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WORK ON CHINESE VERSION OF LAW CONTINUES -- AG
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ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST FEATURES OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM ARE PRESERVED IS BY MAKING OUR STATUTE LAW EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO PEOPLE, BOTH IN HONG KONG AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, BY PRODUCING AN AUTHENTIC VERSION IN CHINESE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 1986, MR THOMAS SAID THAT APART FROM THIS, IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE LEGISLATION OF A REGION WHICH, AFTER 1997, WOULD BE PART OF CHINA, TO BE AVAILABLE ONLY IN A LANGUAGE WHICH WAS NOT CHINESE.

NOTING THAT THE PLANNING STAGE FOR THIS PROJECT WAS ALREADY WELL ADVANCED IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR THOMAS SAID A COURSE WILL COMMENCE THIS MONTH TO TRAIN CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS IN THE WORK OF PREPARING A CHINESE VERSION OF THE EXISTING LAW OF HONG KONG.

ON THE DRAFTING OF NEW LEGISLATION IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL DESPERATELY SHORT OF LAWYERS WITH THE NECESSARY WRITTEN LANGUAGE SKILLS WHO WERE PREPARED TO ACQUIRE LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING ABILITY.

MR THOMAS ADDED THAT PRODUCING A CHINESE VERSION OF OUR LAW WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND COULD HAVE A CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO STATUTORY INTERPRETATION.

+HAVING TWO AUTHENTIC VERSIONS OF THE LAW IN LANGUAGES AS DIFFERENT AS ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL MAKE THE PROBLEMS OF OUR COURTS MUCH EASIER, WHICH IS ALWAYS THE PRIME AIM OF MY LEGISLATIVE DRAFTSMEN.

+IF ONE VERSION IS MORE THAN USUALLY OBSCURE, THE JUDGE MAY USE THE OTHER,+ HE SAID.

ON THE LOCALISATION OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR THOMAS SAID BY 1997, +WE MUST HAVE IN PLACE IN SENIOR POSITIONS EXPERIENCED LOCAL LAWYERS WHO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDEPENDENT ROLE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, AND WHO ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF RENDERING UNBIASED ADVICE TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR ROLE AS PUBLIC LAWYERS.+

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO TRAIN LOCAL PEOPLE TO QUALIFY AS LAWYERS BY GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROVIDING TRAINING IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WAS BEARING FRUITS.

+WE NOW HAVE 28 LOCAL LAWYERS WITH MORE THAN TWO YEARS' EXPERIENCE AFTER PUPILLAGE OR ADMISSION. WE HAVE ANOTHER 62 LOCAL OFFICERS WITH LESS EXPERIENCE.

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+THAT MAY SEEM SATISFACTORY BUT OUR DIFFICULTY LIES PARTLY IN KEEPING THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND PARTLY IN ENSURING THAT THE EXPATRIATE LAWYERS WITH A DECADE OR MORE OF EXPERIENCE BEHIND THEM REMAIN IN HONG KONG LONG ENOUGH TO PASS ON THEIR EXPERIENCE AND ENABLE THE LOCAL LAWYERS TO STEP INTO THEIR SHOES,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE JOBS AHEAD OF HIM IN 1986, MR THOMAS SAID +THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO BE DONE AND THERE WILL BE MANY CHALLENGES TO MEET+.

+THE WORKING PARTY ON LEGAL AID WILL SOON BE PRODUCING ITS REPORT. THIS IS BOUND TO BE OF IMPORTANCE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT NOT ENJOY ACCESS TO THE COURTS WITHOUT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

+THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION EXPECTS TO ISSUE REPORTS DURING 1986 ON THE LAW AND PRACTICE RELATING TO CORONERS, THE LEGAL EFFECTS OF AGE, INSURANCE AND COMPUTER CRIME.+

+WORK HAS ALSO BEEN PROCEEDING IN MY CHAMBERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS, ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH WE MAY SEE LEGISLATION DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.+

THESE INCLUDED THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE ROADS, THE SPENT CONVICTION SCHEME, AMENDMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE, THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, THE PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DEPRIVING DRUG TRAFFICKERS OF PROFITS OF THEIR TRADE, OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS, LEGAL AID, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS ORDINANCE.

A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE JURIES INTO THE DISTRICT COURT IS ALSO BEING STUDIED, HE SAID.

ON COMMERCIAL CRIME, MR THOMAS SAID THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS CONTINUING TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WOULD NO DOUBT CONSIDER THE LONG AWAITED ROSKILL REPORT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FIGHT CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE ON GANGS ALSO WOULD SOON BE PUTTING FORWARD OPTIONS TO COMBAT ORGANISED CRIMINAL RACKETS.

IN CONCLUSION, MR THOMAS STRESSED THAT TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE AND OUR SYSTEM OF LAW, WE MUST ALL REMAIN VIGILANT WHEN CHANGES WERE PROPOSED.

+BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST RECOGNISE THAT THE LAW CANNOT BE FROZEN IN TIME. IT IS A LIVING ORGANISM WHICH MUST GROW AND DEVELOP TO MEET THE NEW DEMANDS OF A DYNAMIC SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

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MORE LOCAL RECRUITS JOINING THE JUDICIARY - CJ

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THE LACK OF LOCAL RECRUITS TO THE JUDICIARY IS CERTAINLY NOT DUE TO ANY LACK OF TALENT AMONG PRACTISING MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, MANY OF WHOM POSSESS THE ATTRIBUTES WHICH WOULD ENSURE THEM A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+IN THE PAST, SUCCESSFUL PRACTITIONERS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO ABANDON THE GREATER FINANCIAL REWARDS, AND THE PERSONAL FREEDOM, OF PRIVATE PRACTICE, FOR THE BENCH. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THIS WILL CHANGE,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DENYS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1986 LEGAL YEAR AT THE CITY HALL.

+WE WERE ENCOURAGED, DURING 1985, BY THE FACT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO RECRUIT SIX NEW MAGISTRATES WITH HONG KONG BACKGROUNDS AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE AN INCENTIVE TO OTHERS TO JOIN A BODY WHICH HAS SO IMPORTANT A PART TO PLAY IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR DENYS SAID HE SHOULD NOT LIKE IT TO BE THOUGHT THAT ANY POLICY HAD BEEN ADOPTED TO LOCALISE THE JUDICIARY, EITHER ENTIRELY OR AT ANY COST.

NOR, HE HOPED, WOULD IT EVER BECOME THE POLICY TO APPOINT THIRD-RATE JUDGES OR MAGISTRATES BECAUSE OF THEIR ORIGINS.

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE COMMON LAW SYSTEM HAD PROSPERED AND SPREAD TO SO MANY COUNTRIES WITH SUCH SUCCESS WAS THAT IT WAS A SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM, FULL OF DIFFICULT CONCEPTS AND SUBTLETIES OF REASONING, HE SAID.

IT COULD BE APPLIED SUCCESSFULLY ONLY BY JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE AND NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO FILL THE BENCH WITH MEN OF INADEQUATE QUALITIES OF MIND AND CHARACTER.

THE COMING YEAR WOULD SEE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS WHICH HOUSED THE JUDICIARY.

SIR DENYS SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT WOULD BE THE WANCHAI DISTRICT COURT HOUSE, WHICH WOULD CONTAIN 39 COURTS.

INTO THESE WOULD MOVE ALL THE DISTRICT JUDGES, FROM HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON, LEAVING DISTRICT JUDGES ONLY IN BUILDINGS OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL URBAN AREAS, AT TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN AND, PERHAPS, KWUN TONG.

THE GASCOIGNE ROAD DISTRICT COURT WOULD BECOME THE SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, AND THE OLD SOUTH KOWLOON BUILDING WILL HOUSE THE CORONERS AND A SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.

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+LATER IN THE YEAR, WE EXPECT THE SHATIN COURT HOUSE TO OPEN, BRINGING MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO THE OVERCROWDED AND UNSATISFACTORY BUILDINGS AT FANLING, WHICH WILL THEMSELVES BE REPLACED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE COURT HOUSES IN TUEN MUN IN 1987, AND AT SHAUKIWAN, IN REPLACEMENT OF CAUSEWAY BAY, A YEAR OR TWO LATER, WE SHOULD BE WELL EQUIPPED WITH COURTS FOR THE NEXT DECADE, BARRING ANY UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN WORK ON THE SCALE WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ABOUT 1975 AND 1982,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

HE THEN ADMITTED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE JUDICIARY WERE CAPABLE OF IMPROVEMENT.

+LIKE ANY ORGANISATION, A JUDICIARY BENEFITS FROM A PERIODICAL EXAMINATION OF AN EXPERIENCED AND IMPARTIAL EYE TO SEE IF ITS OBJECTIVES ARE RIGHT AND ITS METHODS OF ACHIEVING THEM ARE ECONOMICAL AND EFFECTIVE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT MR PETER ROBINSON, DEPUTY CLERK TO THE CROWN IN CHANCERY, WOULD BE COMING TO HONG KONG ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JULY THIS YEAR TO STUDY THE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG'S COURTS AND TRIBUNALS.

+MR ROBINSON'S TASK WILL BE TO EXAMINE THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY'S ORGANISATION AND TO MEASURE IT AGAINST OBJECTIVE STANDARDS BASED ON EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE.

+HE WILL, IN DUE COURSE, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ME AS TO WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURTS, AS TO WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY REARRANGEMENT OF WORK BETWEEN COURTS AND TRIBUNALS OR ANY CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE AND HIERARCHY OF THE COURTS,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

LOOKING BACK TO 1985, SIR DENYS SAID THAT, IN GENERAL THE VOLUME OF WORK IN THE COURTS DIFFERED LITTLE IN 1985 FROM THAT OF 1984.

+THE COURT OF APPEAL SAT FOR MOST OF THE YEAR IN THREE DIVISIONS, ONE DEALING ONLY WITH CIVIL APPEALS, ONE WITH CRIMINAL APPEALS AND THE THIRD WITH THE REMAINDER. IT DEALT WITH 739 APPEALS, COMPARED WITH 793 IN 1984.

+THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL AND ITS HEARING HAS VARIED BETWEEN FIVE AND 10 WEEKS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS FOR CRIMINAL APPEALS.

+FOR CIVIL MATTERS, THE INTERVAL HAS VARIED BETWEEN FIVE AND 18 WEEKS. THESE ARE, I THINK SATISFACTORY FIGURES, BEARING IN MIND THAT IT IS USUALLY POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR A SWIFTER HEARING OF AN URGENT MATTER,+ SAID SIR DENYS.

IN THE HIGH COURT THE NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS FILED FELL FROM 335 TO 262. THIS WAS, UNFORTUNATELY, MORE THAN BALANCED BY AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF A CRIMINAL TRIAL, MAINLY DUE TO A NUMBER OF LONG COMMERCIAL CASES.

CONSEQUENTLY, IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN 13 CRIMINAL LISTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, A COMMITMENT WHICH WAS UNLIKELY TO LESSEN DURING 1986.

THE WAITING TIME BETWEEN THE FILING OF AN INDICTMENT AND THE FIRST DAY OF TRIAL HAS BEEN KEPT TO AN AVERAGE OF 75 DAYS, THOUGH THIS WAS LESS SATISFACTORY THAN THE 1984 LEVEL OF 63 DAYS.

HIGH COURT CIVIL WORK HAD FOLLOWED AN ODD PATTERN. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIGH COURT ACTIONS STARTED TO DECLINE BY ABOUT 10. THE NUMBER OF CASES SET DOWN FOR TRIAL INCREASED FROM 710 TO A RECORD NUMBER OF 733.

+THIS DOES NOT GIVE A TRUE PICTURE OF THE WEIGHT OF THE CIVIL LISTS, HOWEVER. TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX OF THE 733 WERE FIXTURE LIST CASES, A CATEGORY WHICH INCLUDES THE HEAVIER CIVIL MATTERS; THERE HAS BEEN A DOUBLING OF THE NUMBER OF SUCH CASES SINCE 1981 AND AN INCREASE OF OVER A THIRD OVER 1984.

+WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEPLOY 12 JUDGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OUTSIDE VACATIONS, TO DEAL WITH CIVIL WORK, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE INTERVAL BETWEEN SETTING DOWN AND TRIAL HAS VARIED BETWEEN 11 AND 23 WEEKS WITH AN AVERAGE OF 17 WEEKS,+ HE SAID.

SIR DENYS SAID THAT, TO KEEP 12 CRIMINAL AND 12 CIVIL LISTS RUNNING, THERE WAS A NEED FOR 27 JUDGES, ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT WAS ONLY 22.

+WE CAN MEET THIS PROBLEM BY CONTINUING TO USE DISTRICT JUDGES AS DEPUTIES, WHICH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS A PERMANENT SOLUTION. I HOPE DURING THE COURSE OF NEXT YEAR, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DECIDE WHAT SOLUTION TO ADOPT,+ HE SAID.

IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO REINFORCE THE HIGH COURT FROM THE DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY, SINCE THERE WAS A DECLINE OF ABOUT NINE PER CENT BOTH IN THE NUMBERS OF CIVIL ACTIONS STARTED AND OF THOSE SET DOWN FOR TRIAL. CRIMINAL TRIALS HAVE INCREASED FROM 1 246 TO 1 398, A JUMP OF 12 PER CENT.

THE WAITING TIME FOR A CIVIL CASE REMAINED AT ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM SETTING DOWN AND FOR A CRIMINAL TRIAL AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS FROM TRANSFER.

IN THE MAGISTRACIES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES DECLINED FROM 825 000 TO 655 000, A DECREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT. THE NUMBER OF CHARGE SHEETS ISSUED, WHICH IS A REFLECTION OF THE MORE SERIOUS CASES, CAME DOWN FROM 184 000 TO 178 000, OR A LITTLE OVER THREE PER CENT.

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THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL'S WORK INCREASED ABOVE THE 1984 LEVEL, BUT ONLY TO THAT OF 1983, SO THAT IT WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO HEAR A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS OF IT BEING LODGED.

SIMILARLY, THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, WITH A SLIGHTLY LARGER NUMBER OF CASES THAN 1984, WAS ABLE TO KEEP WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD.

THE CORONERS COURT CONDUCTED MORE DEATH ENQUIRIES THAN IN 1984 BUT LESS THAN IN 1983, WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, MR DENIS CHANG, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR BRIAN TISDALL.

THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR ORGANISED BY THE JUDICIARY WAS WELL ATTENDED BY JUDGES, MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

IT BEGAN WITH A CHURCH SERVICE AT THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, PRESIDED BY THE DEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL, REV. PAUL CLASPER.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE THEN INSPECTED A GUARD OF HONOUR PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG GUARD COMPANY OF THE BRITISH FORCES AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ADDRESSES IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

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1 130 PEOPLE WARNED OVER COUNTRY PARK BAN
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MORE THAN 1 130 PEOPLE WERE WARNED OVER THE WEEKEND FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN AND TAI LAM COUNTRY PARKS AND TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED TO ALL VISITORS LAST SATURDAY (JANUARY 11).

IN ADDITION, 52 VISITORS TO OTHER COUNTRY PARKS WERE CAUTIONED FOR VIOLATING THE BAN OF BARBECUING WHICH CAME IN EFFECT THE SAME DAY.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR S.T. LAU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, THE PUBLIC HAD SO FAR BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF FIRE.

/+DESPITE THAT,

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+DESPITE THAT, 16 REPORTS OF HILL FIRE WERE RECEIVED OVER THE WEEKEND, OF WHICH NINE OCCURRED INSIDE THREATENED COUNTRY PARKS,+ HE SAID.

MR LAU SAID THAT FOR THE PROTECTION OF COUNTRY PARKS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST ANYONE WHO CHOSE TO IGNORE THE CLOSURE ORDER AND THE BAN.

HE WARNED THAT OFFENDERS OF THE CLOSURE ORDER WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS WHILE VIOLATION OF THE FIRE BAN WOULD LEAD TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

MR LAU SAID THAT WITH THE PRESENT DRY AND WINDY WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS SHOULD BRING PRE-COOKED FOOD ONLY AND BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH CIGARETTE ENDS,+ HE SAID.

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RECORD RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY CALLS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A RECORD NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES LAST YEAR, INVOLVING 14 722 FIRE CALLS, 9 594 SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS AND 333 905 AMBULANCE CALLS.

THE NUMBER OF FIRE CALLS ROSE FROM 14 693 IN 1984 TO 14 722 IN 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

FIRES CAUSED THE DEATHS OF 29 PEOPLE AND LEFT A FURTHER 630 PEOPLE INJURED LAST YEAR.

THE LARGEST SINGLE CATEGORY OF CAUSES WAS CARELESS HANDLING OR DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTES, MATCHES AND CANDLES WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 3 893 CALLS, FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICAL FAULT (1 717 CASES) AND OVERCOOKING (1 450 CASES), A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID.

SQUATTER FIRES SHOWED AN INCREASE DURING THE PERIOD FROM 262 IN 1984 TO 368 IN 1985 WHILE FACTORY FIRES SHOWED A DROP FROM 536 TO 464.

THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL SERVICES CALLS INCREASED FROM 9 004 CASES IN 1984 TO 9 594 LAST YEAR, INVOLVING LANDSLIDES, HOUSE COLLAPSES, DROWNING, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, GAS LEAKAGE, ETC.

AMONG THE CALLS, LOCK-IN CASES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY TO 615 FROM 436 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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THE DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE SERVICE ALSO HAD A HECTIC YEAR - RECEIVING A RECORD 333 905 CALLS WITH 233 178 EMERGENCY CALLS, COMPARED WITH 313 212 IN 1984, OF WHICH 220 768 WERE EMERGENCIES.

THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS CARRIED BY AMBULANCE ACHIEVED ANOTHER RECORD OF 441 174 LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 417 297 IN 1984.

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GOOD JOB PROSPECTS FOR INSTITUTE GRADUATES
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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF GRADUATES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES LAST YEAR WAS ENCOURAGING, WITH MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS GETTING A JOB WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF GRADUATION, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL REVEALED THAT 68 PER CENT OF THE 3 300 GRADUATES OF FULL-TIME COURSES IN THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR WERE EMPLOYED WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF GRADUATION COMPARED WITH 72 PER CENT THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES PURSUING FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES INCREASED FROM 15 PER CENT TO 19 PER CENT, IT ADDED.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT 36 PER CENT OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES HAD TAKEN UP WORK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES. IN 1984, THE FIGURE WAS 33 PER CENT.

THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT GRADUATES WERE READILY ACCEPTED BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MOST HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET JOBS RELATED TO THEIR COURSE OF STUDY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AMONG THOSE EMPLOYED, 37 PER CENT WERE IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, 39 PER CENT IN COMMERCE AND SERVICING SECTORS, FOUR PER CENT IN GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED BODIES WHILE THE REST WERE IN OTHER FIELDS SUCH AS EDUCATION AND NON-PROFITING-MAKING INSTITUTIONS.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY WAS ABOUT \$2 000, WHICH WAS 10 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE 1984 SURVEY.

+THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO PURSUED FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES WERE EITHER ABSORBED BY THE POLYTECHNICS OR RE-ADMITTED TO HIGH LEVEL COURSES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FIRST NT EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED
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SENIOR CITIZENS OF TAI PO WILL RECEIVE FREE CHECK-UPS AND LEARN THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF EYE CARE IN THE FIRST EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MICHAEL LAI, SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS A MEANINGFUL EVENT AS IT WOULD HELP PROMOTE THE TRADITION OF RESPECTING THE OLD.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT AN EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TAI PO IS A VERY SUITABLE PLACE. IT IS A NEW TOWN SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR LAI SAID.

+IN TAI PO, WE ARE GOING TO HOLD EXHIBITIONS AND PROVIDE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT.

+MOREOVER, STAFF WILL VISIT REMOTE AREAS SUCH AS TAP MUN AND SAP SZE HEUNG IN SAI KUNG NORTH TO SERVE THE ELDERLY,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR ALOYSIUS CHU FEE-LOONG, POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE GROUP'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE A LARGE-SCALE SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE IN LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN IS TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF RESPECTING THE OLD AND AROUSE THE PUBLIC CONCERN TOWARDS THE ELDERLY SERVICES.

+THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS HOPES TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES TO THE NEEDY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ MR CHU SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 2.30 PM ON JANUARY 22. THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE AN EYE-CARE EXHIBITION AND OPHTHALMIC TESTS.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

EYE-CARE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS.

THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO PROVIDE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS FOR PEOPLE AGED 60 AND ABOVE AT VARIOUS EXHIBITION CENTRES BETWEEN 9.30 AM TO 1 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

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ELDERLY CITIZENS WHO TAKE PART IN THE CHECK-UP WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SPECTACLES, IF NECESSARY, FROM APPOINTED OPTICAL SHOPS.

THOSE WHO NEED FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

THE CAMPAIGN IS THE FINAL PHASE OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT WORKING GROUP.

THE COST OF THE CAMPAIGN IS ESTIMATED TO ABOUT \$130 000 OF WHICH \$120 000 IS FROM THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE REST FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

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NATIONALITY DEBATE TO BE BROADCAST LIVE
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RTHK'S RADIO 3 WILL BROADCAST LIVE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER WHICH WILL START AT ABOUT 3 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17) HONG KONG TIME.

EDITORS OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEBATE CANNOT BE RECORDED AND RE-BROADCAST BECAUSE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF RTHK.

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NEW TEXTILE LICENCE FORM TO BE INTRODUCED
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS TO INTRODUCE A REVISED FORM FOR EXPORTS OF TEXTILES.

THE REVISED FORM TIC 353 (REV. 1985), BETTER KNOWN AS FORM 4, PROVIDES A SEPARATE BOX FOR THE MANUFACTURER'S PARTICULARS.

IN ADDITION, BOTH THE +MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION+ AND THE +EXPORTER'S DECLARATION+ BOXES HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED, AND THE SPACE FOR THE MANUFACTURER'S AND EXPORTER'S SIGNATURES AND CHOPS ENLARGED.

THE REVISED FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND BROUGHT INTO USE WHEN THE EXISTING STOCK OF FORM TIC 353 (REV. 1983) IS DEPLETED, EXPECTED TO BE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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THE REVISED FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$20 PER PAD AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- * THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE,
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING,
GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.
- * TRADE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICE,
ROOM 822, OCEAN CENTRE, EIGHT FLOOR,
CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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REGISTRIES MOVING TO NEW OFFICE

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THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE (INCLUDING THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OFFICE), THE EASTERN DISTRICT BIRTHS REGISTRY AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT BIRTHS REGISTRY WILL BE MOVING NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 20) TO THE THIRD FLOOR, LOW BLOCK OF THE NEW QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

+FROM THE SAME DATE, THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE KNOWN AS THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE AND MARRIAGE RECORDS OFFICE AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING ALL BIRTHS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OUTLYING ISLANDS,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS SEARCH FOR BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE RECORDS, ISSUE OF BIRTH, DEATH, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND CERTIFICATES OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THAT THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY APPLIED FOR CERTIFICATES AND OTHER SERVICES AT THE THREE REGISTRIES BEFORE JANUARY 20 TO COLLECT THEIR DOCUMENTS AT THE NEW OFFICE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL: 3-7333111.

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THANKED FOR ACCELERATING FOOTBRIDGE WORKS

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REPRESENTATIVES OF SHOP OPERATORS FROM LAI BO AND LEE BO BUILDINGS IN TUEN MUN, AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT (SOUTH AND EAST) COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE IN RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFORTS IN HELPING TO SPEED UP CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE ROOF COVERING OF A FOOTBRIDGE IN THEIR VICINITY.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, LINKING ON TING ESTATE AND AREA 37B, WAS CLOSED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

BUSINESS IN THE SHOPPING ARCADES WERE AFFECTED SINCE RESIDENTS OF ON TING ESTATE HAD TO USE AN ALTERNATE FOOTBRIDGE LOCATED SOME 150 METRES AWAY. IN ADDITION, SOME PEDESTRIANS WHO CHOSE NOT TO USE THE ALTERNATE FOOTBRIDGE HAD TO CROSS TUEN MUN ROAD AT THEIR OWN RISK.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN REFLECTING THE NEEDS AND VIEWS OF THE RESIDENTS AND SHOP OPERATORS, THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS SPEEDED UP. THE FOOTBRIDGE WAS REOPENED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, FOUR MONTHS EARLIER THAN ITS SCHEDULED COMPLETION.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DENTAL CHAIR SYSTEMS

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A CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING TWO CENTRAL COMPRESSED AIR AND VACUUM SYSTEMS FOR NINE DENTAL CHAIRS AT TWO CLINICS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE SYSTEMS WILL BE USED FOR DRIVING SURGICAL TOOLS AT THE KENNEDY TOWN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN VICTORIA ROAD AND THE WANCHAI DENTAL CLINIC IN KENNEDY ROAD.

THE \$281 000 CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER.

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HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN REFUSE TOWARDS THE END OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONTRACTING OUT OF CLEANSING SERVICES AND THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL ON NOISE NUISANCE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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BATHING SHEDS AT PUBLIC BEACHES FOR HIRE
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ORGANISED BODIES WHICH WISH TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THEIR MEMBERS OR STAFF AT POPULAR PUBLIC BEACHES DURING THE COMING SWIMMING SEASON ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE HIRE OF BATHING SHEDS RUN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+A TOTAL OF 45 BATHING SHEDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS BETWEEN APRIL 1 THIS YEAR AND MARCH 31, 1987,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BATHING SHEDS AVAILABLE, ONLY APPLICATIONS FROM ORGANISED BODIES, SUCH AS REGISTERED COMPANIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISED GROUPS WILL BE ACCEPTED.+

THE SHEDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THREE DIFFERENT SIZES: 28 SQUARE METRES, 33 SQUARE METRES AND 56 SQUARE METRES, AT RENTS OF \$4,000, \$4,800 AND \$6,400 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD.

/APPLICATION FORMS

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APPLICATION FORMS AT \$100 EACH WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE (LEISURE SERVICES) AT 9 - 11 LEIGHTON ROAD, 16/F FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UNTIL FEBRUARY 20.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 21, 1986 TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-8919522 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC
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TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL OPEN ITS FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AT 3.15 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

BEFORE THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL PAY A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO FU SHIN ESTATE AT 2 PM.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT TO FU SHIN ESTATE AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

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APPROVAL NEEDED FOR HKCEE FIRST ENTRIES
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER FORM 5 OR MIDDLE 5 CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1987 MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL BEFORE FEBRUARY 1.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR 20 PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THESE ARE SHORTHAND (ENGLISH), TYPING (ENGLISH), ART PAPER 9 (COURSE WORK), BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, COMPUTER STUDIES, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, DRESSMAKING, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, ENGINEERING SCIENCE, HOME ECONOMICS, HUMAN BIOLOGY, METALWORK, NEEDLEWORK-DRESS, PHYSICS, POTTERY, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, TEXTILES AND WOODWORK.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAUMATEI.

HANDBOOKS OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1987 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY'S PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALE CENTRE, AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED
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A TWO-WEEK CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN RENNIE'S MILL WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO; SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG KWOK YEE; SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHU TSAI-KUEN; DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (SAI KUNG), MR TANG PING-TO; AND MARINE OFFICER, MR CHAN SING-TONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE 9.30 AM CEREMONY.

AFTER LIGHTING A TORCH TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN, CLEAN-UP TEAMS FORMED BY LOCAL STUDENTS WILL START CLEANING UP THE DISTRICT.

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PAMPHLETS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON MAINTAINING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, FOOD HYGIENE AND PERSONAL CLEANINESS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH CLOSURE
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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND H.M.S. TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE HENRY MOORE SCULPTURE BY HELICOPTER.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 65.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 385.679 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 418.993 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 71.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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POK FU LAM WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN POK FU LAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE 5-63 AND 2-72 MOUNT DAVIS ROAD, 188-216 VICTORIA ROAD AND THE SANDY BAY FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION.

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