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HISTORY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRACED

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+IT IS QUITE IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNISE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AS ONE OF THE OLDEST ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS OF HONG KONG WHICH HAS PROVEN ITS VALUE THROUGH TIME,+ THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (YAU MA TEI/MONG KOK), MR WILFRED WONG YING-WAI SAID THIS EVENING (TUESDAY).

IN A SPEECH DELIVERED TO THE LIONS CLUB OF WEST KOWLOON AT SHERATON HOTEL, MR WONG TRACED THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND FOUND ITS ROOTS IN THE LOCKHART REPORT PUBLISHED IN 1900 BY THE THEN COLONIAL SECRETARY, J.H.S. LOCKHART ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR WONG RECALLED THE SALIENT POINTS OF THE REPORT INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLE OF ADMINISTERING BY DISTRICTS WHEREBY THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS DIVIDED INTO EIGHT DISTRICTS AND 48 SUB-DISTRICTS, THE NOMINATION OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES KNOWN AS THE COMMITTEE-MEN WHOSE ROLE WAS TO FORM A USEFUL LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VILLAGERS. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE-MEN WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN THE 1899 GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

IN COMPARING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AS STIPULATED IN THE WHITE PAPER AND THE LOCKHART REPORT, MR WONG SAID THAT +ALTHOUGH THE SYSTEM WE NOW HAVE IS CERTAINLY MORE SOPHISTICATED, THE PRINCIPLE DOES NOT DIFFER MUCH FROM THAT FOLLOWED IN 1899.+

+THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN EVOLVING EVER SINCE 1899 AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SYSTEM FOR MODERN HONG KONG AFTER ITS INTRODUCTION MORE THAN 80 YEARS AGO PERHAPS SERVES TO INDICATE THAT IT IS INDEED THE BEST SYSTEM FOR US.

+IN ORDER THAT THIS WELL-FOUNDED SYSTEM BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP FURTHER TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOULD ALL EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT BY CASTING YOUR VOTES ON SEPTEMBER 23 TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ABLY REPRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ MR WONG CONCLUDED.

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GOLDSMITHS URGED TO ADOPT SECURITY SYSTEMS

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WAN CHAI GOLDSMITHS AND JEWELLERY SHOP OWNERS ARE SHOWING ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR THEM TO BE MORE SECURITY CONSCIOUS BY INSTALLING ANTI-BURGLARY SYSTEMS, ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THEIR VULNERABILITY TO BURGLARY, MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH POLICE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS, HAVE BEEN VISITING THEM +TO EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR THEM TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF THEIR SHOPS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE SAID.

THIS AFTERNOON, TWO MORE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, DR CHUNG CHI-YING AND MR LO YICK-SUN, VISITED A JEWELLERY SHOP IN JOHNSTON ROAD, TO SPEAK TO THE OWNER ABOUT SECURITY SYSTEMS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR FRANCIS HO, WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, AND POLICE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS.

UNTIL NOW, THE SHOPS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF INVESTING IN SECURITY SYSTEMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MOVING OFFICE

THE TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS REGISTRIES WILL BE MOVING OFFICE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) TO 21/F, UNITED CENTRE, 95, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE : 5-279355.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO HOLD FIFTH MEETING

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIFTH MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

AT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR A.G. COOPER, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON A PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE BUS-ONLY LANE ALONG CAINE ROAD AND PART OF BONHAM ROAD TO OTHER VEHICLES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AMONG OTHER ISSUES, THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND ACCESS PROBLEMS FOR THE DISABLED.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, AND VARIOUS DISTRICT PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 4 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THIRD FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL

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ONE LANE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL'S NORTHBOUND TUBE WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) FOR ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

TUNNEL CONTROL STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE SHA TIN-BOUND TRAFFIC TO ENSURE THAT DELAYS ARE MINIMISED.

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GUIDE TO RETAINING WALL DESIGN

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THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A GUIDE TO RETAINING WALL DESIGN.

AMONG OTHER TOPICS, THE 154-PAGE GUIDE COVERS SOIL PROPERTIES, EARTH PRESSURES, STABILITY OF RETAINING WALLS, SHEET RETAINING STRUCTURES, REINFORCED EARTH RETAINING WALLS, CRIB WALLS, AND ASPECTS OF REINFORCED CONCRETE DESIGN AND DETAILING.

BESIDES THE TEXT THERE ARE 32 PAGES OF FIGURES ON DESIGN INFORMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERS AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS WOULD FIND THIS GUIDE INVALUABLE.

+IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO HONG KONG CONDITIONS, BUT ITS APPLICATION IS NOT LIMITED TO HONG KONG ALONE,+ HE ADDED.

THE GUIDE IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$16 A COPY.

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VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDED
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THREE TAI PO VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES TODAY (TUESDAY) RETIRED AFTER SERVING THEIR FELLOW VILLAGERS FOR A TOTAL OF 86 YEARS AMONG THEM.

THEY ARE MR CHEUNG SHIU-LOI OF TAI OM VILLAGE, MR CHUNG YIK-LUNG OF TAI OM SHAN VILLAGE AND MR CHAN PING-YING OF SHEUNG WONG YI AU VILLAGE.

THEIR RETIREMENT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG WAI-LAM, AT THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE TAI PO VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES HELD AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

AFTER THE MEETING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION, ISSUED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TO THEM.

WISHING THEM GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, MR LO THANKED THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELFARE OF THE VILLAGERS AND THE COMMUNITY OF TAI PO AS A WHOLE.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW OPEN. ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 84 VILLAGES IN TAI PO.

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WATER CUT IN STANLEY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN STANLEY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY STANLEY MAIN STREET AND TUNG TAU WAN ROAD.

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