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**MORE PEOPLE SEEK HELP FROM TRANSPORT UNIT
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MORE PEOPLE HAVE SOUGHT THE HELP OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT TO RESOLVE THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT SERVICES.

IN ITS LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT, COVERING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1983, THE UNIT RECORDED A TOTAL OF 1 443 DIRECT COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT OVER THE 1 341 COMPLAINTS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS SIMILAR PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER THE 1 331 COMPLAINTS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT, MR STEPHEN PANG, NOTED THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL THE MAIN SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 668 CASES OR 46 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

OVER THREE-FIFTHS OF THESE CASES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST CMB AND KMB.

+COMPLAINTS CONCERNING CMB SHOWED A DECLINE. 148 COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED IN THE QUARTER AGAINST THE MORE THAN 170 COMPLAINTS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1982. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST CMB STAFF WAS STILL RELATIVELY HIGH. THERE WERE 62 SUCH CASES, REPRESENTING 42 PER CENT OF THE 148 CASES IN THE QUARTER,+ SAID MR PANG.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KMB ROSE FROM 213 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 260 IN THIS QUARTER, AN INCREASE OF 73 CASES WHEN COMPARED WITH THE 187 COMPLAINTS IN THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+THE UPWARD TREND WAS MAINLY DUE TO MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE KMB SERVICE IN THE NEW TOWNS. COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB STAFF HOWEVER REMAINED LOW (26 CASES) AS IN THE LAST QUARTER (25 CASES),+ SAID MR PANG.

THE SERVICES OF THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY LIMITED WERE ALSO SUBJECT TO MORE COMPLAINTS SINCE ITS SECTIONAL FARES WERE ADJUSTED AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A ONE-MAN-OPERATION SYSTEM ON ITS BUSES.

A TOTAL OF 13 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER, COMPARED WITH ONLY 11 COMPLAINTS RECORDED IN THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS CONTINUED TO GROW. OF THE 411 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER, 210 WERE ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION, 110 WERE RELATED TO PARKING FACILITIES AND 84 WERE ABOUT TRAFFIC AIDS OR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES.

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VAST MAJORITY OF HK'S TRADERS ARE HONEST
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MOST ALLEGATIONS AND ASSERTIONS ABOUT HONG KONG'S INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTERFEITING TRADE WERE UNFAIR, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, SAID IN ORLANDO, USA, ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27).

MR JORDAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-COUNTERFEITING COALITION MEETING THERE.

HE TOLD THE MEETING THAT THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN PEOPLE IN OTHER PLACES MAKING UNFAIR ASSERTIONS ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S TRADING INTEGRITY.

MR JORDAN STRESSED NOT ONLY WAS THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONG KONG'S TRADERS HONEST BUT THE TERRITORY'S COMMUNITY AT LARGE WAS HARD WORKING AND DESERVED ALL THE TRADE IT ACHIEVED.

+BUT THERE ARE A FEW ROTTEN APPLES IN ANY BARREL. AND THIS CAN BE SAID OF ANY COUNTRY WHETHER ONE IS TALKING ABOUT COUNTERFEITING OR ANY OTHER FORM OF FRAUD. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS THE ROTTEN APPLES WHO ATTRACT THE PUBLICITY, NOT THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONEST TRADERS.

+WE IN HONG KONG ENDEAVOUR TO PROVIDE THE STRONGEST LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST SUCH ROTTEN APPLES AND STRONG EFFICIENT LAW-ENFORCEMENT TEAMS TO ENSURE MAXIMUM APPREHENSION OF SUCH PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR JORDAN GAVE DETAILS OF THE DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE IN APRIL 1981.

UNDER THE NEW LAW, ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY WAS PLACED ON THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, AND OPERATIONALLY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADE CONTROLS INVESTIGATION BRANCH WHICH HAD 45 OFFICERS SPECIALISING IN COUNTERFEITS AND OTHER TRADE DESCRIPTION INFRINGEMENTS, HE POINTED OUT.

+BUT AS BACK-UP, THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED OFFICERS AT THE ENTRY POINTS AND IN THE HINTERLAND WHO NOT ONLY AS PART OF THEIR OVERALL DUTIES SEEK TO DETECT THE MOVEMENT OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS, BUT ARE AVAILABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIFIC TASK FORCES WHEN SUCH ARE NECESSARY FOR PARTICULAR OPERATIONS,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

TO ILLUSTRATE HONG KONG'S INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS IN ITS ANTI-COUNTERFEITING OPERATIONS, MR JORDAN POINTED OUT THAT IN 1978 THERE WERE 213 INVESTIGATIONS RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF \$1-MILLION WORTH OF GOODS, WHILE IN 1983, 913 CASES WERE HANDLED, WITH \$21-MILLION WORTH OF GOODS SEIZED.

+IN 1978, WE TOOK 56 CASES TO COURT. FINES TOTALLING \$50 000 WERE AWARDED AND THREE PERSONS WERE COMMITTED TO PRISON.

/+LAST YEAR,

+LAST YEAR, WE TOOK 421 CASES TO COURT. THE FINES AGGREGATED TO \$2.5 MILLION AND AGAIN THREE PERSONS WERE COMMITTED TO PRISON,+ HE ADDED.

MR JORDAN EXPLAINED THAT MANY CASES WERE INITIATED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WHILE OTHERS WERE MOUNTED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF TRADE COMPLAINTS.

THE DEPARTMENT WORKS CLOSELY WITH VARIOUS PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES AND LAWYERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WHO SPECIALISE IN THIS FIELD.

TURNING TO COPYRIGHT, MR JORDAN SAID THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S COPYRIGHT PROTECTION UNIT HAD RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM FOR VIRTUALLY ELIMINATING COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT OF AUDIO CASSETTES IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS NOW DEALING EQUALLY VIGOROUSLY WITH VIDEO CASSETTES. ITS DETECTION AND ENFORCEMENT METHODS ARE EMULATED BY OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

ON COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, MR JORDAN SAID THE TWO SIDES HAD AN EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN ANTI-COUNTERFEITING AS WELL AS IN OTHER MATTERS.

HE DREW ATTENTION TO SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS IN STOPPING TRADE IN COUNTERFEIT JEANS AND FAKE COMPUTERS PRODUCTS.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN 178 SEIZURES OF GOODS BEARING FORGED US TRADE MARKS AND BRAND NAMES VALUED AT NEARLY \$3 MILLION, HE POINTED OUT.

RELATED PROSECUTIONS HAD RESULTED IN FINES TOTTALLING \$1.15 MILLION AND THE FORFEITURE OF GOODS VALUED AT OVER ONE MILLION HK DOLLARS, HE ADDED.

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I.D. CARD OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 2 TO 5 FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THEY WILL, HOWEVER, REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 9.30 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 1), AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 8 AM ON FEBRUARY 6.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1952 AND 1953 THAT THERE ARE ONLY NINE WORKING DAYS LEFT FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS.

+THE TURN-UP RATE FOR THIS PHASE HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY. SO FAR, 69 300 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, LEAVING 34 900 MORE TO COME BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY ON THE FIRST WORKING DAY AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. TO AVOID THE RUSH, IT IS ADVISABLE FOR PEOPLE TO APPLY NOW,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

THOSE WHO ARE BUSY DURING WEEKDAYS MAY VISIT THE ISSUE OFFICES ON WEEKENDS. THEY MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM TO VISIT THE ISSUE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE AT A PRE-ARRANGED TIME.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

+APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ANY TIME BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.30 PM ON ANY NORMAL WORKING DAY, EXCEPT MONDAYS. HOWEVER, COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE FEBRUARY 11,+ HE SAID.

THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE BACK BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE SHOULD APPLY FOR THEIR NEW CARDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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RESULTS OF MEDICAL LICENTIATE EXAM * * * *

THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT 127 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

A TOTAL OF 351 CANDIDATES SAT THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON JANUARY 10, 1984.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 6 AND MAY 1, 1984.

IN ADDITION TO THE 127 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR PART I, ANOTHER FOUR CANDIDATES WHO HAD FAILED THE PART II EXAMINATION IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL ALSO SIT THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION ON EITHER MARCH 6 OR MAY 1.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SALE

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THIRTY-TWO SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$320 600 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AA22 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$50 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 2218 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$45 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DB 2168, DB 310, DB 1698, DB 136, DA 7328, DB 729, AL 1948, DB 621, BC 8964 AND DB 6608.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

DB 662	\$2 200	DA 6663	\$ 1 500	DB 6228	\$ 2 000
DB 6338	\$1 100	DB 2628	\$ 1 600	DB 112	\$ 3 500
CY 777	\$31 000	BX 19	\$19 000	DB 829	\$ 2 500
DB 1283	\$2 300	BU 888	\$30 000	CP 3388	\$20 000
BB 14	\$3 500			DB 288	\$ 5 000
DB 8168	\$1 900	CH 18	\$31 000	1997	\$35 000
DB 1638	\$1 500	CY 7878	\$16 000	DB 638	\$ 5 000

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAMES OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 89TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$29 770 332.

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LOCAL FISHERMEN CATER FOR HALF OF HK'S CONSUMPTION

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FISHERMEN OPERATING NEARLY 5 000 FISHING VESSELS PRODUCE \$1.5-BILLION WORTH OF FISH A YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THEIR PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR HALF OF HONG KONG'S DAILY FISH CONSUMPTION OF 560 TONS, HE POINTED OUT.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION DINNER OF THE JOINT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG FISHERMEN, HE NOTED THAT THE FISHING COMMUNITY PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY'S DAILY LIVES AND ECONOMY.

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+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT ASSOCIATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM FISHERMEN ORGANISATIONS FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG WILL IN TURN CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FISHERMEN- IT WILL PROMOTE THEIR WELFARE AND STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY.+

THE JOINT ASSOCIATION IS FORMED BY EIGHT FISHERMEN'S ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, LINKING TOGETHER THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

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KWU TUNG TO HAVE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL AT KWU TUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING OI WAH SCHOOL, WHICH OCCUPIES A SITE REQUIRED FOR IMPROVEMENT WORK TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU AND FAN KAM.

THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 3 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR DILLS CORNER GARDEN.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NINE-CLASSROOM BUILDING, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH AND TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS SHARING HK'S PROSPERITY

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A SERIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL ENABLE RESIDENTS THERE TO SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY AND AMENITIES ENJOYED BY THE REST OF HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

CITING EXAMPLES, HE SAID THE TYPHOON SHELTER HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED, THE PLAYGROUND ON THE PEAK WAS OPENED LAST YEAR AND CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS HAD BEGUN TO ENJOY MAINS ELECTRICITY.

+IN APRIL, RESIDENTS WILL START TO MOVE INTO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WORK WILL START THIS YEAR ON IMPROVEMENTS TO ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AND ON A SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND A NEW MARKET AND PIER ARE BEING PLANNED.+

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MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF AN EXTENSION PROJECT OF THE CHEUNG CHAU SAI WAN SELF HELP CARE (CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE) VILLAGE.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST 25 YEARS HE HAD WATCHED CHEUNG CHAU GROWING FROM A QUIET FISHING VILLAGE INTO A BUSY FISHING AND MARKET CENTRE OF OVER 20 000 PEOPLE.

+WE MAY BE SAD, TODAY, WHEN WE REFLECT ON THE VIRTUAL DISAPPEARANCE OF THE OLD VILLAGE WITH ITS QUIET WAY OF LIFE- BUT THERE WERE MANY IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND SO THE PROCESS OF CHANGE BEGAN,+ HE SAID.

+SINCE THEN THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OF WHICH THE CARE VILLAGES ARE A FINE EXAMPLE BUILT WITH HELP FROM THE USA, LOCAL GENEROSITY AND ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT.

+NOW WITH THIS EXPANSION WHICH WE OPEN TODAY, THE VILLAGE WILL HOUSE 3 000 PEOPLE, THUS MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHEUNG CHAU.+

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DB TO DISCUSS UNIVERSITY SITE

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A PROPOSAL TO SELECT A SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR THE THIRD UNIVERSITY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30) MORNING.

THE PROPOSAL WAS RAISED BY A BOARD MEMBER, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A NIGHT BAZAAR AT KAI MAN PATH IN THE TOWN CENTRE.

A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION. THESE INCLUDE SITE FORMATION AND ROADWORKS FOR VILLAGE HOUSES IN AREA 26, A RECREATION AREA NEAR BUTTERFLY BEACH, AND REVISED LAYOUT PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA 16.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE SETTING UP OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, AND DISCUSSION ON THE +1983 EDITION OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME+.

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SOME SEATS WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, AND THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD CONTACT THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT AT 0-843801.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF FOO YICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, SAN ON CIRCUIT.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 AM FOR TUEN MUN.

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WORKING CLASS BENEFIT FROM RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT ARE NORMALLY OFFERED TO THE WORKING CLASS OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (RECREATION AND SPORTS), MR DICKEN YUNG, AT A SPORTS SCIENCE CONFERENCE HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

AND, HE SAID, THERE WAS A CONTINUING DEMAND BY THE WORKING CLASS FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES AS BOTH THEIR LEISURE TIME AND DISPOSAL INCOME HAVE INCREASED.

SPEAKING ABOUT +CORPORATE RECREATION+, MR YUNG SAID CORPORATIONS GENERALLY VIEW RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR EMPLOYEES AS A WISE INVESTMENT BECAUSE PREVENTION OF HEART ATTACKS, DISABILITY AND PREMATURE RETIREMENT -- ALL REPRESENT COLOSSAL SAVING.

+RECREATION IS THEREFORE SEEN PRIMARILY AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR CREATING A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

+RELAXING AND ENJOYING ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER WORKERS DURING REST PERIODS, MEAL TIMES AND OFF-THE-JOB HOURS ARE RECOGNISED AS BEING IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL WORKER, TO INCREASE STAFF MORALE, TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS AND CARELESSNESS, AND TO IMPROVE PRODUCTION,+ HE SAID.

IN HONG KONG, MR YUNG CONTINUED, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WELL-ESTABLISHED CORPORATIONS WERE ALREADY PROVIDING RECREATION FOR THEIR STAFF.

RECREATION PROMOTES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HUMAN RELATIONS AND GROUP PARTICIPATION, HE SAID.

MR YUNG ADDED THAT IN THE WORLD OF INDUSTRY RECREATION PROGRAMMES CONTINUES TO GROW IN NUMBER AND VARIETY AND BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ACCEPT THAT INCREASED FITNESS THROUGH CORPORATE RECREATION MEANS INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE.

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NEW PRIVATE SCHOOL COMMENDED

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THE HONG LOK YUEN SCHOOL IN TAI PO IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN SUCCEED IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND AT THE SAME TIME ENRICH THEIR OWN COMMUNITY THROUGH SELF-HELP AND CO-OPERATION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN HE DECLARED THE SCHOOL OPEN.

THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL IN THE ESTATE WAS FIRST DEVELOPED BY ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS AND RESIDENTS IN MID-1981.

+WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, THE IDEA HAD BEEN TURNED INTO REALITY,+ HE SAID.

IT IS A PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL JOINTLY MANAGED BY A NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATION AND THE ESTATE DEVELOPERS. ENROLMENT IS OPEN TO BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS OF HONG LOK YUEN.

THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM INCORPORATES INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR PUPILS WHOSE PARENTS WISH THEM TO STUDY THESE SUBJECTS.

MR MACPHERSON NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNITY BUILDING TOOK ON A NEW DIMENSION IN TAI PO NEW TOWN WHERE A SIZABLE PROPORTION OF THE RESIDENTS ARE EXPATRIATES.

+THE PROCESS OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT CULTURES AND RACES IS OFTEN NOT AN EASY ONE, BUT I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE RESIDENTS HERE HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES IN ESTABLISHING THIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,+ HE ADDED.

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FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS IN TAI PO TO BEGIN TOMORROW

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THE ANNUAL TAI PO FESTIVE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING WITH A VARIETY PERFORMANCE OF LION AND UNICORN DANCES, ORIENTAL DANCES, FOLK SONGS SINGING AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE VARIETY SHOW, TO BE STAGED AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, WILL START AT 8 PM AND TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF A LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR THERE.

FROM TOMORROW UNTIL FEBRUARY 19, MORE THAN 20 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING EVENTS WILL BE STAGED IN THE DISTRICT.

ON FEBRUARY 4 (SATURDAY), A DISCO NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MORE THAN 1 000 YOUNG PEOPLE.

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ON +YAN YAT+ (EVERY BODY'S BIRTHDAY) ON FEBRUARY 8, THERE WILL BE A FEAST FOR 660 OLD PEOPLE AGED 73 AND ABOVE.

OTHER EVENTS WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS OF FLOWERS, BIRDS, PHOTOGRAPHS, CALLIGRAPHY AND FINE ARTS; A COUNTRY WALK FROM HOK TOU TO FUNG YUEN; A CLASSIC-GUITAR CONCERT; COMPETITIONS IN COOKING, SINGING AND BOWLING; A CHILDREN'S FILM SHOW AND FUN DAYS.

COSTING \$300 000, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE WITH DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

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YOUTHS TO PAINT ON HOARDINGS IN CENTRAL * * *

ABOUT 40 YOUNG ARTISTS WILL PAINT THEIR MASTERPIECES TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING ON THE HOARDINGS OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND GILMAN STREET.

THE ARTISTS, WHO ARE FROM LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS, ARE MEMBERS OF THE 14 WINNING TEAMS OF A FLOWER DRAWING COMPETITION HELD IN THE DISTRICT LAST DECEMBER.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COMMERCIAL AREA COMMITTEE, BOTH THE FLOWER DRAWING COMPETITION AND THE PAINTING OF THE HOARDINGS ARE AIMED AT INVOLVING LOCAL YOUTHS IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND FOSTERING A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THEIR DISTRICT.

THE PAINTING SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND A BRIEF PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 11 AM WHEN WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH COUPONS, TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANK YUE, AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMERCIAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHUNG-YING.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION * * * *

FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30), THE SECTION OF HOW MING STREET BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET AND HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

TRAFFIC ON THE ABOVE SECTION OF HOW MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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NEW ROAD LINK AT TSUEN WAN
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TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD LINK AS PART OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HOI PA VILLAGE.

THE LINK WILL CONNECT EXISTING SECTIONS OF TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA WHEN A SECTION OF YAN CHAI STREET IS CLOSED TO MAKE WAY FOR BUILDING AN EXTENSION TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MARCH 27.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT KA NING PATH
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30), THE WESTERN END OF KA NING PATH WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.

MEANWHILE, THE SUSPENSION OF THE +TRAM-ONLY+ LANE ON KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 501 AND TIN CHIU STREET, WHICH HAS BEEN IN FORCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1983, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN
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THE SECTION OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD NEAR P5 BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30) TO FACILITATE THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTINGS IN SHA TIN.

MOTORISTS WHO WISH TO CROSS SHING MUN RIVER MAY USE EITHER FO TAN ROAD NEAR P6 BRIDGE OR LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR P4 BRIDGE.

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