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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT REPORT +HELPFUL FOR REVIEW+  
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THE REPORT ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT BY THE OMELCO CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS PANEL WILL BE HELPFUL WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 POLITICAL REVIEW LATER THIS YEAR, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE NOTED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD DONE A VERY THOROUGH STUDY OF THE SITUATION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF TAI O ON LANTAU, SIR DAVID WAS ASKED ABOUT A SUGGESTION IN THE REPORT WHICH RECOMMENDED NO CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THAT THE GOVERNOR REMAIN AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SIR DAVID SAID: +I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IN HONG KONG IS TO DEVELOP THE SYSTEM GRADUALLY AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND THEN REVIEW THEM AND THEN MOVE ON.

+BUT WE SHOULDN'T GO IN FOR MAJOR CHANGES AND DRASTIC CHANGES ALL AT ONCE. IT'S MUCH BETTER TO PROCEED IN A GRADUAL WAY.+

THE GREEN PAPER WOULD BE PUBLISHED AT THE END OF MAY, SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN 1988, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID: +IT WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH UPON PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO THE GREEN PAPER, I THINK. BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THOSE REACTIONS ARE.+

EVERYTHING WAS BEING DONE IN PROPER TIME, HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS RAISED IN THE 1984 WHITE PAPER THAT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE LOOKED AT AGAIN IN THIS YEAR'S GREEN PAPER.

+BUT IF THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE, THEN THAT'S THE GENERAL VIEW.+

ON WHETHER A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSESSMENT OFFICE TO GAUGE PUBLIC OPINIONS, SIR DAVID SAID: +WE WILL BE TELLING YOU ABOUT THAT VERY SHORTLY.+

COMMENTING ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TO TAI O, SIR DAVID SAID THE FIRST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO BUILD THE SECOND STAGE OF THE LUNG TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND THEN TO CLEAR THE OLD STRUCTURES FROM THE CENTRAL OF THE CREEK THERE.

+TAI O IS A VERY OLD FISHING SETTLEMENT. IT HAS A HISTORY OF SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AND MANY OF THESE OLD STRUCTURES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CREEK THEMSELVES HAVE A HISTORY OF OVER 100 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

/+BUT THERE .....

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+BUT THERE ARE VERY SEVERE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HERE BECAUSE THE TOWN HAPPENS TO BE BUILT TOO CLOSE TO THE SEA LEVEL, SO IT SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC FLOODING SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR.+

THE ONLY WAY TO CURE THAT WOULD BE TO RAISE THE WHOLE LEVEL OF THE TOWN, SIR DAVID SAID. +THE PROBLEM IS A BIT LIKE THE PROBLEM IN VENICE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT VISITS BY MR GEORGE SHULTZ AND DR HENRY KISSINGER TO HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID: +THEY WERE PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG ON THEIR WAY TO OTHER PLACES.+

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#### GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIES OUTLINED

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GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ARE REINFORCED BY THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AND ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE PROJECTED PROVISION OF NEARLY \$5.9 BILLION FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME PROJECTS IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH ON GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN RELATION TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, HE SAID THE MAIN AREAS OF THIS SUPPORT INCLUDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WHICH PROVIDED LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES WHICH COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDINARY MULTI-STORY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND THE CLOSE MONITORING OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF ENERGY AVAILABLE.

FOR EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, HONG KONG HAD THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER TERMINAL, AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND EXCELLENT WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, HE ADDED.

THERE WAS ALSO A GREATER WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

ELABORATING ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME OF STUDIES HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS THE OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS THE OBSTACLES IN EACH OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRY SECTORS.

MANPOWER TRAINING WAS ALSO PROVIDED THROUGH THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTES, WITH INPUTS FROM INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES.

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AS FOR SERVICES TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY, MR JACOBS SAID THESE WERE PROVIDED MAINLY, THOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, IN THE FORM OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND BUREAU SERVICES.

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS PROVIDING SERVICES WHICH INVOLVED THE ATTAINMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARDS, CALIBRATION SERVICES AND LABORATORY ACCREDITATION.

EFFORTS WERE ALSO BEING MADE TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRY INTO HONG KONG.

+WE ARE IMPROVING OUR MECHANISMS FOR TARGETTING FOREIGN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND REINFORCING OUR INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICES LOCATED OVERSEAS.+

MR JACOBS EMPHASISED THAT ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DOING MUCH TO ASSIST THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES, THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO DISRUPT THE MECHANISM OF THE MARKET FORCE.

+THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TO ALLOW MARKET FORCES TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTION TAKEN BY OUR INDUSTRY.

+WE HAVE NEVER ATTEMPTED TO DECIDE FOR BUSINESSMEN WHAT TYPE OF INDUSTRY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, WHAT SORT OF BUSINESS INVESTMENT SHOULD BE MADE, OR WHICH MARKETS SHOULD BE OPENED UP.

+WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT SUCH BUSINESS DECISIONS ARE BEST TAKEN BY BUSINESSMEN RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS- AND THAT BUSINESSMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN A FREE MARKET ECONOMY,+ HE SAID.

STRESSING THAT THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WAS THE LINCH-PIN OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS - ACCOUNTING FOR SOME 22 PER CENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND ABOUT 33 PER CENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT - HE SAID IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT EXISTED TO ALLOW INDUSTRY TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND PROFITABLY.

+THIS HAS BEEN THE BASIC TENET OF OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE PAST THREE DECADES,+ HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE HISTORY OF SUCH POLICY DEVELOPMENT, MR JACOBS SAID A NUMBER OF STATUTORY BODIES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE 1960'S TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY.

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THESE INCLUDED THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

IN THE 70'S A POLICY IN LAND ALLOCATION WAS DEVELOPED TO ACCOMMODATE LAND FOR CAPITAL INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES WHICH WOULD BRING NEW AND SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SOPHISTICATED PROCESSES TO HONG KONG.

IN 1977, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN DIVERSIFICATION WAS FORMED TO ADVISE ON THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY, IN ORDER TO BROADEN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WOULD MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVE EDGE OVER ITS TRADING COMPETITORS.

ON GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT EFFORTS, MR JACOBS SAID THAT THEY WERE AIMED AT THE IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES THAT PREVENTED MANUFACTURERS FROM FULLY TAPPING THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXISTED IN OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS, AND THEIR REMOVAL WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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#### SIR DAVID SEES ISLANDS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENTS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, VISITED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL LEADERS.

STARTING THE DAY ON LAMMA ISLAND WITH A MEETING WITH THE RURAL COMMITTEES OF NORTH AND SOUTH LAMMA, SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO PENG CHAU WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

SIR DAVID NEXT WENT ON TO TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU ISLAND WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON A PLAN TO RE-VITALISE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

AT TAI O, SIR DAVID TOURED THE LUNG TIN RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, THE FIRST SUCH SCHEME UNDERTAKEN BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE SILTING OF THE TAI O CREEK BY LOCAL RESIDENTS LIVING IN +PANG UKS+, WOODEN STILTED STRUCTURES LINING THE CREEK.

SIR DAVID THEN ATTENDED A LUNCH AT PO LIN MONASTERY HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YU YUEN-HEI.

THE REST OF THE DAY WAS SPENT INSPECTING DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE SOUTH LANTAU COAST AND MUI WO, WHERE SIR DAVID SAW THE PROGRESS OF THE MUI WO PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE THERE.

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EXPANDED BUSINESS TIES WITH BELGIUM URGED  
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HONG KONG AND BELGIUM ENJOY A CORDIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AND THE TERRITORY IS CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO EXPAND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN BELGIUM, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING HOSTED BY THE BELGIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR HO SAID BELGIUM HAD ALREADY BEEN PLAYING A USEFUL PART IN FACILITATING TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND ITS THIRD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, THE EEC AS A WHOLE.

IN 1986, THE EEC ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 13 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE. IT WAS HONG KONG'S SECOND LARGEST MARKET, TAKING SOME \$31 300 MILLION WORTH OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND WAS ALSO OUR THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIER, SELLING SOME \$31 700 MILLION WORTH.

MR HO SAID HONG KONG WAS AN IMPORTANT MARKET FOR EEC GOODS, WITH ITS IMPORTS PER CAPITA FROM THE EEC MORE THAN, FOR EXAMPLE, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

HONG KONG WAS A VERY GOOD MARKET FOR BELGIAN PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY DIAMONDS, BUT THE BALANCE OF TRADE HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN BELGIUM'S FAVOUR.

+WE DO NOT HAVE ANY TARIFF OR NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO IMPORTS, AND NATURALLY SEEK TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE ACCESS FOR OUR PRODUCTS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS.+

HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES WERE CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING TO MAINTAIN EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS AND IF THE OPPORTUNITIES WERE LEFT TO BE EXPLOITED BY MARKET FORCES WITHOUT HINDRANCE THROUGH PROTECTIONISM THERE WOULD BE INCREASED TRADE BOTH WAYS, HE SAID.

ON BELGIAN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, MR HO SAID BELGIAN INTERESTS WERE ALREADY PRESENT IN THE BANKING, FINANCIAL, INSURANCE AND MANUFACTURING SECTORS.

+HONG KONG IS A GOOD PLACE FOR SUCH INVESTMENT; WE HAVE A HARDWORKING AND RESOURCEFUL WORK FORCE, EXCELLENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, A LOW TAX REGIME, A STABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND AN IDEAL LOCATION ALONG THE TRADE ROUTES OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION, AND A GATEWAY TO CHINA.+

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GATT NATIONS ATTACK U.S. TEXTILE BILL  
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OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. TEXTILE AND APPAREL TRADE ACT OF 1987 HAS BEEN VOICED AT THE GATT COUNCIL MEETING IN GENEVA THIS WEEK BY HONG KONG, INDONESIA (WHICH SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE ASEAN NATIONS) TURKEY, URUGUAY, PAKISTAN, BRAZIL, INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO GATT, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, TOLD THE COUNCIL: +THIS BLATANTLY PROTECTIONIST BILL IS CLAIMED BY ITS SPONSORS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 19 OF THE GATT AND IT IS ALREADY GAINING SUPPORT IN CONGRESS UNDER THE CLAIM THAT IT IS A MORE REASONABLE AND MODERATE MEASURE THAN THE JENKINS BILL ON WHICH THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO WAS SO NARROWLY SUSTAINED LAST YEAR.

+IN FACT, THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT THE BILL WHICH COULD BE REGARDED AS IN ANY WAY CONSISTENT WITH EITHER THE GATT OR THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.+

AFTER REVIEWING THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL FOR WORLD TRADE MR CARTLAND WENT ON: +THIS IS NOT A BILL PROPOSED OR SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. INDEED, THE ADMINISTRATION DID ITSELF LAST YEAR VETO THE JENKINS BILL, AN EQUALLY DANGEROUS PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND HAS ALSO THIS YEAR INTRODUCED A GENERIC TRADE BILL DESIGNED TO PROMOTE U.S. COMPETITIVITY AND NOT TO PROMOTE SECTORAL PROTECTION.

+OF COURSE WE SHOULD ALL WISH THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THIS DIRECTION BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD ALL BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS POSED BY A MEASURE OF THIS NATURE.

+THIS IS NOT JUST THE DANGER THAT THE BILL MIGHT BE ENACTED BUT ALSO THE DANGER THAT IT MIGHT NOT - AND THAT SOME PRICE IN TERMS OF PROMISES TO TAKE SOME OTHER TYPE OF PROTECTIVE ACTION ON TEXTILES MIGHT BE EXACTED.

+SUCH PROMISES HAVE A WAY OF HAUNTING THE U.S. IMPORT MARKET FOR TEXTILES, INDEED ONE PROMISE THAT DATES FROM THE RUN-UP TO THE ELECTION OF THE PRESENT PRESIDENT IS IN FACT REFLECTED IN THIS BILL -- THAT FUTURE IMPORT GROWTH SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE LEVEL OF GROWTH IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET AS PERCEIVED BY THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY - ONE PER CENT.

+THE MOST DANGEROUS ASPECT OF THIS BILL IS THAT IT IS BEING MISREPRESENTED AS BEING GATT CONSISTENT. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS BODY SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND OF THE THREAT IT POSES BOTH FOR THE GATT AND THE URUGUAY ROUND.+

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR SHAM SHUI PO  
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MR GREGORY LEUNG WING-LUP, AT PRESENT THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR SYLVESTER TSE TAK-KAN AS SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER NEXT MONTH, A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR TSE WILL LEAVE HIS POST ON MARCH 23 AND AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TSANG HING-KAY, WILL ACT AS DISTRICT OFFICER UNTIL MR LEUNG TAKES OVER THE POST ON APRIL 21.

MR LEUNG WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR FRANKIE LUI KIN-FUN WHO IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE. MR LUI'S LAST POSTING WAS WITH THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADORS ANNOUNCED  
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THREE OFFICERS WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL OR RELATED FIELDS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADORS UNDER AN AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (ISHC).

THEY ARE MR FOK KAM-CHEONG, SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO. LTD., MR MAN HOI-MING, ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF SHUI ON CONSTRUCTORS LTD., AND MR LYON LING, SAFETY OFFICER OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG.

THE THREE WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM ISHC, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDGING PANEL, MR ROBERT LAI, RECALLED THAT THEY HAD A HARD TIME CHOOSING THE MOST SUITABLE PERSONS.

+THE THREE AMBASSADORS WERE SHORT-LISTED FROM SOME 30 FINALISTS AND WERE SELECTED FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ADHERENCE TO THEIR SAFETY KNOWLEDGE AND CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DURING THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR CAREERS.+

MR LAI NOTED THAT IN THEIR SUBMISSIONS, MR FOK HAD PUT FORWARD A DESIGN TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE EXHAUST SYSTEM OF WATER PUMPS; MR MAN HAD MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON WORK SAFETY AT HEIGHT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY; AND MR LING HAD SUBMITTED A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS ON SAFETY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

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THE THREE WINNERS WILL LATER THIS MONTH VISIT INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN JAPAN WHERE THEY WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS. EACH WILL ALSO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE OF \$3 000.

THERE WERE ALSO SEVEN RUNNERS-UP, EACH OF WHOM WILL RECEIVE \$2 000 AND ANOTHER 20 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$500 EACH.

THE NOMINATORS OF THE TOP TEN WINNERS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUPPORT TO THE SCHEME.

ALL WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS AT A GALA NIGHT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI ON MARCH 20.

THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADOR AWARD SCHEME, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY ISHC AND RTHK, IS PART OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMITTEE.

DURING THE WEEK FROM MARCH 14 TO 20 A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY IMPACT AND TO RELAY THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC SIGNS IMPROVED  
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A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAS SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT IMPROVEMENT TO MORE THAN 40 TRAFFIC SIGNS IN THE DISTRICT.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN MAY 1985, IT HAD REFERRED ABOUT 60 PROBLEM TRAFFIC SIGNS IDENTIFIED IN THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR RECTIFICATION.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES. THEY ALSO CONDUCT SITE VISITS AND ARE CONSTANTLY ALERT TO VIEWS OF RESIDENTS.

COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNS ARE RELAYED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR REFERENCE THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

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PROPOSALS INCLUDED ADDITIONAL SIGNS FOR CERTAIN AREAS, PLANTING LARGER SIGNS, THE RE-LOCATION OF OBSTRUCTED SIGNS AT MORE CONSPICUOUS SPOTS, THE REMOVAL OF REDUNDANT OR OUTDATED SIGNS, TIME SCHEDULES FOR NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS, CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS AND WARNING SIGNS OF SHARP ROAD DEVIATION OR TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS.

MANY OF THE GROUP'S PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED AND ACTED UPON ACCORDINTLY. A NUMBER OF REDUNDANT SIGNS WERE REMOVED, WHILE SOME WERE IMPROVED.

RECENTLY, A +TO CAR PARK+ SIGN OBSTRUCTING THE PAVEMENT OF WESTBOUND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD WAS REPLACED BY A NEW ONE PLANTED NEAR GUARDRAILS.

CONCRETE BOLLARDS WERE ALSO PROVIDED ALONG THE BAND OF SHEK O ROAD NEAR CAPE D'AGUILAR ROAD TO PREVENT COACHES FROM PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT.

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#### ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED IN WAN CHAI

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NINE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT A REAR LANE OF HENNESSY ROAD IN WAN CHAI WERE CLEARED IN AN OPERATION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THESE INCLUDED TWO COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, FIVE STORAGE STRUCTURES AND TWO CANOPIES.

SOME OF THE STRUCTURES WERE ERECTED OVER GAS MAINS, POSING A DANGER TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND SANITARY CONDITIONS WERE POOR.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE EXERCISES CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, THE OPERATION WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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PROPOSED TRADE LEGISLATION IN U.S. EXPLAINED

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ON PROPOSED NEW TRADE LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM, IN THE TRADE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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DETAILS OF ELDERLY FEE REDUCTION SCHEME SURVEY

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT SURVEY ON THE FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SCHEME, WAS CARRIED OUT WITH QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO PARTICIPATING DOCTORS, DENTISTS, DISPENSARIES, LABORATORIES AND MAXI-CAB PROPRIETORS. ATTEMPTS WERE ALSO MADE TO STUDY MAXI-CAB DRIVERS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS SENIOR CITIZENS.

CONVENOR OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP, MR MICHAEL LEE, AND THE SENIOR STATISTICIAN OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR K.K. AU, WILL PRESENT FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, MR LIU SING-LEE, MISS MARGARET HONG, AND THE ASSISTANT WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH.

THE FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WAS INTRODUCED IN JUNE 1985 BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE. SINCE THEN, ABOUT 4 300 ENTITLEMENT CARDS WERE ISSUED TO OLD PEOPLE AGED OVER 60.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AT 3 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

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SURVEY ON BUILDING INDUSTRY UNDER WAY  
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THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING A MANPOWER SURVEY ON THE INDUSTRY.

THE BIENNIAL SURVEY, TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH 5 AND 27, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT COLLECTING INFORMATION ON TRAINING NEEDS AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAD BEEN SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY. OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRES.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO COOPERATE AND SUBMIT DETAILED INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE USED AS REFERENCE FOR FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET INDUSTRY NEEDS.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS  
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SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA OF SAI KUNG CREEK BETWEEN THE OLD TOWN AND TUI MIN HOI AND THE CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULA NORTH AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT THE LAYOUT AND OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE TWO AREAS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A RESEARCH STUDY ON THE ATTITUDES OF RESIDENTS TOWARDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY A PRIVATE RESEARCH COMPANY.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES WILL BE ELECTED AT THE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP OF THESE COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE DECIDED. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME, THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD FUND, APPLICATION FOR FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT'S NEWSPAPER, A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, AND PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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THE SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS FOR 1987-88 WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR REFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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DISCUSSION ON HING WAH STREET NULLAH DECK CLEARANCE  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.15 PM TO DISCUSS THE CLEARANCE OF HING WAH STREET NULLAH DECK.

THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING AFTER A CLOSED-DOOR DISCUSSION ON THE CLEARANCE.

FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WHEN MEMBERS DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

THESE INCLUDE THE DRAFT YEAR PLAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR 1987-88= ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS FACED BY BEACON HEIGHTS RESIDENTS= POLLUTION PROBLEM CAUSED BY FACTORIES AT THE JUNCTION OF YEN CHOW STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET= EXTENSION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO TEMPORARY WHOLESALE FRESHWATER FISH MARKET= AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY HOT LINE.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AND THE BRIEFING TOMORROW.

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KWAI TSING MINI-SOCCER FINAL TOMORROW  
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TOP SOCCER PLAYERS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL COMPETE IN THE FINAL OF THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINI-SOCCER CUP COMPETITION AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWAI SHING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE AWARDED.

THE CUP, DONATED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MR LAM KIN-MING, WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAM AFTER THE MATCH.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT, 27 TEAMS TOOK PART IN THE TOURNAMENT.

BESIDES MR LAM, OTHERS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TIEN PEI-CHUN, CHAN KWOK-WAI AND CHOI HING-SHUN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, AND DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR LIU WING-KWONG.

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PRIZES FOR SAFETY POSTER DESIGNERS  
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WINNERS OF THE 19TH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY KADER INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KADER, MR KENNETH TING, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE PENTHOUSE OF EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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MENTAL HEALTH CARNIVAL IN SHA TIN ON SATURDAY  
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A CARNIVAL TO ENABLE SHA TIN RESIDENTS TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE HELD AT THE HIN KENG ESTATE FOOTBALL PITCH ON SATURDAY (MARCH 7).

STARTING AT 1.30 PM, PROGRAMMES OF THE CARNIVAL INCLUDE GAMES STALLS, A QUIZ CONTEST AND AN EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION EDUCATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN WING-WAH, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DR FANNY CHEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL.

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CARNIVAL TO BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS ORGANISED  
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A FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUNGSTERS THIS SUNDAY (MARCH 8) AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK.

THE +CIVIC EDUCATION DAY CARNIVAL+ WILL FEATURE GAME STALLS, VARIOUS PERFORMANCES AND COMPUTER GAMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INCULCATE ON CHILDREN CIVIC DUTIES AND GOOD MANNERS.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, YWCA AND THE SHEK TONG TSUI CARITAS YOUTH CENTRE, THE FUNCTION WILL START AT 2 PM.

GAME STALLS COUPONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523462 OR 5-461071.

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YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS BEING EXTENDED  
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THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS IS BEING EXTENDED AT A COST OF \$34 MILLION FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO FRANKI CONTRACTORS LIMITED.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING A 170-METRE LONG FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BYPASS AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

IT WILL CARRY THROUGH TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD TO AU TAU TO IMPROVE FLOW AT THIS HIGH-CAPACITY SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION.

OTHER WORK WILL INCLUDE A TWO-WAY REINFORCED CONCRETE FLYOVER OF ABOUT 15.35 METRES IN WIDTH WITH CENTRAL DIVIDER AND ASSOCIATED RAMPS AND ROADWORKS.

IN ADDITION, A TERMINUS WILL BE BUILT AT FOOK HONG STREET TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM THE EXISTING ON-STREET TERMINI. THIS WILL HELP IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW WITHIN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

WORK STARTED THE MIDDLE OF LAST MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR FSD MARRIED QUARTERS  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT WORTH MORE THAN \$16.8 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT MARRIED QUARTERS FOR FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL IN TUEN MUN.

THE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS WILL BE SITED OFF CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN SAN HUI, ACROSS FROM THE SIU HONG COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THERE WILL BE 11 300 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION SPACE FOR 160 FAMILIES IN A 20-STOREY BUILDING.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A CARPARK, GARDEN AND COVERED CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

WORK WILL START SOON AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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STAGE LIGHTING FOR NEW WESTERN COMPLEX  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$1.73 MILLION CONTRACT FOR INSTALLING STAGE LIGHTING IN THE NEW WESTERN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX BEING BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND MORRISON STREET.

WORK INVOLVES INSTALLING THE LIGHTING IN AN AUDITORIUM, LECTURE HALL AND FOUR LARGE REHEARSAL ROOMS.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE \$83.68 MILLION COMPLEX, OCCUPYING A SITE OF 3 704 SQUARE METRES, IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1988.

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TSING YI BRIDGE CLOSED FOR MONITORING  
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TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON SUNDAY (MARCH 8) TO ALLOW ITS STRUCTURE TO BE MONITORED.

THE HOURS OF CLOSURE WILL BE 12.30 AM TO 2.30 AM, 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM AND 3 PM TO 4 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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TONG MEI ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC  
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THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF TONG MEI ROAD BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND BEDFORD ROAD IN MONG KOK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MARCH 7 (SATURDAY) TO MARCH 10 BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM DAILY.

THE MEASURE IS TO ENABLE BEAM REMOVAL WORK IN THE AREA TO BE CARRIED OUT.

TRAFFIC ON TONG MEI ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST OR LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO BEDFORD ROAD, FIR STREET, LARCH STREET, LIME STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN WAN CHAI  
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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND THE CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 7).

THE TWO ROADS ARE THE SECTION OF TONNOCHY ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD AND THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF LOCKHART ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 361 TO 365.

THE RESTRICTION ON TONNOCHY ROAD WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS, WHILE THAT ON LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE MADE PERMANENT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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