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RC PROGRAMME MATCHING NEW TOWN GROWTH: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IN PARALLEL WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE NEW TOWNS THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAD ITS OWN MASSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME COSTING SOME \$6 BILLION.

THIS WAS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF THE RESOLVE OF THE COUNCIL TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ALL WHO RESIDED AND WORKED IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE COUNCIL'S NEW CHAMBERS AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW BUILDING IN SHA TIN, TO BE COMPLETED IN 1991, WOULD BE A SYMBOL OF THAT DETERMINATION.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COUNCIL AND ITS STAFF WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD WITH THE SAME VIGOUR AND DEDICATION THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN IN THE PAST."

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ITS IDENTITY IN THE COMMUNITY IT SERVED AND NOW PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR SOME TWO MILLION PEOPLE.

"THIS WILL JUMP TO NEARLY THREE MILLION WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE, AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE MOVE FROM THE OLDER PARTS OF THE URBAN AREAS TO OUR EXPANDING NEW TOWNS.

"THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE MAJOR TASK OF PROVIDING A SCALE OF SERVICES TO MATCH THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING OUR NEW TOWNS.

"WE AND THE COUNCIL SHARE THE AIM OF MAKING THE NEW TOWNS BETTER AND MORE ATTRACTIVE PLACES IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK," HE ADDED.

TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED A CAPITAL GRANT OF SOME \$1 BILLION AND HAD ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL REVENUE FROM RATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE ADDED THAT THESE FINANCIAL RESOURCES WOULD ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE IT SERVED WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE STANDARD THEY DESERVED.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THAT LIKE THE FOUNDATION WORKS FOR THE NEW BUILDING, IT WAS THE AIM OF THE COUNCIL TO BUILD FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH TO PROVIDE MORE AND BETTER SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

BEING A YOUNG COUNCIL ESTABLISHED ONLY IN APRIL 1986, HE SAID THE EARLY YEARS HAD BEEN A PERIOD OF GROWING AWARENESS. "FOR THE COUNCIL AN AWARENESS OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES."

THE COUNCIL'S FIRST PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY IN FEBRUARY 1988 SHOWED THAT ABOUT NINE OUT OF 10 PEOPLE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA WERE AWARE OF THE COUNCIL OR ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

"WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE SECOND SURVEY AND I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AWARENESS HAS INCREASED TO 96 PER CENT. THIS IS NO SMALL ACHIEVEMENT BEARING IN MIND THE SHORT HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL."

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ITS PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC, APART FROM JUST BEING AWARE THAT THE COUNCIL EXISTED, TOOK A MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN WHAT IT DID.

TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, HE ADDED, THE COUNCIL INTENDED TO FOLLOW ON FROM REGCO 88 BY HOLDING ANOTHER REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL IN 1990, WITH THE THEME BEING "PARTICIPATION".

MR CHEUNG SAID OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THE COUNCIL HAD A MONUMENTAL TASK IN CARRYING OUT THE HUGE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME WHICH WAS REQUIRED.

"THESE NEW FACILITIES UNDER PLANNING INCLUDE MAJOR INITIATIVES SUCH AS A ZOO, HORSE-RIDING CENTRES AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG."

THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, BEING BUILT AT A COST OF \$187.5 MILLION, WILL BE LOCATED ON A 0.4 HECTARE SITE NEXT TO THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION.

SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MAY 1991, IT IS A COMPOSITE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING A CURVED-SHAPED LOW BLOCK AND A 20-STORY CURTAIN-WALLED OFFICE BLOCK. THE THREE FRONTAGES OF THE LOW BLOCK WILL BE SURROUNDED BY LANDSCAPING WITH A FOUNTAIN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

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GOVT STILL TRYING TO GET ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL TRYING TO GET IN PLACE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURNING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO VIETNAM BUT THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT YET IN PLACE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"IT REMAINS OUR OBJECTIVE," THE GOVERNOR SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET REACHED FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

SIR DAVID SAID THE SITUATION WAS EXACTLY AS IT WAS WHEN HE SPOKE ABOUT THE SUBJECT LAST WEEK.

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CAS PLAYS KEY ROLE IN EMERGENCY AND SECURITY SERVICES

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SUPPORT OF HONG KONG'S EMERGENCY AND SECURITY SERVICES AND THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE SERVICE IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TONIGHT (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CAS ANNUAL DINNER, SIR DAVID PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR ITS ASSISTANCE IN MANAGING CAMPS FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"DURING 22 YEARS HERE, I HAVE SEEN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, DURING NATURAL DISASTERS, RESCUE OPERATIONS AND TYPHOONS, THE CAS RESPONDING ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO THE CALL OF DUTY.

"WE ARE FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE IN THE CAS A WELL-TRAINED ORGANISATION WHICH IS TOTALLY DEPENDABLE EVEN UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATIONS," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT OVER 33,000 VBP HAD ARRIVED SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID WHILE THE SITUATION HAD NOT REACHED CRISIS LEVELS, IT HAD BEEN A STRAIN ON THE TERRITORY'S RESOURCES AND A TEST OF ITS DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

"WITH CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONGST THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND OTHER OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE COPEd WELL," HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE CAS HAD MADE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION BY MANAGING THE FACILITIES AT ARGYLE STREET AND STONECUTTERS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED THAT WITH THE LIMITED FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND DESPITE THE CROWDED CONDITIONS, THE CAS WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN GOOD DISCIPLINE AND ORDER AT BOTH ARGYLE AND STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

"I AM GRATEFUL TO THE CAS OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE TAKEN ON THESE ONEROUS DUTIES." HE SAID.

"WE SHALL START EVACUATING THE FERRIES AT STONECUTTERS IN A FEW DAYS' TIME, AND BY EARLY DECEMBER THE 2,000 BOAT PEOPLE THERE WILL HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MORE PERMANENT, LAND BASED ACCOMMODATION.

"THIS WILL REPRESENT THE CLOSE OF A SMALL CHAPTER, AND MEMBERS OF THE CAS WILL MOVE ON TO OTHER AND I HOPE MORE ENJOYABLE DUTIES," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID ALSO THANKED THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE MANY EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO HAD CO-OPERATED IN RELEASING THEIR STAFF TO UNDERTAKE CAS DUTIES.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE DINNER, THE CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, SAID HE WAS VERY PROUD OF THE ROLE THAT THE CAS HAD PLAYED IN MANAGEMENT OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

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THE UNPRECEDENTED FLOOD OF VBP DURING THE YEAR HAD PRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SECURITY FORCES WITH A VERY SERIOUS CHALLENGE, HE SAID.

"I AM VERY PROUD OF THE ROLE THAT THE CAS HAVE PLAYED IN THIS MAJOR OPERATION.

"FAR FROM BEING FINISHED WITH THIS DUTY, WE HAVE, IN FACT, APART FROM A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AT LUNAR NEW YEAR TIME, BEEN CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT ARGYLE STREET WHERE PRESENTLY THERE ARE 1,600 VBP HOUSED, AND AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND WHERE WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 VBP HOUSED ON FIVE FERRIES.

"EARLIER IN THE YEAR, THE CAS SUPERVISED THE PROCESSING AND DEPARTURE OF THE FIRST BATCH OF VOLUNTEER VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM. THEY LEFT FROM ARGYLE STREET DETENTION CENTRE," HE SAID.

SIR ROGER NOTED THAT MEMBERS HAD HAD TO MAKE SACRIFICES IN USING THEIR LEAVE AND TIME-OFF TO PERFORM THIS DUTY AND THAT THIS HAD ALSO BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH CONSIDERABLE CO-OPERATION FROM EMPLOYERS.

"IN SPITE OF THESE VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES, THE CAS HAVE NEVER FAILED TO FULLY AND PROPERLY DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND CAS MEMBERS. YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED," HE SAID.

"THE STRENGTH OF THE SERVICES REMAINS AT A VERY SATISFACTORY LEVEL VIS-A-VIS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND RECENT RECRUITING EXERCISES HAVE PRODUCED VERY PROMISING RESULTS FOR BOTH THE ADULT AND CADET SERVICES.

"THIS, IN THE FACE OF CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION FROM THE OTHER VOLUNTARY SERVICES AND HAVING REGARD TO THE UNPLEASANT NATURE OF THE VBP DUTIES, AND, THE UNSETTLING EVENTS OF SUMMER.

"INDEED THESE RESULTS ARE MOST ENCOURAGING," HE ADDED.

NEVERTHELESS, SIR ROGER EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT THAT THESE DUTIES HAD HAD ON THE CAS PLANNED TRAINING PROGRAMME.

"APPROXIMATELY 10 PER CENT OF OUR TRAINING PROGRAMME COURSES HAVE HAD EITHER TO BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED," HE SAID.

REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE CAS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF ITS STRUCTURE IN THE PAST YEAR, SIR ROGER SAID THE FUTURE OF THE SERVICES WAS BRIGHT ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD.

"TOGETHER WE CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE," HE SAID.

PUBLIC CO-OPERATION TO ENABLE URBCO TO IMPROVE
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THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE LIVING AND WORKING IN HONG KONG IS NEEDED TO ENABLE THE URBAN COUNCIL TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TERRITORY WITH INCREASING VIGOUR. THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR SO SAID THAT AS THE FIRST STEP, THE HONG KONG PUBLIC MUST TAKE A GREATER INTEREST IN THE WORK AND SERVICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ITS AFFAIRS.

"THIS INCLUDES TAKING A MORE DIRECT AND CLOSER INVOLVEMENT IN URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND IN GREATER PARTICIPATION IN ALL TYPES OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, ENTERING INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL IN CO-SPONSORING ACTIVITIES, DONATING TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF COUNCIL FACILITIES OR FINANCING COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

IT ALSO INVOLVED THE ACTIVE AND CONSCIOUS CO-OPERATION OF ALL TO HELP THE COUNCIL DISCHARGE SOME OF ITS MORE DIFFICULT AND LESS PLEASANT TASKS SUCH AS REFRAINING FROM LITTERING THE STREETS, APPLYING DUE CARE IN THE USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES AND DISCOURAGING STREET HAWKING BY NOT PATRONISING THEM AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, HE ADDED.

OUTLINING THE FULL RANGE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK, MR SO SAID THAT ITS FIRST AND FOREMOST RESPONSIBILITY WAS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HYGIENE.

"THE AIMS HERE ARE TO ENSURE THAT WE ALL LIVE IN A HEALTHY AND HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT AND THAT WE CAN ENJOY OUR MEALS WHEREVER WE TAKE THEM WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRACTING DISEASES OR SUFFERING FROM FOOD POISONING," HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD A LARGE ARMY OF CLEANSING LABOURERS TOTALLING 5 029 WITH A FLEET OF OVER 200 SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTION AND CLEANSING VEHICLES TO MAINTAIN AN EVER IMPROVING STANDARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HYGIENE.

MR SO SAID: "EVERY DAY WE COLLECT AN AVERAGE OF 2 800 TONNES OF REFUSE IN THE URBAN AREAS. THIS WORK ALONE COSTS THE COUNCIL SOME \$273 MILLION A YEAR."

IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL EMPLOYS 461 HEALTH INSPECTORS AND 1 890 MEN AT VARIOUS RANKS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS TO ENSURE FOOD HYGIENE AND TO CONTROL ILLEGAL HAWKINGS RESPECTIVELY.

ON RECREATION FACILITIES, MR SO SAID THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL, THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AT PRESENT MANAGED 552 HECTARES OF PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AND WELL-PLANTED LEISURE SITTING-OUT AREAS.

"UNDER PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION ARE THE HONG KONG PARK, ESTIMATED TO COST MORE THAN \$350 MILLION, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR LEISURE AND RECREATION AREAS PARTICULARLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI, THE LEI YUE MUN PARK IN EASTERN DISTRICT AND WHAMPOA PARK IN HUNG HOM.

"AS AND WHEN LAND BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN PROVIDING MORE PARKS AND LEISURE GROUNDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO RELAX AND ENJOY," HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO SUIT EVERY AGE AND TASTE AND TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A RICHER LIFE, MR SO SAID THAT THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR ALONE ORGANISED 357 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND 6 703 RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS AT A COST OF \$14.1 MILLION.

FOR THE MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, MR SO SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING 28 INDOOR GAMES HALLS AND 12 URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES SPREAD ALL OVER THE URBAN AREAS, THE COUNCIL HAD PLANS TO BUILD 21 INDOOR GAMES HALLS AND 103 NEW SQUASH COURTS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

APART FROM EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MORE INTELLECTUALLY AND CULTURALLY INCLINED, THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR SPENT \$44.7 MILLION IN SPONSORING AND PROMOTING VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

"AND THIS YEAR, TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE AT TSIM SHA TSUI, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS LAID ON A MONTH-LONG CULTURAL PROGRAMME AT THE CENTRE IN NOVEMBER FOR ALL TO ENJOY," MR SO SAID.

THE COUNCIL ALSO RUNS FIVE MUSEUMS. TWO MORE MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS MUSEUMS -- THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MUSEUM OF ARTS -- ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL OPERATES 29 LIBRARIES, SPREAD ALL OVER THE URBAN AREAS.

"THESE LIBRARIES TOGETHER HOLD A TOTAL OF 2.2 MILLION VOLUMES OF BOOKS AND 116 275 VOLUMES OF VIDEO AND MUSICAL TAPES AND DISCS. LAST YEAR, WE HAVE THREE MILLION VISITORS TO OUR MUSEUMS AND 8.1 MILLION BOOKS BEING BORROWED FROM OUR LIBRARIES," HE SAID.

MR SO EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY AND VARIETY OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICES, IT WAS NO WONDER THAT THE COUNCIL MEANT DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

"BUT THIS IS NO BAD THING, FOR IT MEANS THAT EVERY CITIZEN IS ABLE TO GET SOMETHING FROM THE COUNCIL'S SERVICES WHICH HELPS TO IMPROVE HIS QUALITY OF LIFE AND MAKES IT RICHER AND MORE COLOURFUL, THUS ENABLING HIM TO TREASURE LIFE IN HONG KONG MORE," HE ADDED.

CAPTION: PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO (RIGHT) RECEIVING A SOUVENIR FROM THE EX-CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR NGAN SHING-KWAN, AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON FRIDAYS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL NOW MEET ON FRIDAYS, INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAYS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES IN THE 1990-91 BUDGET ARE PROVISIONALLY SET FOR MARCH 27, 28 AND 29.

THE REVISED PROVISIONAL DATES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION ARE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 1989

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 1989

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22, 1989

FRIDAY JANUARY 5, 1990

FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 1990

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1990

FRIDAY MARCH 2, 1990

FRIDAY MARCH 16, 1990

TUESDAY MARCH 27, 1990

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 1990

THURSDAY MARCH 29, 1990

FRIDAY APRIL 6, 1990

FRIDAY MAY 4, 1990

FRIDAY MAY 18, 1990

FRIDAY JUNE 1, 1990

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DWELLING BOAT CLEARANCE COMPLETED IN YAU MA TEI

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THE CLEARANCE OF DWELLING BOATS FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER CAME TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION THIS (MONDAY) MORNING WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE LAST TWO DILAPIDATED HOUSE-BOATS.

THE SHELTER IS NOW OUT OF BOUNDS FOR DWELLING BOATS FOLLOWING AN AMENDMENT MADE ON JULY 7 THIS YEAR UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THE CLEARANCE WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS AND MAKING ROOM FOR AN INCREASING NUMBER OF STEEL LIGHTERS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL OR ENTREPOT TRADE.

IT HAS REMOVED FROM THE SHELTER A LONG-STANDING EYE-SORE POSED BY SHABBY DWELLING BOATS.

THE FORMER HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS ARE NOW LIVING IN THEIR NEW HOMES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THE PROBLEM POSED BY DWELLING BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER DATED BACK SEVERAL YEARS.

ON APRIL 13, 1983, THE SHELTER WAS DECLARED A PRESCRIBED AREA FOR DWELLING BOATS UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (DWELLING VESSELS) REGULATIONS. A TOTAL OF 539 VESSELS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LICENSED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AS HOUSE-BOATS UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

HOWEVER, OVER THE YEARS, A NUMBER OF WORKING BOATS WERE MOORED IN THE SHELTER AND USED AS UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS.

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984, THREE VOLUNTARY REHOUSING EXERCISES FOR LICENSED BOAT DWELLERS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, AND, AS A RESULT, THE BOAT DWELLING POPULATION WAS REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY. HOWEVER, THERE REMAINED A PROBLEM RELATING MAINLY TO UNLICENSED DWELLERS.

IN NOVEMBER 1988, AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL GROUP, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR YAU TSIM, WAS SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE THE CLEARANCE OF ALL DWELLING VESSELS.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MARINE, HOUSING, LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE MARINE POLICE.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE CLEARANCE, AND GIVEN ITS STRONG SUPPORT.

THIS MORNING'S MOPPING-UP EXERCISE WAS WATCHED BY THREE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FREDDY PANG, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN STRACHAN.

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THEY EXPRESSED THEMSELVES PLEASED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE CLEARANCE AND THE EFFORT OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP IN CO-ORDINATING AND CARRYING OUT THE OPERATION.

IN PARTICULAR, MR LAN THANKED THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD FOR SUPPORTING THE CLEARANCE WHICH HAD HELPED TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

"MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CLEARANCE IS DUE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD GIVING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKING GROUP, AND ADVISING THE HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S REHOUSING OFFERS," HE SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING GROUP, APART FROM ASSISTING THE BOAT DWELLERS WITH THEIR REHOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT, HAD ALSO HELPED THEIR CHILDREN TO FIND SCHOOLS IN OR NEAR THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEIR NEW HOMES ARE LOCATED.

"THE GROUP HAD ALSO HELPED SOME INDIVIDUAL DWELLERS TO OBTAIN OTHER ASSISTANCE," HE ADDED.

"IT IS A GREAT COMFORT TO ME AND TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE FORMER HOUSE-BOAT DWELLERS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO BE HARRASSED BY THE ELEMENTS, AND THEIR CHILDREN HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM TO PLAY WITHOUT FEAR OF FALLING INTO THE SEA," HE NOTED.

MR PANG SAID THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND ITS STAFF HAD PUT A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT INTO TRYING TO MEET AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE DWELLERS.

"A TOTAL OF 57 FAMILIES COMPRISING 327 PERSONS ARE NOW LIVING IN MORE COMFORTABLE AND SPACIOUS, AS WELL AS SAFER HOMES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS," HE ADDED.

MR STRACHAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CLEARANCE, THE SHELTER WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE LIGHTERS, AND WOULD RESUME ITS DESIGNATED USE.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS ON SATURDAY

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE WIDE-RANGING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL START ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 4).

MRS CHAU SAID THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL WOULD OFFER MORE THAN 20 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, MUSIC, ART AND CIVIC EDUCATION EVENTS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ABOUT 20,000 RESIDENTS.

SHE HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES RESIDENTS WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND, AND TAKE PART IN, DISTRICT AFFAIRS, AND DEVELOP A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE CURTAIN-RAISER TO THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG, BEGINNING AT 6.30 PM.

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, SHIRLEY KWAN, GINA LAM, EDDIE NG AND YOLINDA YAN; A CANTONESE OPERA BY TV ARTISTES KAM KWOK-WAI AND WONG MAN-YEE; AND A TALK SHOW BY POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS, THE WHIZ KIDS.

THE DIVERSIFIED PROGRAMMES OF THE FESTIVAL WILL ALSO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL CATER TO RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT AGES AND FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

THESE INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET, A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, A CONCERT BY THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH CHOIR, TWO PRESENTATIONS OF CANTONESE OPERA, A PUPPET SHOW, DISCO NIGHT, CARNIVAL, FAMILY FUN DAY, ART CARNIVAL, CIVIC EDUCATION CONTEST AND VARIOUS SPORTS PURSUITS.

MRS CHAU SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO ORGANISED TWO WATER CRUISE TRIPS AND A SPORTS DAY ESPECIALLY FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY, AND A SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROBLEMS FOR PARENTS.

SHE SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD CONCLUDE ON DECEMBER 3 WITH A VARIETY SHOW THAT WOULD INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY 10 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL AMOUNTS TO OVER \$700,000, OF WHICH \$300,000 IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST WILL BE MET BY PRIVATE DONATIONS.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND ABBA COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START ON SATURDAY

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THE \$1.3 MILLION WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, OFFERING A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 4).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI, SAID THE AIM OF THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL WAS TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS WHILE PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEM.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL, RESIDENTS WILL GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT AND DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MORE THAN 30 EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE FESTIVAL.

MR LI POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO SUIT THE INTERESTS OF RESIDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS, A TABLE TENNIS TEAM FROM GUANGDONG AND A BADMINTON TEAM FROM FUJIAN WILL COMPETE WITH LEADING LOCAL TEAMS, IN ADDITION TO A RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC SHOW BY A GUANGDONG TEAM.

THERE WILL BE A DANCING CONTEST, A DISTRICT LONG RUN, AN ATHLETIC MEET, A TELEMATCH FOR THE DISABLED, A SPORTS DAY FOR THE ELDERLY AND A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS' ORCHESTRA.

CULTURAL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE DRAMAS BY THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE, PERFORMANCES BY THE MIRANDA CHIN DANCING GROUP, AS WELL AS CANTONESE AND CHIU CHOW OPERAS.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON THE SCENERY OF SOUTH POLE AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF WONG TAI SIN WILL BE HELD.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE DEBATE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, DRAWING AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNGSTERS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 4) EVENING, WITH THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, OFFICIATING.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AS WELL AS CHINESE AND LION DANCES.

ON NOVEMBER 11, THE TELEVISION PROGRAMME "MORNING LIVE WAVE", ON ATV-HOME CHANNEL, WILL INTRODUCED THE FESTIVAL'S ACTIVITIES.

ADMISSION TO MOST OF THE FESTIVAL'S ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AND PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, WHILE TICKETS FOR SALE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM URBTIX OUTLETS.

THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND SPORTS COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM SIK SIK YUEN.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU.

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PORT SHELTER SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN STUDY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF POLLUTION RESULTING FROM IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE GENERATED FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN THE PORT SHELTER CATCHMENT INTO THE WATERCOURSES AND COASTAL WATERS.

THE STUDY WILL PROVIDE PROPOSALS FOR OVERCOMING THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS INCLUDING PARTICULAR SOLUTIONS FOR UNSEWERED DEVELOPMENTS.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THIS IS TO PREVENT FURTHER DECLINE IN THE WATER QUALITY IN PORT SHELTER AND TO SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE OF THE WATER BODY, IN PARTICULAR ITS RECREATIONAL USES.

THE STUDY WILL ASSESS THE INADEQUACIES OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE, SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN THE AREA AND IDENTIFY THE EXTENT OF THE UNSEWERED DEVELOPMENTS.

SCHEMES FOR REMEDIAL WORKS WILL BE FORMULATED TO ENSURE THAT ALL SEWAGE WILL BE PROPERLY COLLECTED, TREATED AND DISPOSED OF IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER.

A SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND A PROGRAMME OF PRIORITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NECESSARY ENGINEERING WORKS WILL BE PREPARED WHICH WILL PROVIDE SHORT AND LONG TERM MEASURES TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN STAGES. EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO ACHIEVING EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSULTANCY WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR MIKE STOKOE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF WH CONSULTANTS (HONG KONG) LTD, MR H.K. CHAN.

THE STUDY COSTS ABOUT \$11.5 MILLION. IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND BE COMPLETED IN 14 MONTHS.

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EASTERN DB GOODWILL VISITS TO LOCAL BODIES

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BEGIN TO MAKE GOODWILL VISITS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER) TO COLLECT VIEWS ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE VISITS WILL BE SPREAD TO OVER THREE MONTHS.

THE PILOT SCHEME HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF LOCAL BODIES AND TO FORGE CLOSER TIES WITH THEM.

IT WILL INITIALLY COVER 13 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 28 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL CONDUCT THE VISITS IN TURN. TWO MEMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL MAKE EACH VISIT.

THE SCHEME WILL BE REVIEWED IN FEBRUARY. IF IT PROVES USEFUL, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING IT TO OTHER DISTRICT BODIES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CHINESE LITERATURE AND HISTORY NIGHT, A CHRISTMAS FUN FAIR FOR CHILDREN, AN ISLAND TOUR, A JOINT SCHOOL DEBATE, AND AN OUTING TO KAM TIM.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE A CAUSEWAY BAY-CENTRAL CARNIVAL, A RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY SINGING PERFORMANCE, A "CARE FOR THE OLD" DAY, CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND A BOAT TRIP TO YAN TONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF TAI PO GAS PLANT
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A REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF TAI PO GAS PRODUCTION PLANT II PHASE II WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT A MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP LISTS OF THE BOARD'S FIVE COMMITTEES AND THE WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

AMONG OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IS A REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION SUB-COMMITTEE FOR TAI WO ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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SURVEY RESULTS ON KWAI TSING CIVIC CENTRE
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OPINIONS OF KWAI TSING RESIDENTS ON THE NEED TO BUILD A CIVIC CENTRE IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 1) BY A DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON A CIVIC CENTRE.

THE WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING 11 DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, CONDUCTED A SURVEY ON THE SUBJECT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. A TOTAL OF 35,000 QUESTIONNAIRES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE COVERS THE ADEQUACY OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, THE IDEAL SITE FOR A CIVIC CENTRE AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVERTING THE PRESENT O.R. SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL INTO SUCH A FACILITY.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR EDINSON SO HOI-PANG, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT, WILL ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY.

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THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON A CIVIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG.

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CLOSURE OF MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AT SHAM SHUI PO

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THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AT SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED WITH EFFECT FROM WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

FERRY SERVICES TO AND FROM MACAU OPERATED FROM THE TERMINAL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL AT TSIM SHA TSUI WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DAY, HE SAID.

"FACILITIES AT THE PURPOSE-BUILT CHINA FERRY TERMINAL ARE A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT AND IT PROVIDES A MECHANISED BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM.

"THERE ARE MORE BERTHS AND BETTER IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FACILITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE CLOSURE WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND THUS HELP TO KEEP THE OPERATIONAL COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

FERRY COMPANIES OPERATING THE SERVICES HAVE MADE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER.

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CHINESE ATHLETES TO PERFORM AT FESTIVAL'S FINALE

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A TEAM OF ABOUT 40 ATHLETES FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE WILL PERFORM CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS AT THE FINALE OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 12 (SUNDAY).

THE TEAM, WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE WON A NUMBER OF AWARDS IN NATIONAL SPORT EVENTS IN CHINA, HAS BEEN INVITED TO HONG KONG BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE VISITING MARTIAL ARTS ATHLETES, RENOWNED IN CHINA FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN THE "SOUTHERN SCHOOL" OF BOXING, WILL DEMONSTRATE A RANGE OF FIGHTING STYLES.

THE GYMNASTS ARE MOSTLY YOUNG SPORTSMEN, WITH THE YOUNGEST AGED AT 11. THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WITH VARIOUS APPARATUS, INCLUDING BALLS, HOOPS, CLUBS, RIBBONS AND ROPES.

THE FESTIVAL'S FINALE WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI, BEGINNING AT 7 PM. ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT URB TIX OUTLETS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 66.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 390.131 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 251.473 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 42.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 1) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SALISBURY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, MODY ROAD, MINDEN ROW, HANOI ROAD, MINDEN AVENUE AND BLENHEIM AVENUE.

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