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JI PENGFEI BEGINS HONG KONG VISIT
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CHINA'S STATE COUNCILLOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR JI PENGFEI, ARRIVED THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING FOR THE START OF HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

MR JI, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DEPUTY, MR LI HOU, AND A PARTY OF SIX, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL FROM PEKING BY SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE.

IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE AIRPORT, MR JI SAID: +AT THE INVITATION OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE, GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, AND THE FIVE HONGKONG-BASED VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF HONG KONG OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I AM VERY HAPPY TO VISIT HONG KONG ON THE EVE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMAL SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, I HAVE MET IN BEIJING QUITE A FEW FRIENDS FROM HONG KONG, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT I COULD PAY A VISIT TO HONG KONG. I PERSONALLY SHARE THEIR IDEA.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF MY CURRENT VISIT IS TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG, TO MEET OLD FRIENDS WHILE MAKING THE ACQUAINTANCE OF NEW FRIENDS, AND TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE OF ALL STRATA THEIR VIEWS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN HONG KONG AND ON THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW. I BELIEVE THAT THIS VISIT WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO OUR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG AND TO THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW.

+IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING MY CORDIAL GREETINGS TO FRIENDS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND TO ALL THE COMPATRIOTS IN HONG KONG.+

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR XU JIATUN, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

OTHERS FROM XINHUA NEWS AGENCY WHO MET MR JI WERE MR LI CHUWEN, MR ZHENG HUA, MR CHENG DAMING, MR CHEN BOIJIAN AND MR QIAO ZONGHUAI.

VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHO WERE PRESENT INCLUDED SIR YUE-KONG PAO, MR DAVID K.P. LI, MR T.K. ANN AND MR FEI YI-MIN.

/MR JIANG

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MR JIANG WENGUI OF THE BANK OF CHINA AND MR ZHANG JIANHWA OF CHINA RESOURCES CORPORATION WERE ALSO THERE TO GREET MR JI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAMME FOR MR JI'S VISIT TOMORROW:

1. MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

MR JI WILL ARRIVE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AT 10 AM. THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIS ARRIVAL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 9.15 AM.

2. HELICOPTER TOUR

MR JI, ACCOMPANIED BY SIR EDWARD WILL BOARD A HELICOPTER FOR AN AIR VIEW OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AT 11 AM. THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THEM BOARDING THE HELICOPTER AT THE NORTH ARM OF HMS TAMAR. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO HMS TAMAR AT 10.15 AM.

3. LUNCH AT VICTORIA HOUSE

MR JI WILL ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY AT VICTORIA HOUSE AT 1 PM. THERE WILL BE A 10-MINUTE PHOTOCALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF HIM MEETING SIR DAVID AND OTHER GUESTS BEFORE LUNCH. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE VICTORIA HOUSE AT 12.30 PM.

4. DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

MR JI WILL HAVE DINNER WITH THE GOVERNOR AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THE SAME EVENING. BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, POOL COVERAGE OF THE DINNER SPEECHES WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS AND RTHK.

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CMB CONTINUES PROGRESS, REPORT SAYS
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THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY CONTINUES TO MAKE STEADY PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE OUTSTANDING ITEMS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON BUS MAINTENANCE.

ONE OF THESE IS THE RECRUITMENT OF A QUALIFIED ENGINEER. HE WILL BE JOINING THE COMPANY IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR TO HEAD ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN THE SEVENTH PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TAC WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE SUBMITTED AT A TAC MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE TAC NOTED THAT THE SAFETY STANDARD OF CMB BUSES, AS REVEALED FROM SPOT CHECKS, CONTINUED TO BE SATISFACTORY. THE NUMBER OF SAFETY DEFECTS PER BUS IN OCTOBER WAS 0.45 AS COMPARED TO 0.5 AND 0.6 IN SEPTEMBER AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE TAC EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LOW LEVEL OF PENALTIES IN RECENT CASES OF BUS DEFECTS BROUGHT BEFORE MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

THE REPORT SHOWED THE MORALE OF CMB STAFF WAS GOOD. GOOD PROGRESS ALSO HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN CMB'S TRAINING PROGRAMME AND THE STANDARD OF WORK OF STAFF AT ALL LEVELS WAS GENERALLY MAINTAINED.

THE PROGRESS REPORT ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GENERAL STANDARD AND LEVEL OF CMB'S SERVICES HAD IMPROVED RECENTLY. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE DECREASES IN THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ON SERVICE INADEQUACIES AND BUS BREAKDOWNS.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED THAT CMB BUSES WERE GENERALLY CLEANER AND IN BETTER CONDITION AND THAT CMB MANAGEMENT WAS TAKING A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH IN TACKLING MISCONDUCT OF STAFF, IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS, TO IMPROVE SERVICE STANDARDS.

MEANWHILE, THE TAC EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CMB WOULD SOON INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF THE RESULT OF THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT'S STUDY AND THAT THIS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED QUICKLY.

DEPOT RELOCATION

THE PROPOSAL BY HONGKONG TRAMWAYS (HKT) TO RELOCATE ITS TRAM DEPOT FROM SHARP STREET EAST TO TWO NEW SITES IN SHAU KEI WAN AND SAI YING PUN WAS SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY.

SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, THE MOVE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987, FREEING THE SHARP STREET EAST SITE FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONE OF THE MAIN BENEFITS OF THE RELOCATION WOULD BE A FREEZE ON TRAM FARES UNTIL 1989 AS A RESULT OF A 7.5 PER CENT SAVING IN OPERATING COSTS. THE COMPANY SAID THIS SAVING COULD BE ACHIEVED BY REDUCED TRAM MILEAGE, REDUCED TRACK WEAR AND FEWER OVERTIME PAYMENTS WHEN DEPOTS WERE PROVIDED AT EITHER END OF THE LINE, INSTEAD OF IN THE MIDDLE AS AT PRESENT.

IN ITS SUBMISSION TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HKT ALSO INDICATED THAT SURPLUS INCOME FROM REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SHARP STREET EAST SITE MIGHT DEFER THE NEED FOR A FARE INCREASE EVEN FURTHER.

FURTHERMORE, HKT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CHANNEL INCOME FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT TOWARDS IMPROVING THE TRAM SYSTEM OVER AND ABOVE THE CURRENT REFURBISHING PROGRAMME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE THREE DISTRICT BOARDS AFFECTED HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSAL, FOLLOWING ASSURANCES THAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE NOISE NUISANCE AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE NEW DEPOTS.

IN ADDITION, THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE AT THE TWO NEW SITES WOULD BE MORE THAN COMPENSATED FOR BY USE OF ALTERNATIVE SITES. AT SAI YING PUN, THE 0.6 HECTARES ZONED FOR OPEN SPACE WOULD BE REPLACED BY FOUR HECTARES OF PARKLAND ABOUT 300 METRES TO THE EAST ALONG THE WESTERN RECLAMATION. AT SHAU KEI WAN, A MORE SUITABLE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WOULD BE CREATED ON THE FUTURE ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR HKT'S PERFORMANCE TO ENSURE THE PROMISED IMPROVEMENTS WERE CARRIED OUT AND FARES KEPT LOW.

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NEW ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY DRIVE LAUNCHED

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING DRIVE ENTERS A NEW PHASE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN A NEW PUBLICITY PACKAGE IS LAUNCHED TO URGE YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO START SMOKING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT THE NEW PACKAGE, IN THE FORM OF A 30-SECOND TELEVISION API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) AND POSTER DISPLAYS, REFLECTS GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT IN CAMPAIGNING AGAINST CIGARETTE SMOKING.

MOST OF THE PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN EFFORTS CONCENTRATED ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS SMOKERS ARE EXPOSED TO AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS CAUSED TO NON-SMOKERS.

+THE HARD-SELL APPROACH ACHIEVED THE OBJECTIVE OF AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING. TIME IS NOW RIPE TO ADOPT A LIGHTER APPROACH WHICH SHOULD APPEAL PARTICULARLY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THEM NOT TO START SMOKING,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

SIMPLE ANIMATION AND CARTOON DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN USED IN PRODUCING THE PUBLICITY ITEMS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE TECHNIQUE WILL APPEAL TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE BENEFITS OF NON-SMOKING IN TERMS OF BETTER HEALTH, APPEARANCE AND APPETITE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW API WILL BE SCREENED ON ALL TELEVISION CHANNELS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN SUPPORT OF THE API, A NEW POSTER BEARING THE MESSAGE +DON'T START SMOKING -- SMOKING TAINTS THE TASTE OF LIFE+, WILL BE DISPLAYED AT GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AS FROM TOMORROW.

NEW +DON'T START SMOKING+ MESSAGES WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

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JOINT EFFORT SEEN AS KEY TO GROWTH
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THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST 10 TO 15 YEARS WERE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WORKING TOGETHER, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, TOLD A JOINT MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUBS THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT: +CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG - COMBINING THE RESOURCES OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.+

+IN THE AREAS OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENCOURAGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PLAY TO THE LEADING ROLE,+ HE SAID.

+A SHOWPIECE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS THE CONTAINER PORT AT KWAI CHUNG AND AGREEMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN REACHED WITH ONE OF THE OPERATORS ON THE TERMS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TERMINAL SIX.

+TWO ADDITIONAL TERMINALS ARE ALSO PLANNED BETWEEN NOW AND THE MID-1990'S.+

MR CHAN SAID OTHER IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLES OF JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE COMPANIES WERE EXCHANGE SQUARE AND PHASE ONE OF THE HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL.

IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD, SAID MR CHAN: +THE DECISION TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND SUBMERGED HARBOUR CROSSING IS PROVIDING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN A PROJECT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE. +

HE ALSO MENTIONED THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD A SUBSTANTIAL EQUITY AND THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY, FUNDED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AS EXAMPLES OF HOW HEAVY DEVELOPMENT COSTS HAD BEEN SHARED BETWEEN THE PUBLIC PURSE AND PRIVATE RESOURCES.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THAT HOUSING HAD BEEN THE LYNCH-PIN OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE PAST TWO DECADES.

SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN 1973, SOME \$13 BILLION IN GRANTS AND LOANS HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND THE GOVERNMENT NOW HOUSED MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE.

FOR THEIR PART, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS HAD MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE INCREASE IN HOUSING STOCK. DESPITE THE PROPERTY SLUMP THE LAST FEW YEARS HAD SEEN INVESTMENT IN SEVERAL VERY LARGE AND IMAGINATIVE PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS COMBINED WITH EXTENSIVE COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

MR CHAN CONCLUDED: +THE JUDICIOUS BLENDING OF RESOURCES OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS HAVE SERVED HONG KONG WELL AND, I AM CONFIDENT, WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

+THE PRESENT MOMENTUM OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE MAINTAINED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND ALL WHO SHARE IN ITS PROSPERITY. +

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TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BECOMING MORE POPULAR

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THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TOLO HARBOUR HIGHWAY WHICH HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MAIN URBAN AREAS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE COMPANY'S NEW SPECIAL GAS CENTRE AT THE ESTATE, MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT THAT TAI PO WAS NOW A VERY CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.

+GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE ESTATE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE REMAINING AREAS WILL BE TAKEN UP RATHER QUICKLY, + HE SAID.

/MR YAXLEY

MR YAXLEY ADVISED INDUSTRIALISTS THINKING OF MOVING TO THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AREA OF TAI PO TO LOSE NO TIME IN CONTACTING THE MANAGEMENT TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST.

+IN PARTICULAR I RECOMMEND TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS THE CORPORATION'S NEW VENTURE IN SINGLE-STOREY PREFABRICATED STANDARD FACTORIES,+ HE SAID.

OF THE 45 HECTARES CURRENTLY FORMED AT THE TAI PO ESTATE, 37 HECTARES HAVE BEEN LEASED LEAVING ONLY EIGHT HECTARES STILL AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 13 HECTARES IS BEING FORMED, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 1987.

HONG KONG OXYGEN WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1962 AS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE BRITISH OXYGEN COMPANY LIMITED AND L'AIR LIQUIDE OF FRANCE TO MANUFACTURE A RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL AND MEDICAL GASES WHICH ARE WIDELY USED BY LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS.

IN THE NEW GAS CENTRE, MAJOR PRODUCTS WOULD INCLUDE HELIUM AND OTHER GASES REQUIRED FOR THE OFFSHORE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, AND SPECIAL GAS MIXTURES FOR HOSPITALS, RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND TO SERVE THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY THE WAFER FABRICATION SECTOR.

OF HONG KONG OXYGEN'S SITE IN TAI PO, MR YAXLEY SAID IT WAS SPECIALLY SUITABLE SINCE A NUMBER OF ITS CUSTOMERS WOULD BE LOCATED THERE AND IT WOULD BE AN IDEAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO SPEAK AT LEGCO DEBATE

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TEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS, HEADED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE SPEAKING WHEN DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS RESUMES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

SIR DAVID WILL START THE DEBATE, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE; THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON ERIC HO; THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE HON DONALD LIAO; THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE HON NEIL HENDERSON; THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON JOHN CHAMBERS; THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE HON PANG YUK-LING; THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE HON NICKY CHAN; THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON IAN MACPHERSON, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON MICHAEL THOMAS.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO BE WINDING UP THE DEBATE.

AT THE SAME MEETING, THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, WILL BE READ A SECOND TIME, BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE ON IT.

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LADY YOUDE VISITS SHA TIN

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LADY YOUDE TODAY VISITED SHA TIN TO SEE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR W.K. LAM, SHE FIRST TOURED THE NEW TOWN PLAZA WHERE SHE VISITED A WELL-KNOWN BALLET SCHOOL.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO KAU TO PAVILION WHERE LADY YOUDE WAS BRIEFED ON THE MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT. SHE WAS THEN TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SHA TIN STADIUM AND THE JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

THE NEXT STOP WAS THE LUNG HANG ESTATE, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE CHE KUNG TEMPLE.

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46 000 ALLOCATED PRIMARY ONE DISCRETIONARY PLACES

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ABOUT 46 000 CHILDREN WOULD BE OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE AT GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR AND RESULTS OF THE ALLOCATION WOULD BE RELEASED BY ALL SUCH SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 13).

THE CHILDREN ARE AMONG MORE THAN 80 000 APPLICANTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE UNDER THE POA SYSTEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AT WHICH THEY APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE ON FRIDAY TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

OPENING HOURS FOR THESE SCHOOLS ON THAT DAY ARE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM. ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14), SCHOOLS WOULD BE OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 16) AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17) DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PLACE ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND ALL REQUIREMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT ALONG INCLUDE THE PARENT'S COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM, AND THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHILDS AS REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOLS.

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REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WOULD BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT.

PARENTS WHO FAIL TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD FOR PERSONAL REASONS SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT ON TELEPHONE 5-724383 TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FAILING THAT, THEY WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEM.

UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM, A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD ACCEPT CHILDREN TO FILL UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL PRIMARY ONE PLACES AS DISCRETIONARY PLACES WHILE THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT WOULD BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE.

+AS SOME SCHOOLS ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED FOR THEIR DISCRETIONARY PLACES, A NUMBER OF CHILDREN HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN, HE ADDED, NEED NOT WORRY BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD INFORM THEM TOGETHER WITH THOSE PARENTS WHO HAD NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE INDIVIDUALLY BY LETTER SOME TIME NEXT MARCH TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION OR COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT TO OBTAIN A 'CHOICE OF SCHOOLS' FORM AND A LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ALLOCATE A PRIMARY ONE PLACE TO CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT ACCORDING TO THE PARENTS' CHOICES AND DETAILED PROCEDURE OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

AL1623	DE6789	DG1689	DH3345	DD79
BK2	BG120	7788	DH180	DG9008
DG120	DG229	DG288	DF888	BB7960

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DF9333	DF1	DG990	DG5328	DG8388
CC5	DG628	DG3345	DH380	DF100
DG6090	DG338	DG188	DG1	DH310
DG118	BL820	DD14	DG948	AC1999

PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 101ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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YUEN LONG PARKING METER DEPOT OPENS

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THE YUEN LONG PARKING METER MAINTENANCE DEPOT WAS OPENED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR MAN FOR-TAI AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RICHARD MEAKIN.

THE DEPOT WOULD MAINLY HANDLE URGENT REPAIR AND ROUTINE SERVICING OF PARKING METERS INSTALLED IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS TO PROVIDE MORE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ALLOWED AND WHERE DEMAND WAS HIGH, THE USE OF THE SPACES WAS REGULATED BY METERS.

AT PRESENT, THERE WERE 796 METERS IN YUEN LONG AND 450 IN TUEN MUN, AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO INSTALL ANOTHER 34 PARKING METERS IN YUEN LONG BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 2 958 PARKING METERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN VARIOUS NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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CLEARANCE OPERATION IN WAN CHAI
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ELEVEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE OF TAI WONG STREET EAST IN WAN CHAI WERE REMOVED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

FIVE OF THE STRUCTURES WERE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REST FOR STORAGE.

SEVEN PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED, FIVE OF WHOM HAVE BEEN RE-HOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR HOSTELS. TWO WERE FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR RE-HOUSING.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

IT WAS ALSO THE THIRD CLEARANCE OPERATION CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

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TSUEN WAN GROWTH SHOWN IN EXHIBITS
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DEVELOPMENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE ILLUSTRATED THROUGH MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND CHINESE PAINTINGS AT EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL FROM TOMORROW TO SUNDAY.

THE EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, ARE PART OF THE BOARD'S YEAR-END ACTIVITIES.

SOME 50 CHINESE PAINTINGS BY LOCAL ARTISTS FEATURING LANDSCAPE, SCENERIES AND STREET SCENES OF TSUEN WAN, WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE TOWN HALL.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU= THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN= AND THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, OFFICIATING.

ANOTHER EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO SHOW THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN SINCE THE 1950'S WILL BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL MAIN FOYER.

PHOTOGRAPHS, STATIC MODELS, MAPS AND DIAGRAMS WILL ILLUSTRATE PAST EVENTS LEADING TO THE BUILDING UP OF THE PRESENT TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

/THE OPENING

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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THIS EXHIBITION WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, DR E.G. PRYOR AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARDS AT 2.45 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE TWO EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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EXTRA \$110 000 TO HELP GREEN HK
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S 11 NURSERIES, ALBEIT VERY PRODUCTIVE, STILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH THE EVER-INCREASING +GREENING+ ACTIVITIES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

TO FURTHER ENRICH HONG KONG'S +GREEN LOOK,+ THE COUNCIL'S TENDER BOARD APPROVED AT ITS LAST MEETING TENDERS FROM 13 COMMERCIAL NURSERIES TO SUPPLY MORE THAN 6 900 PLANTS OF 66 DIFFERENT TYPES AT A TOTAL COST OF \$110 900.

+THIS IS A COMPARATIVELY SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BEAUTIFICATION OF HONG KONG,+ SAID AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+THE TARGET PRODUCTION OF THE 11 NURSERIES THIS YEAR IS ABOUT ONE MILLION TREES, SHRUBS, CLIMBING PLANTS, GROUND COVER PLANTS AND SEASONAL FLOWERS.+

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YUEN LONG SEMINAR ON COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
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A SEMINAR ON COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO HELP LOCAL MANUFACTURERS PROMOTE THEIR BUSINESS AND INVITE INVESTMENT TO THE DISTRICT.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, WILL START AT 2.15 PM WITH AN ADDRESS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR TAI CHIN-WAH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

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OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN YUEN LONG; THE MANAGER OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR LAU YIN-CHUEN, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE COUNCIL'S WORK AND HOW IT HELPS MANUFACTURERS; THE MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION, MR LEUNG KAM-PUI, WHO WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE; AND THE SENIOR CONSULTANT OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR ANDY NG, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT VARIOUS SERVICES THE COUNCIL PROVIDES TO THE MEDIUM AND SMALL-SIZED MANUFACTURERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE +INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG+ SEMINAR AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12) AT THE FUNCTION HALL IN THE CLUB HOUSE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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CONSULTATIONS FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS
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A SERIES OF CONSULTATION FORUMS BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET THE COMMUNITY ON VARIOUS TOPICS WILL START TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BOARD WILL USE THE FORUMS TO EXPLAIN ITS POLICIES AND IN RETURN INVITE VIEWS AND COMMENTS.

THE FIRST IN THE SERIES WILL BE A SCHOOL PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE AT WHICH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON WIDE-RANGING ISSUES AFFECTING EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS CRIMINAL ELEMENTS AFFECTING STUDENTS.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CUTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM.

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SURVEY ON CENTRAL, WESTERN DISTRICT
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A SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THIS WEEKEND (DECEMBER 14) TO FIND OUT COMMUNITY NEEDS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AND RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS COMMISSIONED THE SURVEY RESEARCH HONG KONG LIMITED (SRH) TO UNDERTAKE THE TWO-WEEK SURVEY.

THE SURVEY WILL INCLUDE THE IDENTIFYING OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY NEEDS IN THE DISTRICT WITH REFERENCE TO CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, TRANSPORT AND THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD IN EARLY 1986.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF RECREATION AND AMENITIES FACILITIES ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER PROMENADES IN SHA TIN AND THE ORGANISING OF CULTURAL, SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1986.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DECIDE ON THE NAMING OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AT THE SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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MAINS LAYING TO IMPROVE TUEN MUN SUPPLY
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF 1 500 METRES OF FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS IN TUEN MUN.

WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 600 MM, THE MAINS FORM PART OF THE SCHEME TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND LEUNG TIN ESTATE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR'S TIME.

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KWAI CHUNG, FANLING TRAFFIC CHANGES
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A SECTION OF ABOUT 90 METRES OF TAI WO HAU ROAD OUTSIDE BLOCK 25 OF KWAI CHUNG ESTATE WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

ON THE SAME DAY, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS MAY USE THE NEW ROAD PARALLEL TO JOCKEY CLUB ROAD.

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OI KWAN ROAD RE-ROUTING
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OI KWAN ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE TO FACILITATE THE PO LEUNG KUK 19 DISTRICTS AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM FROM 5.45 PM TO 11 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 13).

AT THE SAME TIME, METERED PARKING SPACES ON OI KWAN ROAD OPPOSITE THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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SALT WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 9 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THIS IS TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK IN THE AREA.

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