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GOVERNOR BRIEFS SCOTTISH FINANCIAL COMMUNITY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS PRAISED THE MAJOR ROLE PLAYED BY SCOTLAND'S FINANCIAL COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG AND SOUTH EAST ASIA.

HE MADE THE REMARK AT A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND AND AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY SCOTTISH FINANCIAL ENTERPRISE, AN EDINBURGH-BASED ORGANISATION WHICH PROMOTES AND REPRESENTS SCOTLAND'S FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR, DURING HIS VISIT TO EDINBURGH ON MONDAY.

SIR DAVID TOLD THE SEMINAR THAT HONG KONG REMAINED "AN EXCELLENT BASE FOR BUSINESS WITH CHINA AND EAST ASIA".

HE EXPLAINED TO THE BANKERS, INSURANCE EXECUTIVES AND FUND MANAGERS PRESENT THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION HAD PROVIDED A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH HONG KONG'S AUTONOMY WOULD BE PRESERVED AND ITS REMARKABLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AFTER 1997.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD EXPERIENCED REAL ECONOMIC GROWTH OF OVER EIGHT PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR 20 YEARS. "THIS HAS GIVEN US A PER CAPITA GDP AMONG THE HIGHEST IN ASIA, AND AHEAD OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVENTS OF LAST SUMMER IN CHINA HAD HAD A DAMAGING PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON HONG KONG. "BUT HONG KONG IS NOT WALLOWING IN DESPAIR. IT IS A DYNAMIC ECONOMY DETERMINED TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE FUTURE.

"HONG KONG REMAINS A GREAT FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE FOR CHINA, THE FAR EAST AND THE WORLD," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS IN CHINA'S INTEREST TO ENSURE THE GUARANTEES PROVIDED UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION WERE MAINTAINED. HONG KONG WAS CHINA'S MAIN TRADING PARTNER, THE SOURCE OF 70 PER CENT OF CHINA'S EXTERNAL INVESTMENT, AND OVER 30 PER CENT OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE. IT WAS THE ONLY DEEPWATER PORT ON THE COAST OF SOUTH CHINA.

THE GOVERNOR OUTLINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO INVEST IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S PORT AND AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE. THESE PLANS WOULD BENEFIT THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF THE SAR GOVERNMENT AFTER 1997.

SIR DAVID ALSO OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL MARKETS SINCE THE WORLD CRASH OF OCTOBER 1987. HE EXPLAINED HOW THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD MOVED QUICKLY TO SET UP A SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE UNDER MR IAN HAY DAVISON IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE MARKET CRASH.

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FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, HONG KONG'S STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES HAD NOW FULLY RECONSTITUTED THEMSELVES, COMBINING A MIX OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS. HONG KONG HAD ESTABLISHED A NEW REGULATORY BODY, THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION, TO OVERSEE MARKET OPERATIONS.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WOULD NOT BECOME OVER-REGULATED. "IT IS CRUCIAL TO ACHIEVE THE RIGHT MIXTURE OF REGULATION AND FREE MARKET FORCES.

"I BELIEVE WE HAVE THAT BALANCE ABOUT RIGHT," HE SAID.

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PROPOSED WAIVER OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS ON REGISTERED PERSONS

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO ENABLE THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) TO WAIVE OR MODIFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ON PERSONS APPLYING TO BE REGISTERED AND REGISTERED PERSONS UNDER THE SFC ORDINANCE, SECURITIES ORDINANCE AND COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 18.

EXPLAINING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK SAID THAT CERTAIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON PERSONS APPLYING TO BE REGISTERED AND REGISTERED PERSONS GIVE RISE TO PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES, NOT ONLY FOR SUCH PERSONS BUT ALSO FOR THE SFC.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED POWER OF WAIVER AND MODIFICATION WILL ASSIST THE SFC IN AVOIDING HAVING TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS WITH UNNECESSARY RIGIDITY," MR NENDICK SAID.

THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE SFC IN RESPONSE TO MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

"THEY WILL ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR THE REGISTERED PERSONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE RELEVANT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS," HE ADDED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE MARKET, ESPECIALLY BY THOSE REGISTERED PERSONS WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLYING WITH THE RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS.

"THE BILL PROPOSED THAT THE SFC SHOULD ONLY EXERCISE SUCH POWER IF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD CREATE UNDUE BURDEN FOR THE PERSON CONCERNED; AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD NOT RESULT IN UNDUE RISK TO THE INVESTING PUBLIC," MR NENDICK SAID.

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THE BILL WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (JULY 6).

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO WHICH THE PROPOSED POWER OF WAIVER AND MODIFICATION WILL APPLY:

	REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS	PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES
SECURITIES ORDINANCE (CAP. 333)		
S.48(1A) & 49(1A)	AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR OF A CORPORATION HAS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE SFC AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE CORPORATION'S BUSINESS.	THE DIRECTORS OF SOME FOREIGN CORPORATIONS MAY BE ENTIRELY NON-EXECUTIVE OR BASED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.
S.65B(8)	S.65B SETS OUT THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION. THESE ARE BEING REVISED BY THE SFC.	S.65B(8) EMPOWERS THE THE SFC TO WAIVE OR MODIFY THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTERED DEALING PARTNERSHIPS. THE SAME FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL DEALERS.
S.67	REGISTERED PERSONS TO MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ALL SECURITIES IN WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST.	CREATES UNNECESSARY BURDEN FOR FUND MANAGERS WITH DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS WHICH ARE ACTIVELY TRADED.
S.84	DEALERS TO DEPOSIT CLIENT MONEYS, WITHIN FOUR DAYS OF RECEIPT, INTO TRUST ACCOUNTS KEPT AT A HONG KONG LICENSED BANK.	CREATES PROBLEMS FOR HONG KONG DEALERS WHO TRADE FOR HONG KONG CLIENTS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS.
S.88	DEALERS TO FURNISH THE SFC WITH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS WITHIN FOUR MONTHS FROM THE END OF THEIR FINANCIAL YEAR.	S.88(2) EMPOWERS THE SFC TO EXTEND THE PERIOD, BUT ONLY BY ONE MONTH. THIS IS INSUFFICIENT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES E.G. RESIGNATION OF THE AUDITOR.

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COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE (CAP. 250)

S.26(2) &(3)	EVERY DIRECTOR/ EMPLOYEE OF A CORPORATION SHOULD BE REGISTERED WITH THE SFC BEFORE THE CORPORATION MAY CONDUCT BUSINESS.	SEE S.48(1A) AND 49(1A) OF SECURITIES ORDINANCE ABOVE.
S.46	SIMILAR TO S.84 OF ABOVE.	SECURITIES ORDINANCE
S.50	SIMILAR TO S.88 OF ABOVE.	SECURITIES ORDINANCE

SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 10/89)

S.23(2)(B)	A CORPORATE APPLICANT TO SATISFY THE SFC THAT EACH OF ITS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE FIT AND PROPER.	ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR LARGE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WITH HUNDREDS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. INFORMATION FROM SELECTED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS MAY SUFFICE.
S.27	EVERY REGISTERED PERSON TO NOTIFY THE SFC IN ADVANCE OF THE LOCATION WHERE BUSINESS RECORDS ARE KEPT OR INTENDED TO BE KEPT.	SOME RECORDS ARE KEPT BY STORAGE COMPANIES. DEALERS HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THEIR MOVEMENT BETWEEN WAREHOUSES.

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BILLS SEEK TO STANDARDISE TIME LIMITS TO APPROVE EXCHANGE RULES

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOU CED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDISE EXISTING TIME LIMITS FOR THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) TO APPROVE RULES PROPOSED BY THE STOCK AND FUTURES EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 18.

HE SAID LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ALLOW FOR EXTENSION OF SUCH TIME LIMITS AND TO ENABLE THE SFC TO RECOGNISE A CLEARING HOUSE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON THE SAME DAY.

THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE ENSHRINED IN THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990.

"THE AMENDMENTS ARE A RESPONSE TO PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE COURSE OF DEALINGS WITH THE EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES," MR NENDICK SAID.

THE AMENDMENTS AIM TO STANDARDISE THE STATUTORY TIME LIMITS FOR THE SFC TO APPROVE RULES PROPOSED BY THE EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES AT SIX WEEKS. THEY ALSO ALLOW FOR EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMITS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SFC AND THE EXCHANGE OR THE CLEARING HOUSE CONCERNED.

"ALTHOUGH THE SFC WILL ALWAYS AIM TO EXAMINE AND PRONOUNCE UPON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE PRESENT TIME LIMIT IN RELATION TO THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AND THIS HAS BEEN GENERALLY FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE.

"MOREOVER, THERE IS NO STATUTORY PROVISION ALLOWING FOR EXTENSION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

"THE BILLS AIM TO REMOVE SOME INCONSISTENCIES AND RIGIDITIES IN EXISTING LEGISLATION," MR NENDICK SAID.

TO TIE IN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF TRANSACTIONS RECORDED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG, THE BILLS ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE SFC TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE A CLEARING HOUSE AND APPROVE ITS RULES AND CONSTITUTION.

THIS WILL BRING IN LINE THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS FOR THE CLEARING FACILITIES ON BOTH THE FUTURES AND SECURITIES MARKETS.

"IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEARING ARRANGEMENTS TO THE MARKET IT IS PROPOSED THAT BEFORE EXERCISING THIS POWER THE SFC SHOULD CONSULT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY," MR NENDICK SAID.

THE BILLS WILL BE GAZETTED THIS FRIDAY (JULY 6).

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RS CALLS FOR SUPPORT FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO SUPPORT THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

HE ALSO CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG KWUN TONG COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STAFF MEMBERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, MR LAN NOTED THAT THE MORE THAN 7,000 FACTORIES IN KWUN TONG ARE EMPLOYING OVER 180,000 WORKERS.

"I THEREFORE APPEAL TO EVERY ONE OF YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOUR STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO DISCHARGE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES BY SIGNING UP AS VOTERS.

"THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED BUT HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES SHOULD NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY.

"ON POLLING DAY, THEY OUGHT TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT BY CASTING THEIR VOTES TO ELECT OUR LEADERS. THIS WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR LAN DESCRIBED THE 1990'S AS AN IMPORTANT "HISTORICAL MOMENT" FOR HONG KONG'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

"HONG KONG WILL BE ENTERING A NEW ERA IN 1991 WHEN THE PUBLIC WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, AND THERE WILL BE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE FIRST TIME," HE SAID.

MR LAN SAID HONG KONG NEEDED LEADERS WITH A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, TO GUIDE THE TERRITORY THROUGH THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND TO HELP HONG KONG SUSTAIN ITS PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

"DURING HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THERE HAS BEEN NO LACK OF TALENTS IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES.

"MEMBERS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION COME FROM DIFFERENT TRADES, AMONG THEM MANY ARE KEEN TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE TERRITORY," HE SAID.

"I AM CONVINCED THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE TERRITORY'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS OF A SURVEY REPORT TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SAI YING PUN AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 5).

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED BY THE CARITAS HONG KONG - FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AND OUTLYING ISLANDS, SUGGESTS SETTING UP A GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL, A GERIATRIC CLINIC AND A DAY CARE CENTRE IN SAI YING PUN FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM.

THE MEETING WILL STUDY A PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE THREE CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT. MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT OF THEIR VISITS TO WELFARE FACILITIES SUCH AS CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, CENTRES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND YOUTH CENTRES.

THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT IN 1990-91 WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 5) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN YOUTHS

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MORE THAN 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 700 PROJECTS AIMED AT PROMOTING A MORE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH WILL BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER VACATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR OR SHING-MOK, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT APART FROM RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SOCIAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

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"TRAINING CAMPS FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL BE ORGANISED TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE HELD FOR YOUNGSTERS IN OUR DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS VISITS, SAILING, CAMPING, DANCING, LANGUAGE LEARNING, BALL GAMES, CALLIGRAPHY, SWIMMING, DRAMA, KEEP-FIT AND MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES, WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH LOTS OF FUN AND CHANCES TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL," HE ADDED.

THE 1990 CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SYP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, AREA COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, WITH A $409,000 SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IT WILL START OFF WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (JULY 8) AFTERNOON.

BROCHURES FOR THE SYP ACTIVITIES AND FREE STALL GAMES COUPONS FOR SUNDAY'S EVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN KENNEDY TOWN, AS WELL AS THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36 WESTERN STREET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 3002.

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SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTHS IN NORTH DISTRICT

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ABOUT 30,000 YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 WERE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A TOTAL OF 147 EVENTS ORGANISED BY 59 LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS.

FOCUSSING ON THE THEME "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE SINGING, PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS, LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS TRAINING, VISITS, OUTINGS, CAMPING, CARNIVALS AND A HEALTH EXHIBITION.

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"THIS YEAR THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED $200,000 FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A VARIETY SHOW AND CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 NORTH DISTRICT SYP WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24 IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

A PROGRAMME PAMPHLET IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, THE SHA TAU KOK COMMUNITY HALL, AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, IN SAN FUNG AVENUE, AND IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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SOCIAL WELFARE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW

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SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND POLICIES ARE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW, AND THIS IS WHY A MAJOR REVIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

AT A MEETING WITH A FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM SINGAPORE AT THE SWD HEADQUARTERS, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SOCIAL WELFARE ISSUES.

SHE TOLD THE DELEGATION, LED BY SINGAPORE'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION, DR SEET AI MEE, THAT SIMILAR REVIEWS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE LAST TWO DECADES.

THE DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SINGAPORE COMMISSION (EDUCATION) IN HONG KONG, MISS SHARON GOH. THEY CALLED AT THE SWD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON WELFARE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR FAMILY AND THE ELDERLY.

UNDER THE SWD'S ARRANGEMENT, THE DELEGATION ALSO VISITED A NUMBER OF SERVICE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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PRIVATE STREETS IN HUNG HOM TO BE RESUMED FOR REPAIR

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND TO REPAIR WING KWONG STREET AND THE ADJACENT SIDE LANES WITHIN LOT NO. KML 52 AND EXTENSION IN HUNG HOM.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE REPAIR OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS, SIDE LANES AND THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE RELATED DRAINAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THOSE PRIVATE STREET/SIDE LANES WERE AT PRESENT NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP.

AS A RESULT, THEY WERE GENERALLY IN POOR CONDITION IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT GIVING RISE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO RESUME THESE PRIVATE STREET/SIDE LANES TO ENABLE THEIR PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE, HE SAID.

THE REPAIR WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE BY MID-1991 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 28 THIS YEAR.

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TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE PROPOSED IN TUEN MUN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE IN AREA 27 OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO PROVIDE AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE PROPOSED WORKS FORM PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN PLACED ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 21 THIS YEAR.

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MORE ROADS TO SERVE YUEN LONG VILLAGE

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE DRAINAGE CHANNELS OF THE SHAN PUI RIVER FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSE AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CHUNG HAU TSUEN IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PART OF THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO A SECTION OF THE RIVER FROM CHUNG HAU TSUEN TO INNER DEEP BAY.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE AND A NOTICE HAD BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE WORKS PROPOSED INCLUDE:

* CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF CARRIAGEWAY AND SECTIONS OF FOOTPATHS AT CHUNG HAU TSUEN;

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* CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE ROADS WHICH WILL BE RESTRICTED TO USE BY MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS;

* RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND FOOTPATH AT CHUNG HAU TSUEN;

* CLOSURE OF SOME EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AND TRACKS. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND TEMPORARY DIVERSIONS PROVIDED;

* REPROVISIONING OF FISH POND BUNDS; AND

* ASSOCIATED EARTH, DRAINAGE AND SLOPE WORKS.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG; AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 21.

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FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT IN TIN SHUI WAI

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A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT WILL BE BUILT IN TIN SHUI WAI.

A $16.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ABLE ENGINEERING CO. LTD.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOUR-STOREY BLOCKS TO SEPARATELY HOUSE THE FIRE STATION AND THE AMBULANCE DEPOT.

THE BLOCKS WILL SHARE A COMMON DRILL YARD AND EXERCISE ROOM, BUT WILL HAVE SEPARATE CANTEENS, RECREATIONAL AREAS, OFFICES, ACCOMMODATION, KITCHENS, TOILETS AND STORE FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START SOON AND THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SAI WAN HO PUMPING STATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED INTAKE CULVERT IN SAI WAN HO.

THIS CONTRACT FORMS PART OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FLUSHING SYSTEM PROJECT.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, SALT WATER SUPPLY FOR FLUSHING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SHAU KEI WAN AREAS AND THE HIGH LEVEL AREAS OF KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BY NOON ON JULY 20.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED BELOW:

* FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON THURSDAY (JULY 5) AND FRIDAY (JULY 6), THE FAST LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM SHA TIN ROAD TO TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

* FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON JULY 12, 13 AND 14, THE SLOW AND CENTRE LANES OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM SHA TIN ROAD TO TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 1 AM TO 5.45 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 5), THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM WESTBOUND KWUN TONG ROAD TO THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF TWO HIGH MAST STREETLIGHTS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND, CONCORDE ROAD, FLYOVER, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE INNERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN HO TUNG LAU AND MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE, IN SHA TIN, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 5) TO 8 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 7).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

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