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OPEN OPTIONS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 8

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT DETAILED ENGINEERING AND PLANNING STUDIES SHOULD COMMENCE IN PARALLEL IN TSING YI AND STONECUTTERS ISLAND IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED SITING OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 (CT8).

"THE TIMETABLE FOR CT8 IS STILL ON SCHEDULE. THE STUDIES WILL BE COMPLETED TO ENABLE A FINAL DECISION ON THE SITING OF CT8 TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER PRIOR TO THE GAZETTING OF WORKS EARLY NEXT YEAR. TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN NOVEMBER, 1990," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE TIMING WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE FIRST BERTH FOR CT8 WILL BE COMMISSIONED BY MID-1994 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

AS FOR CT9, THIS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) STUDY.

NINE SITES WERE EXAMINED FOR CT8 IN TERMS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, LAND ACCESS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, MARINE ASPECTS, PROGRAMMING AND COSTS.

OF THE TWO PREFERRED SITES AT TSING YI AND STONECUTTERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED INCLUDING:

- * THE NEED TO MINIMISE THE DISPLACEMENT OF BUOYS OFF STONECUTTERS ISLAND; AND
- * THE NEED TO RESOLVE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON NEARBY USERS ON TSING YI.

IN ADDITION, IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY TO LOOK INTO DETAILED DESIGN OF THE ALIGNMENT OF SEAWALLS TO PROVIDE A CLEARLY DEFINED SITE FOR PRODUCING TENDER DOCUMENTS AND THE PHASING OF WORKS AND THE PROVISION OF NEW ROADS.

"THE ENGINEERING AND PLANNING STUDIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A NEWLY ESTABLISHED PADS CO-ORDINATING OFFICE IN THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SMA MEETS FUTURES EXCHANGE OFFICIALS

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, TODAY (SATURDAY) MET WITH THE EX-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE, MR WILFRID NEWTON, AND THE EXCHANGE'S VICE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR DOUGLAS FORD, TO RECEIVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE EXCHANGE'S EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY.

AT THE MEETING, THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE EGM WERE DISCUSSED AND VARIOUS OPTIONS NOW OPEN TO THE EXCHANGE WERE IDENTIFIED.

AT THIS STAGE, THE FUTURES EXCHANGE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE A NEED TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BOARD OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE WILL BE MEETING ON MONDAY TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE POSITION.

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PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL TAKES SHAPE ON CHAI WAN SLOPE

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ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HOSPITALS IS NOW TAKING SHAPE ON A MID-LEVEL HILLSIDE SITE OVERLOOKING CHAI WAN DESPITE MAJOR ENGINEERING CONSTRAINTS POSED BY THE STEEP SLOPE AND OTHER LIMITATIONS.

THE HOSPITAL WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL BUT WAS LATER OFFICIALLY NAMED THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL.

IT WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 1,750 BEDS - 900 GENERAL BEDS, 550 FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, 100 FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, AND 200 ATTACHED TO THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT - UPON ITS TARGET COMPLETION DATE IN DECEMBER 1991.

THE GROSS FLOOR AREA WILL TOTAL ABOUT 188,000 SQUARE METRES, AND PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF BED SPACES.

IN ADDITION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL FACILITIES, THE HOSPITAL WILL INCLUDE RADIOTHERAPY AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE FACILITIES, TWO "ULTRA CLEAN" OPERATING THEATRES, AN INFECTION CONTROL CENTRE, AND A POLYCLINIC.

INCORPORATING THE LATEST DESIGN FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES, THE OPERATING THEATRES AND THE DELIVERY SUITES ARE LOCATED ON THE SAME FLOORS AS THE WARDS THEY SERVE TO REDUCE PATIENT MOVEMENT TO HORIZONTAL TRAFFIC WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN HOSPITAL COMPLEX, WHICH WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$2 BILLION, STARTED LAST AUGUST.

THE COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A 14-STOREY MAIN BLOCK, A 12-STOREY SPECIAL BLOCK, A NINE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK, A SIX-STOREY POLYCLINIC BLOCK, A THREE-STOREY NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS RANGING FROM 12 TO 22 STOREYS.

THE BUILDINGS WILL BE LINKED BY TUNNELS, DECKS AND FOOTBRIDGES.

THE 10-HECTARE HOSPITAL SITE ON THE SLOPE HAS HAD TO BE CUT BACK TO FORM SEVERAL TERRACES AND AIRPORT RADAR REQUIREMENTS ALSO RESTRICT THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDINGS.

THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SITE REQUIRED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND INGRESS ROAD DIRECT FROM THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

TO FURTHER FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE HOSPITAL, PROVISIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE INTERNAL ELEVATED ROAD NETWORK FOR MINIBUS SERVICES FROM CHAI WAN AND SHAU KEI WAN TO ENTER THE COMPLEX AND TERMINATE TOGETHER WITH TAXIS AT THE HOSPITAL MAIN ENTRANCE.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SYSTEM, BOTH OF WHICH WILL PROVIDE CONVENIENT SERVICE TO THE HOSPITAL.

AT THE PEAK OF CONSTRUCTION SO FAR, 120 LORRY-LOADS OF CONCRETE WERE USED EACH DAY, AND THE DAILY WORKFORCE NUMBERED AROUND 1,200.

THE HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE SOME 30,000 KW DAILY TO MEET ITS ELECTRICITY REQUIREMENTS, WHICH IS SUFFICIENT FOR A SMALL TOWN OF 30,000 PEOPLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD FROM 2.30 PM TO 3.30 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

TO FACILITATE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE EVENT, A COACH WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK AT 1.15 PM FOR THE HOSPITAL SITE.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY RELEASED

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THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS TRADE AGGREGATES VARIED IN JANUARY 1989. WHILE THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WERE STILL SUBSTANTIAL, A SLOW GROWTH WAS RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THESE POINTS ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1989 WAS \$17,262 MILLION, \$785 MILLION OR 4.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1988, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 43 PER CENT OR \$7,889 MILLION TO \$26,253 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$43,515 MILLION IN JANUARY 1989, WAS THUS \$8,674 MILLION OR 24.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY 1988.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 30.1 PER CENT OR \$9,984 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$43,134 MILLION IN JANUARY 1989.

A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$381 MILLION WAS RECORDED IN JANUARY 1989, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 0.9 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$1,691 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 5.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN JANUARY 1988.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1989, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS \$501,744 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$218,449 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$283,295 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1988, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$114,926 MILLION OR 29.7 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$20,771 MILLION OR 10.5 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$94,155 MILLION OR 49.8 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$121,200 MILLION OR 31.3 PER CENT, TO \$508,782 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$7,038 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1989.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MORE OBSERVATIONS WERE NEEDED TO SEE IF THE SLOW GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WOULD BE SUSTAINED, AS THE FIGURES FOR THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE YEAR MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT THE GROWTH MOMENTUM OF RE-EXPORTS WAS SUSTAINED IN JANUARY.

AS A RESULT, 60.3 PER CENT BY VALUE OF THE TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1989 WAS TAKEN UP BY RE-EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH 52.7 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1988.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1989.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$17,262 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$26,253 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$43,515 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$43,134 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$ 381 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	NOV 88	NOV 87	INCREASE	
	TO JAN 89 HK\$ MN.	TO JAN 88 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	58,486	52,403	6,083	11.6
RE-EXPORTS	82,084	54,987	27,097	49.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	140,570	107,390	33,180	30.9
IMPORTS	141,543	106,237	35,306	33.2
TRADE BALANCE	-973	1,153	-2,126	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	JANUARY 1989	JANUARY 1988	INCREASE	
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	17,262 (39.7%)	16,477 (47.3%)	785	4.8
RE-EXPORTS	26,253	18,364	7,889	43.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	43,515	34,841	8,674	24.9
IMPORTS	43,134	33,150	9,984	30.1
TRADE BALANCE	381	1,691	-1,310	

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LAST MONTH	JANUARY	DECEMBER	INCREASE	
	1989	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	17,262 (39.7%)	21,173 (43.0%)	-3,911	-18.5
RE-EXPORTS	26,253	28,123	-1,870	-6.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	43,515	49,296	-5,781	-11.7
IMPORTS	43,134	50,183	-7,049	-14.0
TRADE BALANCE	381	-887	1,268	

LAST 12 MONTHS	FEB 88	FEB 87	INCREASE	
	TO	TO	HK\$ MN.	%
	JAN 89	JAN 88		
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	218,449	197,678	20,771	10.5
RE-EXPORTS	283,295	189,140	94,155	49.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	501,744	386,818	114,926	29.7
IMPORTS	508,782	387,582	121,200	31.3
TRADE BALANCE	-7,038	-764	-6,274	

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,156,500 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DZ1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$350,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER, CK5555 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$130,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR DE3893.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION :

	\$		\$		\$		\$
DY2988	6,000	CS300	23,000	DZ238	31,000	DZ1982	3,500
BK802	6,000	BB389	16,500	DD36	80,000	DD93	46,000
BL17	10,000	AW132	23,000	DZ6698	10,000	DY2833	6,500
DZ112	5,000	CK5555	130,000	AT8883	22,000	CC698	11,000
DY817	4,000	DZ3893	3,000	DX1128	8,500	DD3322	68,000
DD82	45,000	DZ619	6,000	DY379	4,500	DZ1123	10,000
DZ6638	8,000	DY3288	20,000	DZ1	350,000	DY892	9,500
AT1939	7,000	DZ911	21,000	DY368	16,000	DY2823	9,000
DX168	40,000	DZ968	8,000	DZ133	13,000	AB938	20,000
DD9911	30,000	CB7322	3,500	DY2002	14,000	DY6618	9,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 135TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$80,244,532.

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SEMINAR ON PLASTIC WASTE OPEN TO PUBLIC

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A SEMINAR ON THE "DISCRIMINATE USE/RE-USE/RE-CYCLING OF PLASTIC BAGS" WILL BE HELD IN CENTRAL ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, IN EDINBURGH PLACE.

"MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED OVER THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PLASTIC RUBBISH OF ALL KINDS IN THE TERRITORY AND IT IS, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT, BOTH FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISCUSSION SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS OR ASK QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

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"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH EXPERT OPINIONS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PARTICIPANTS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ASSESS THE PROBLEM AND GATHER SOME SENSIBLE IDEAS WHICH WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AT A LATER STAGE, ASKING THE PUBLIC AND THE RETAIL TRADE TO CO-OPERATE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOCAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR ARE:

- * EFFECTS OF PLASTIC BAGS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
- * HOW CAN FEWER PLASTIC BAGS BE USED?
- * IS IT FEASIBLE TO RE-CYCLE PLASTIC BAGS?
HOW CAN IT BE DONE?
- * HOW TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN A CAMPAIGN TO CUT DOWN THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS AND TO FACILITATE RE-CYCLING?

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SEMINAR ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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ATTENTION TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SOUTHERN CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION OPENS TOMORROW
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO VISIT A LARGE-SCALE CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION WHICH WILL OPEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL IN LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU.

A CLOSING ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT'S 1988-89 CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, THE "BUILD YOUR OWN COMMUNITY CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION" IS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND EVER HELD IN THE DISTRICT, INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM 17 LOCAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

WIDE-RANGING EXHIBITS INCLUDING COLOURFUL DISPLAYS, MODELS, ESSAYS, BOOKS AND SLIDES WILL BE PUT ON SHOW IN FIVE SECTIONS, EACH CONVEYING THE MESSAGES OF AN ASPECT OF THE "BUILD YOUR OWN COMMUNITY" THEME.

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"THE FIVE SUB-THEMES ARE 'LOVE YOUR OWN COMMUNITY,' 'MUTUAL HELP AND CARE', 'RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS,' 'DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION' AND 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,'" THE EXHIBITION WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, MR KO KAM-CHEUNG, SAID.

"THE EXHIBITION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MARCH 4. IT WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME," HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S JOINT SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF 17 LOCAL SCHOOLS.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM; SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, DR JIMMY CHAN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MS HO HOP-FOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY AND VISIT THE EXHIBITION ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF FREE SHUTTLE COACH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS.

THE COACHES, CARRYING PUBLICITY BANNERS FOR THE EXHIBITION, WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE WAH FU ESTATE MAXICAB TERMINUS AND WONG CHUK HANG BLOCK 4 BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 6 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BUILD YOUR OWN COMMUNITY CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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MEETING PLAN TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT IN WAN CHAI

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HE WOULD CONVENE A MEETING SHORTLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO EXAMINE WAYS OF IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AFTER INSPECTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE IN SEVERAL REAR LANES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, MR MANN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE GREENERY INTRODUCED IN THE DISTRICT.

"WAN CHAI, LIKE OTHER URBAN DISTRICTS, IS SOMETHING OF A CONCRETE JUNGLE AND HAS MANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

"AS OUR DISTRICT IS VERY SHORT OF OPEN SPACE, WE INTEND TO LOOK INTO WAYS OF PROVIDING TREES AND SHRUBS ON PAVEMENTS AND ROADS, AND MAYBE HANGING POTTED PLANTS ON LAMP POSTS.

"THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROPOSAL, BUT I AM SURE THEY CAN BE OVERCOME," HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, A TOTAL OF 15 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE DEMOLISHED IN THE CLEARANCE ACTION, THE FIFTH ONE IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN THE REAR LANES OF PENNINGTON STREET AND IRVING STREET, AND IN FUK HING LANE, WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THESE AREAS.

A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS - INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN SERVICES, POLICE, FIRE SERVICES AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE - WERE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE WHICH WAS CO-ORDINATED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUPPORTED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

FOUR FAMILIES WERE AFFECTED IN THE CLEARANCE AND RE-HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM WERE BEING MADE BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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SOLE CANDIDATE TO OUTLINE AIMS AS UC MEMBER
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A FORUM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28) SO THAT THE CANDIDATE IN AN UNCONTESTED URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY IN THE COMING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS CAN EXPLAIN WHAT HE HOPES TO ACHIEVE DURING HIS TERM AS A COUNCILLOR.

THE FORUM FOR THE CANDIDATE, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG, WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, WILL BE PRESENT.

RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FORUM, AT WHICH MR CHOW, A 31-YEAR OLD SOCIAL WORKER, WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

MORE THAN 69,000 RESIDENTS HAVE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, 345 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, ON TUESDAY.

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ELECTION FORUM IN MONG KOK
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MONG KOK VOTERS ARE INVITED TO MEET THEIR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES AT A FORUM TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3 (FRIDAY).

THE FORUM AIMS AT FAMILIARISING VOTERS WITH THE CANDIDATES IN THE MONG KOK CONSTITUENCY BEFORE THEY CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 9.

THE CANDIDATES ARE MR CHAN KWOK-MING AND MR WONG YUEN-WEI, BOTH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

THE FORUM WILL START AT 8 PM AT THE KEI WING PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 23 LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MR CHAN WING-TAI, A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, WILL BE THE MODERATOR OF THE FORUM.

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ISLANDS DB TO DISCUSS BEACH POLLUTION PROBLEM

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MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF BEACH POLLUTION AT MUI WO, LANTAU AND THE RELATED QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR PIG FARMERS BY THE GOVERNMENT AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

OFFICIALS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WATER QUALITY IN SILVERMINE BAY BEACH, THE PRESENT SITUATION OF PIG FARMING IN MUI WO AND THE ISSUE CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR PIG FARMERS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO CEASE OPERATION.

THE QUESTION OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH DISPOSAL ON LAMMA ISLAND WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

MOREOVER, THE BOARD WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (1988 EDITION) AND MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1989.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME 1989-90; REVISION OF GUIDELINES ON VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS ON CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT; AND THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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RE-ROUTEING OF MORRISON STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28), MORRISON STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND BONHAM STRAND WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR DRAINAGE WORK.

CANAL ROAD WEST BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, CANAL ROAD EAST BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HENNESSY ROAD HEADING FOR LOCKHART ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CANAL ROAD EAST.

AT THE SAME TIME, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LOCKHART ROAD HEADING FOR HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA STEWART ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN CHONG YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND WHILE HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN CHONG YIP STREET AND HOW MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE LEFT-TURN FROM LAI YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND TO HUNG TO ROAD WILL BE BANNED BUT THE LEFT-TURN FROM HOW MING STREET NORTHBOUND TO HUNG TO ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED.

VEHICLES CAN ALSO TURN RIGHT FROM HUNG TO ROAD WESTBOUND TO LAI YIP STREET NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE METERED PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES ALONG THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANES OF HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN CHONG YIP STREET AND HOW MING STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, ONE LANE OF THE SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

THE SLOW LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD FROM SHA TIN ROAD TO SHA TIN WAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 AM ON FEBRUARY 28, TO 8 AM ON MARCH 2.

MEANWHILE, THE FAST LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 AM ON MARCH 2 TO 8 AM ON MARCH 4.

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