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR LAST OCTOBER, AND A PLANNING DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CREATED.

"THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS, DRAINS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES. IT WILL ALSO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE INPUT INTO THESE SYSTEMS.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BRING TOGETHER FUNCTIONS AT PRESENT CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF EXISTING DEPARTMENTS, ALLOWING FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION," HE SAID.

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AT ALL LEVELS INCLUDING STRATEGIC, SUB-REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PLANNING. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A CENTRAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE TOWN PLANNING AUTHORITIES.

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THE TIMING OF THE ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES, SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WILL BE:

- * ESTABLISHMENT OF DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - JULY 1989
- * ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH AND WORKS BRANCH - SEPTEMBER 1989
- * ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT - JANUARY 1990

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FS SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF FUTURES EXCHANGE EGM

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE AT WHICH A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF THE ATTENDING SHAREHOLDERS VOTED BY A SHOW OF HANDS IN SUPPORT OF THREE OUT OF THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS PUT FORTH BY THE BOARD.

THE THREE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS DEAL WITH THE RESTRUCTURED SHARE CAPITAL OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE.

THE FOURTH ONE, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED ON A POLL BY MORE THAN 74 PER CENT OF SHAREHOLDERS, BUT FAILED TO GET THE REQUIRED 75 PER CENT VOTES, CONCERNS THE EXCHANGE'S CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AMONG WHICH IS THE PROPOSED DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF NON-MEMBER SHAREHOLDERS 18 MONTHS AFTER ITS ADOPTION; THESE NON-MEMBER SHAREHOLDERS WERE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT TODAY'S MEETING.

"THOUGH A RESOLUTION NARROWLY FAILED TO BE PASSED ON THE RECONSTITUTION PACKAGE PROPOSED AT THE FUTURES EXCHANGE'S EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, THE RESULT OF 74.38 PER CENT SUPPORT FROM THE VOTING SHAREHOLDERS IS VERY ENCOURAGING.

"IT IS A POSITIVE INDICATION OF THE GENERAL INTEREST IN THE FUTURES MARKET," MR JACOBS SAID.

"FOR ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE TO ACHIEVE A FULL RECONSTITUTION.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, I SHALL MOVE A RESOLUTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY TO ALLOW THE EXCHANGE TO POSTPONE HOLDING ITS THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BY A FURTHER THREE MONTHS TO JULY 1, 1989," HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG/UNITED KINGDOM AIR SERVICES

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS CONFIRMED RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT AT TALKS HELD IN LONDON FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO 18, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, FROM THE END OF NEXT MONTH HONG KONG AIRLINES MAY OPERATE UP TO 21 PASSENGER AND CARGO SERVICES A WEEK, AND UK AIRLINES MAY MOUNT THE SAME NUMBER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE CAPACITY AVAILABLE TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND."

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING SECTOR BOOMING

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, IS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG IS BOOMING AS MANY INVESTORS HAVE ASSESSED THE SITUATION HERE AND BACKED THEIR JUDGEMENT WITH THEIR MONEY BY SETTING UP FACTORIES HERE.

DELIVERING THE WELCOME ADDRESS AT A SEMINAR TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, MR MACLEOD SAID INVESTORS' CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG WAS DEMONSTRATED UNEQUIVOCALLY BY ABOUT US\$2,708 MILLION WORTH OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS AT THE END OF 1987.

QUOTING FINDINGS OF A YEARLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AMONG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WHICH CONTAINED FOREIGN INVESTMENT, MR MACLEOD SAID FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG WAS ON INCREASING TREND.

HE TOLD PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEMINAR ON "INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG" THAT BEFORE 1970, ONLY 89 OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS WERE RECORDED.

"FROM 1970 TO 1979, THERE WERE ON AVERAGE 21 INVESTMENTS EACH YEAR AND FROM 1980 TO 1984 THE AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF NEW INVESTMENTS ROSE TO 37.

"BY MID 1980'S, THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE HAD REACHED 49 AND IN 1987 THERE WERE 83 NEW INVESTMENTS, THE HIGHEST NUMBER EVER RECORDED IN A SINGLE YEAR," MR MACLEOD SAID.

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AT THE END OF 1987, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SURVEY, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 593 COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT INTEREST IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING A 9.6 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1986.

OF THESE 593 COMPANIES, MR MACLEOD ADDED, NEARLY HALF WERE JOINT-VENTURES WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH PROVIDED PARTICULARLY GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MERGING OF THE RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES.

TALKING ABOUT THE ATTRACTIONS OF HONG KONG, MR MACLEOD SAID MANY INVESTORS WHO HAD COME HERE HAD PRAISED OUR INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE.

"THIS FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT IS SUPPORTED BY A GOVERNMENT WHICH ADOPTS A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO ENSURE A STABLE FRAMEWORK, BOTH LEGAL AND PHYSICAL, WITHIN WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISES CAN OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY.

"INTERVENTION IS KEPT TO THE MINIMUM AND IS UNDERTAKEN ONLY IF IT IS CLEARLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE ECONOMY," HE STRESSED.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS WERE THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, WHO PRESENTED A SLIDE SHOW ON HOW HONG KONG CAN WORK FOR OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

OTHER SPEAKERS WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF PRUDENTIAL ASIA INVESTMENTS LIMITED, DR VICTOR FUNG, WHOSE SPEECH DESCRIBED THE UPGRADING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA; AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INTERPAC CONTAINERS LIMITED, MR HOGAN LOH, WHO SHARED HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN INVESTOR IN HONG KONG WITH PARTICIPANTS.

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DOCTOR FINED \$250,217 FOR MAKING INCORRECT TAX RETURN
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED TAXPAYERS THAT THEY MUST FILE CORRECT TAX RETURNS.

THIS FOLLOWS THE PROSECUTION OF A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR MAKING AN INCORRECT RETURN WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE CONTRARY TO SECTION 80(2)(A) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

THE PRACTITIONER, DR WONG TUNG-KIN, PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE BEFORE JUDGE FUNG.

HE WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$250,217, THE MAXIMUM THAT COULD BE IMPOSED UNDER THE SECTION.

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THE COURT WAS TOLD THE DR WONG HAD PRACTISED SINCE MAY 1982 AT OI YUNG HOUSE, YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

IN 1984 - 1985, THE DEFENDANT KEPT A RECORD OF THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN EACH DAY AND DAILY INCOME. AN ACCOUNTING FIRM PREPARED THE DEFENDANT'S ANNUAL PROFITS TAX RETURN REQUIRED UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

THE DEFENDANT DID NOT GIVE HIS RECORDS TO HIS ACCOUNTANT FOR THE PREPARATION OF HIS PROFITS TAX RETURN. INSTEAD, HE GAVE HIS ACCOUNTANT A WRITTEN SCHEDULE OF THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND BUSINESS INCOME.

THE ACCOUNTANT PREPARED THE ACCOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE PROFITS TAX RETURN, USING THE SCHEDULE. THE ACCOUNTS AND PROFITS TAX RETURN WERE SIGNED BY THE DEFENDANT AND SUBMITTED TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE ACCOUNTS FILED WITH THE PROFITS TAX RETURN FOR FINAL ASSESSMENT 1984-85 SHOWED THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD A TOTAL OF 25,965 PATIENTS AND A TOTAL INCOME OF \$936,321.

HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS KEPT BY THE DEFENDANT FOR THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WAS 38,969 AND THE TOTAL INCOME WAS \$1,417,141.

THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF INCOME WAS \$480,820 OR 33.92 PER CENT. THE TAX UNDERCHARGED WAS \$81,739.

A SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL, MR MICHAEL BLANCHFLOWER, REPRESENTED THE CROWN AND MR JOHN SWAINE, QC, APPEARED FOR THE DEFENDANT.

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ENHANCED TAXI DRIVING LICENCE WRITTEN TEST TO BE INTRODUCED

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THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THE TAXI DRIVING LICENCE WRITTEN TEST WILL BE INCREASED AS A MEASURE TO IMPROVE THE COMPETENCE OF TAXI DRIVERS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

NEW APPLICANTS WHO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE WRITTEN TEST ON OR AFTER MARCH 1 WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ENHANCED TEST.

THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE QUESTIONS IN THE TAXI WRITTEN TEST FOLLOWS A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW THAT THE CRITERIA FOR ISSUING TAXI DRIVING LICENCES SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE COMPETENCE OF TAXI DRIVERS.

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APPLICANTS TAKING THE NEW TEST WILL HAVE TO ANSWER MORE QUESTIONS ON GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS AND TAXI REGULATIONS.

"THIS MEANS THAT PROSPECTIVE TAXI DRIVERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW ON THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES; REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEIR CONDUCT; AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION LIVE AND WORK," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE CURRENT TAXI WRITTEN TEST COMPRISES THREE PARTS: PART A COVERING THE ROAD USER'S CODE; PART B, THE REGULATIONS REGARDING TAXIS ; AND PART C, GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS.

THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN PART B WILL BE INCREASED FROM SIX TO 10 AND IN PART C FROM 16 TO 32. PART A WILL HAVE 100 QUESTIONS AS AT PRESENT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WILL THUS BE INCREASED FROM 122 TO 142, AND THE TEST TIME WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 60 TO 70 MINUTES.

THE EXISTING MARKING SCHEME WILL BE MAINTAINED: MORE THAN FIVE MISTAKES IN PART A, MORE THAN ONE MISTAKE IN PART B, OR MORE THAN THREE MISTAKES IN PART C WILL CONSTITUTE A FAILURE. FAILURE IN ANY ONE PART WILL RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE TEST.

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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PRAISED FOR REPLACING OLD BRIDGE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH DISTRICT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION TODAY (THURSDAY) COMMENDED THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT FOR HAVING REPLACED AN OLD BRIDGE IN FANLING KWAN TEI NORTH VILLAGE IN NO MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS.

AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN GIN-HUNG, PRESENTED A SOUVENIR PLAQUE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR JIM KESSLER.

THE OLD BRIDGE, BUILT 30 YEARS AGO, WAS THE ONLY VEHICULAR LINK BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD ACROSS RIVER INDUS.

HEAVY VEHICLES WERE BANNED FROM USING IT LAST FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF ITS POOR CONDITION.

THE NEW BRIDGE WAS PLANNED, DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE STRUCTURES DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

BY USING STEEL IN THE DESIGN OF THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE, THE DIVISION MANAGED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT WITHIN FIVE MONTHS. IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST 10 MORE MONTHS IF A CONVENTIONAL CONCRETE STRUCTURE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

THE NEW BRIDGE WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC LAST MONTH.

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VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN SECOND PHASE MOBILE ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE SHOPPING CENTRE IN TUEN MUN ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) TO PUBLICISE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THE EVENT, TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL ALSO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND PHASE OF A FIVE-MONTH LONG ANTI-DRUG MOBILE EXHIBITION, WHICH STARTED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 20 SHOPPING CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES, INCLUDING MR YIP CHUN-TONG AND MISS FONG LAI-YING, WILL PERFORM AT THE SHOW ON SATURDAY, WHILE AN ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE ESTATE'S SHOPPING CENTRE.

THE SERIES OF ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITIONS, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO KEEP RESIDENTS BETTER INFORMED ON HONG KONG'S ANTI-DRUG WORK.

COMPRISING PANEL DISPLAYS AND VIDEO SHOWS, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE SHOPPING CENTRES OF THE FOLLOWING ESTATES DURING THE SECOND PHASE:

- * BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN (FEBRUARY 25 AND 26);
- * LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG (MARCH 4 AND 5);
- * SAM SHING ESTATE, TUEN MUN (MARCH 11 AND 12);
- * CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI (MARCH 18 AND 19);
- * FU SHIN ESTATE, TAI PO (MARCH 25 AND 26);
- * WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN (APRIL 1 AND 2);
- * SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN (APRIL 8 AND 9);
- * HENG ON ESTATE, SHA TIN (APRIL 15 AND 16);
- * HING KENG ESTATE, SHA TIN (APRIL 22 AND 23);
- * WAH FU ESTATE, ABERDEEN (APRIL 29 AND 30);
- * WAN TSUI ESTATE, CHAI WAN (MAY 6 AND 7); AND
- * LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU (MAY 13 AND 14).

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THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM.

ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF ON THE SPOT.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION AT KWAI TSING STARTS TOMORROW
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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION ARE NINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SURVEYS ON VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION TOPICS, INCLUDING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SECONDARY SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE EFFECTS OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES DEVELOPMENT ON NEARBY SCHOOLS.

DETAILS OF THE SURVEYS AND THEIR FINDINGS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LEE SHEW-LAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXHIBITION, MR YAU HON-KEE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM 26 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH PASSPORT AWARD SCHEME WILL RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATES FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTHS.

THE CERTIFICATE IS A FORM OF COMMENDATION TO ABOUT 1,500 STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BOTH AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL BASED ON THE ASSESSMENT BY THEIR PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

OVER 3,000 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE AWARD SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN MID-NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS;

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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SEMINAR ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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ABOUT 100 TEACHERS FROM 40 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED "FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY - A LOOK AT THE CONVERGENCE PROBLEM", IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE.

IT AIMS AT PROVIDING THE TEACHERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE WAYS TO DOVETAIL THE CURRICULUM OF PRIMARY SIX WITH THAT OF FORM ONE AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON COUNSELLING SERVICES TO PREPARE PRIMARY SIX PUPILS FOR A BETTER ADAPTATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE C.C.C. MONG MAN WAI COLLEGE. IT WILL BEGIN WITH AN ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR (CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR HO CHI-LEUNG.

THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSION ON TOPICS SUCH AS CURRICULUM PLANNING FOR BETTER TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY, ORIENTATION AND COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR PRIMARY SIX GRADUATES, AND CONVERGENCE OF THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM.

ALSO ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE DISTRICT'S SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR TSE TAK-ON; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT LIU; AND HEADS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR, BEGINNING AT 9 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) AT THE C.C.C. MONG MAN WAI COLLEGE, 20 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) TO DISCUSS THIS YEAR'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAGING A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE TO CELEBRATE THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

THEY WILL GIVE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE SITE PROPOSED BY THE ORGANISER OF THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS, THE SAI KUNG KAI FONG ASSOCIATION.

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IF A MATSHED IS TO BE MOUNTED AT THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES, CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING WOULD BE NECESSARY, THUS CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

THE PROJECT MANAGER/NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR CHOW CHI-KING, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE JUNK BAY AND SAI KUNG DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, 1988 EDITION.

ALSO, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR LYALL ALEXANDER-WEBBER, WILL CONSULT MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE OF AN AREA OF PRIVATE LAND IN PAK SHIN KOK, HANG HAU.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT NEWSPAPER, AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A NEW SECTION ADDED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS ON THE ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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WORKS PROJECTS PROGRESS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REPORTS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHWAYS, ENGINEERING, BUILDING, PUBLIC HOUSING AND URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SURVEY PLANNED ON CIVIC CENTRE FOR KWUN TONG

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THE QUESTION OF BUILDING A CIVIC CENTRE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE RAISED WHEN THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE PROVISION OF \$77,000 FOR CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR A CIVIC CENTRE, AND, IF SO, WHAT THE SEATING CAPACITY SHOULD BE AND WHAT FACILITIES SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE THE WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1989-90 AND A REVIEW OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DFCC MEMBERS VISIT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SO KAM-SHING, VISITED TWO CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS ON LANTAU ISLAND TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO ENABLE THE MEMBERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DAILY LIFE OF THE INMATES AT THE INSTITUTIONS.

THE PARTY FIRST WENT TO THE SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE. THEY LEARNT THAT ALL DETAINEES THERE WERE MALE OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 24.

THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON A PROGRAMME BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE CENTRE WHICH ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO STRICT DISCIPLINE, HARD WORK AND COUNSELLING. THE AIM IS TO TEACH THE INMATES TO RESPECT THE LAW WHILE PROVIDING THEM WITH POSITIVE TRAINING.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MEMBERS VISITED THE SHEK PIK PRISON - A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON WHICH HOUSES THOSE SERVING MEDIUM TO LONG SENTENCES, INCLUDING LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THE MEMBERS FOUND TODAY'S VISIT USEFUL AND SUGGESTED THAT SIMILAR VISITS SHOULD BE ARRANGED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS FOR EASTERN RESIDENTS

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TWELVE EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE 1988 EASTERN DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS AT A CEREMONY AT VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26) AFTERNOON.

THEY WERE CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE AWARDS FOR COURAGEOUS ACTIONS IN HELPING THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND ANTI-TRIAD POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND A CHINESE SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION. THESE WERE ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE CARNIVAL FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL INCLUDE SINGING PERFORMANCES, BICYCLE RIDING AND POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATIONS, POLICE VEHICLE EXHIBITION AND STALL GAMES.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR C.J. GLOVER; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AFTER THE CEREMONY IS COMPLETED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1988-89 EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26) AT FOOTBALL PITCHES 1, 2, 3 VICTORIA PARK. THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WONG TAI SIN DB SPRING RECEPTION ON SUNDAY

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26) FOR ABOUT 900 GUESTS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE RECEPTION TO BEGIN AT 3.30 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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MR LAU WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AWARDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO 14 LOCAL PERSONALITIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN THE DISTRICT

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SPRING RECEPTION ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE RECEPTION WILL START AT 3.30 PM.

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EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITION OPENS TOMORROW
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AN EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE OPEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT SHUN LEE ESTATE, KWUN TONG, TO PROVIDE JOB-SEEKERS WITH FACILITIES TO APPLY FOR JOBS ON THE SPOT.

IT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF FOUR SUCH EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR PODIUM OF THE ESTATE'S COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM TOMORROW AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS UNTIL MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES OF TUEN MUN ROAD AT TAI LAM BRIDGE AND BROTHER BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, AT LEAST TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE MAINTAINED FROM NOON TO 5 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTEING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES OF SHA TIN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, SECTIONS OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

THE SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN SHA TIN WAI AND YUEN CHAU KOK WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY ON FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 1 AND 2.

MEANWHILE, THE FAST LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF SHA TIN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY ON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28.

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EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION OF CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT
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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE ADVANCED FROM 7 AM TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF A CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE VENUE.

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