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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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SIR PHILIP TO OFFICIATE AT STONE-LAYING CEREMONY

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX AT 2.45 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27).

THE TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX IS BEING BUILT BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO PROVIDE 4 200 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLACES, RANGING FROM OPERATIVE TO TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL.

FIVE TRAINING CENTRES WILL BE HOUSED IN THE COMPLEX, - ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, HOTEL, PLASTICS AND PRINTING.

THE NINE-STOREY COMPLEX WILL COST ABOUT \$110 MILLION TO BUILD AND EQUIP, AND OCCUPY 5 700 SQUARE METRES AT TAI YIP STREET.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR FRANCIS TIEN, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR MORRIS MORGAN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX AT TAI YIP STREET (OPPOSITE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE) ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 27). REPORTERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE COMPLEX BY 2.30 PM.

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AMENDMENTS BEING MADE TO BILL
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A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 WILL BE MOVED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING, DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE BILL, AND ON THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, WHICH CLOSES A LOOPHOLE IN THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE RELATING TO DRUGS IN TRANSIT THROUGH HONG KONG.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE ARE PROPOSED IN THE BILL, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9, 1983.

THE PURPOSE IS TO UPDATE AND RATIONALISE COMPANY LAW IN HONG KONG, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BOTH DEVELOPMENTS IN BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE AND LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS.

THE BILL SEEKS TO BRING ABOUT BETTER PROTECTION OF SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHERS DEALING WITH COMPANIES, WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME IMPOSING UNNECESSARY RESTRAINTS ON BONA FIDE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.

IT INTRODUCES AMENDMENTS TO VIRTUALLY ALL PARTS OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, COVERING AREAS SUCH AS THE INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES, SHARE CAPITAL AND DEBENTURES, REGISTRATION OF CHARGES, MANAGERMENTS AND WINDING UP.

FOUR OTHER BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME, AND DEBATE ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED TO FEBRUARY 15. THEY ARE THE:

- * PUBLIC FINANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, CONTAINING TWO PROPOSALS TO STREAMLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PROCEDURES,
- * RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, INCLUDING PROPOSALS TO EXTEND RELIEF PROVISIONS TO ALL PREMISES,
- * MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, INTRODUCING NEW PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE THE WAY MINOR OFFENCES ARE DEALT WITH, AND
- * MEDICAL (REGISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1984, TO FACILITATE REGISTRATION OF DOCTORS.

IN ADDITION, 11 QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, DEALING WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE CRITERIA USED IN CONTROL OF THE SALE OF OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLES, WATER SUPPLY TO SQUATTER AREAS, POSSIBLE NUCLEAR POWER HEALTH HAZARDS, POLICE FORCE ACTION IN THE DISTURBANCES ON JANUARY 13, AND ILLEGAL HAWKING MEASURES.

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MORE WEDDINGS AT MARRIAGE REGISTRIES

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DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH AND THE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE OF MARRIAGEABLE AGES, THE NUMBER OF WEDDINGS IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN INCREASING OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 33 384 WEDDINGS WERE HELD AT THE 11 MARRIAGE REGISTRIES ADMINISTERED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

REFLECTING THE POPULARITY OF THESE REGISTRIES, WHICH OFFER WELL-FURNISHED FACILITIES, THE NUMBER REPRESENTED 95 PER CENT OF THE WEDDINGS RECORDED IN HONG KONG FOR THE PERIOD. THE OTHER FIVE PER CENT ARE CHURCH WEDDINGS.

+NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY BUSY MONTHS FOR US AS MANY CHINESE OBSERVE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTOM OF GETTING MARRIED SHORTLY BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR,+ THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MRS JEAN AU-YEUNG SAID.

+DUE TO ITS CENTRAL LOCATION, THE MOST POPULAR REGISTRY IS THE CITY HALL WHERE 7 213 WEDDINGS, OR 23 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL TOOK PLACE IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, AVERAGING TO MORE THAN 22 MARRIAGES A DAY,+ SHE SAID.

AS A RESULT, THE CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES SERVICES ON WEEKENDS AND SUNDAYS, IS OFTEN STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS, PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND AUSPICIOUS DAYS.

UNDER THE MARRIAGE ORDINANCE, A COUPLE PROPOSING TO GET MARRIED MUST GIVE 15 DAYS' NOTICE, WHICH IS VALID FOR THREE MONTHS.

BESIDES THE 11 MARRIAGE REGISTRIES, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ALSO OPERATES A +MOBILE+ REGISTRATION UNIT TO SERVICE REMOTE AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONCE A WEEK, THE UNIT OPERATES IN THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES IN SAI KUNG, CHEUNG CHAU, TAI O AND SHA TIN FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RURAL RESIDENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE TIME TO TRAVEL TO URBAN CENTRES FOR THEIR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION.

+THE SITUATION IN THE CITY HALL HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LATEST MARRIAGE REGISTRY AT COTTON TREE DRIVE, WITHIN 10 MINUTES' WALK FROM THE CITY HALL,+ MRS AU-YEUNG SAID.

LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF ROWLINGTON HOUSE OPPOSITE MURRAY BUILDING, THE REGISTRY HAS ALL THE MODERN FACILITIES, INCLUDING A SPACIOUS, FULLY CARPETED WEDDING HALL WITH CHANDELIERS, AND A MAKE-UP ANTECHAMBER FOR THE BRIDE.

+THE HALL OPENS ONTO A FLOWER-BEDECKED GARDEN WITH A SUGAR PALM TREE. THE TREE, ASSOCIATED BY THE CHINESE WITH ETERNAL LOVE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR BACKDROP FOR WEDDING PICTURES,+ MRS AU-YEUNG EXPLAINED.

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DESPITE ITS CENTRAL LOCATION, THE PLACE IS WELL SHELTERED FROM THE NOISE AND BUSTLE OF THE CITY.

+BECAUSE OF ITS PRESTIGIOUS SET-UP, THIS REGISTRY IS GAINING POPULARITY. IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE CITY HALL FACILITY, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE SUNDAY WEDDING SERVICES FROM MARCH 4 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM IN THE COTTON TREE DRIVE REGISTRY,+ SHE SAID.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRIES HAVE ALSO BEEN BUSY DURING RECENT YEARS WITH +POST REGISTRATIONS+. MANY OF THE COUPLES FILING SUCH REGISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN HUSBANDS AND WIVES FOR YEARS BUT HAVE NO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO PROVE THEIR CHINESE CUSTOMARY MARRIAGES.

IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1983, THE REGISTRIES PROCESSED 4 838 SUCH REGISTRATIONS, COMPARED WITH 3 421 FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1982.

+IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO SEE ELDERLY COUPLES BRINGING ALONG EVEN THEIR GRANDCHILDREN TO WITNESS THEIR REGISTRATION,+ MRS AU-YEUNG SAID.

THE REGISTRIES ALSO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO INTEND TO GET MARRIED ABROAD AND NEED OFFICIAL PROOF THAT THERE IS NO MARRIAGE RECORD IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE REGISTRIES ISSUED 13 828 SUCH DOCUMENTS, KNOWN AS THE +CERTIFICATES OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD+.

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SCHOOL COMPUTER STUDIES SCHEME ENLARGED

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER STUDIES PILOT SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER A FURTHER 75 PUBLIC-SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THAT \$9.4 MILLION IN FUNDS HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALMOST 900 MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEMS, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECTS OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION.

THE COMPUTER STUDIES PILOT SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 IN 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT FORM IV LEVEL. FORTY-FIVE OTHER SCHOOLS WERE GRANTED PERMISSION TO INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT SINCE THEY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE TEACHERS AND EQUIPMENT FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES. AS A RESULT, ABOUT 3 000 PUPILS WILL BE SITTING THE SUBJECT IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MAY THIS YEAR.

WHEN THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DECLARED ITS INTENTION OF EXTENDING IT THIS YEAR TO COVER A WIDER RANGE OF SCHOOLS, DEPENDING ON PROGRESS AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

/MR HAYE

MR HAYE SAID : +I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT OUR EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE PRACTICABILITY OF THE SYLLABUS AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAVE BEEN REALISED AND THAT FINANCIAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO EXTEND THE SCHEME TO A FURTHER 75 SCHOOLS.+

EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH 11 MICROCOMPUTERS WITH VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS, 12 DISC DRIVES, ONE CASSETTE RECORDER AND TWO PRINTERS WITH INTERFACES. THE TOTAL NON-RECURRENT COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$9 MILLION.

IN ADDITION THE EXISTING 30 PILOT SCHOOLS WILL EACH BE GIVEN TWO MORE MICROCOMPUTERS WITH VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS AS WELL AS TWO DISC DRIVES. THE COST OF THIS ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$0.4 MILLION.

MR JOHN WINFIELD, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD BEEN FOUND DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION THAT THE INITIAL EQUIPMENT CONFIGURATION NEEDED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED, TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF COMPUTER STUDIES, ESPECIALLY THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS.

FOR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IN 1984/85, THE DEPARTMENT HAD SECURED A FURTHER SUM OF \$1.9 MILLION FOR MAINTENANCE AND RELATED PURPOSES.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO ISSUED A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR DRAWING PRINCIPALS' ATTENTION TO THE EXTENSION OF THE COMPUTER STUDIES PILOT SCHEME AND INVITING APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE, TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 22.

MR WINFIELD SAID THAT THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE ADDITIONAL 75 SCHOOLS WILL BE BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION, TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS AND ANY READILY IDENTIFIABLE INTEREST IN COMPUTER STUDIES SHOWN BY THE SCHOOL.

TO ACQUAINT INTERESTED HEADS WITH THE COMPUTER STUDIES CURRICULUM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SCHEME, A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16 AT THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, 30 FORTRESS HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

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LICENCE REMINDER ON EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

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A SPOKESMAN OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED PROSPECTIVE OPERATORS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND OBTAIN A LICENCE BEFORE STARTING BUSINESS. THE LICENCE FEE IS \$300 A YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT RECENTLY AN OPERATOR WAS CONVICTED BY A CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRATE FOR OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A LICENCE.

HE REITERATED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO OPERATE AN UNLICENSED EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AND THAT AN OFFENDER MAY BE PROSECUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND MAY BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS AN ESTABLISHMENT WHICH FINDS EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERSON OR SUPPLIES PERSONNEL TO AN EMPLOYER BOTH WITHIN OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE EMPLOYMENT IS PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO OPERATE AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY SHOULD APPLY FOR A LICENCE AT THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF EAST WING, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY. NO BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNTIL A LICENCE HAS BEEN ISSUED.

ENQUIRIES ON THE OPERATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR LICENCE APPLICATION, SHOULD BE MADE ON TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-767311 AND 5-767344.

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YUEN LONG TO PUT ON NEW YEAR GLITTER

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YUEN LONG IS TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH A DISPLAY OF GLITTERING LIGHTS AND COLOURFUL DECORATIONS.

THE DECORATIONS INCLUDE PICTURES OF FLYING FAIRIES COPIED FROM DUNHUANG MURALS, A DISPLAY OF EIGHT OCTAGONAL STRUCTURES, AND AN ARRAY OF 5 000 LIGHT BULBS ALONG MAJOR ROADS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$80 000 FOR THE DECORATIONS.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID PROSPERITY AND BLESSINGS TO THE RESIDENTS WERE THE THEMES OF THE DECORATIONS.

THE FAIRIES, HOLDING TWO CHINESE CHARACTERS 'KAT CHEUNG' WHICH MEAN AUSPICIOUSNESS AND BLESSING, ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE FOOTBRIDGES NEAR SHUI BIN WAI ESTATE AND WONG UK TSUEN AS WELL AS OUTSIDE THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

THE EIGHT OCTAGONAL STRUCTURES, ON DISPLAY AT THE ROUNDABOUT, IMPLY PROSPERITY AND WEALTH.

A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING DISPLAYS WAS PERFORMED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, ON MONDAY NIGHT.

UNTIL THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR (FEBRUARY 4), THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM AND FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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OFFICERS COMMENDED

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TWO ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A CLERICAL ASSISTANT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WERE AWARDED THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES' COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR JOHN ASHWORTH PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES TO THE THREE MEN AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS, MR TAM KWOK-CHAU AND MR CHEUNG HUNG-CHEONG, WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR +OUTSTANDING ZEAL AND DILIGENCE+ IN THWARTING AN ATTEMPT BY A PRISONER TO INTRODUCE UNAUTHORISED ARTICLES INTO TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN NOVEMBER LAST.

AND A CLERICAL ASSISTANT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MR KWONG KA-PING, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS PUBLIC SPIRITED ACTION AT THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC LAST SEPTEMBER, WHEN HE HELPED CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF PREVENT A PRISONER FROM ESCAPING.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT NEEDED TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN

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EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN AND GREEN WOULD BE FUTILE WITHOUT PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR WILLIAM WAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR WAN MADE THIS REMARK AFTER A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF SAI KUNG TO INSPECT PLANTING PROJECTS AND CLEANSING SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANYING MR WAN ON THE TOUR WERE THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (OPERATIONS) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ARTHUR JOHNSON, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHIN YIU-CHEUNG.

THE PARTY FIRST VISITED TAI PO TSAI AND HANG HAU WHERE A SCHEME OF CONTRACTING CLEANING SERVICES TO LOCAL VILLAGERS HAD PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

MR WAN WAS BRIEFED ON AN NTSD PROJECT OF PUTTING ASIDE SITES WHERE RESIDENTS MAY DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE AND OLD ARTICLES WHILE CLEANING UP THEIR HOUSES FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE PARTY VISITED THE INNER PORT SHELTER TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEM POSED BY FLOATING REFUSE.

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THEY NEXT PROCEEDED TO NAM SHAN WHERE AN ANTI-MALARIA OPERATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT DAILY AT HILLSLOPES, STREAMS AND ABANDONED PADDY FIELDS.

THE PARTY ALSO CALLED AT FUNG ON VILLAGE TO SEE WATER COURSES BEING CLEANED UP. LAST YEAR THESE EFFORTS PREVENTED FLOODING IN THE AREA DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON ELLEN.

BEFORE LEAVING, MR WAN VISITED A NEWLY COMPLETED AMENITY PLOT WHERE TREES HAD BEEN PLANTED.

HE WAS TOLD THAT MORE THAN 25 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS HAD BEEN GROWN IN SAI KUNG OVER THE PAST YEAR.

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CARITAS PRAISED FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT
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THE MULTI-MEDIA ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME, AN APPROACH TO ADULT EDUCATION PIONEERED IN HONG KONG BY CARITAS, HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 5 000 ADULTS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MR BRIAN FRENCH, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CARITAS CENTRE FOR FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION CAINE ROAD DAY SCHOOL, MR FRENCH SAID THE PROGRAMME, SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT UP TO FORM 3 LEVEL, AIMS AT ENABLING PEOPLE TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES OR IMPROVE UPON WHAT THEY HAD LEARNT WHILE WORKING. THE PROGRAMMES ALSO PROVIDE A REFERENCE SERVICE FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS.

+AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, THE CARITAS MULTI-MEDIA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME PROVIDES SECONDARY LEVEL EDUCATION LEADING TO THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL COURSES, ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE BOOKKEEPING STUDIES, LANGUAGE COURSES IN JAPANESE AND MANDARIN AND RECREATIONAL COURSES SUCH AS THE GUITAR.

+THE MEDIA USED INCLUDE RADIO, CORRESPONDENCE, CLASS TUITION, TELEPHONE TUITION AND CASSETTE TAPES,+ MR FRENCH NOTED.

THE IMPRESSIVE ENROLMENT OF 5 000 STUDENTS ENTAILING SUSTAINED EFFORT IN SELF STUDY SPOKE FOR THE PROGRAMME'S SUCCESS, HE SAID.

+THERE IS, I THINK, GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT A MULTI-MEDIA APPROACH TO STUDY IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE USE OF A SINGLE MEDIUM ON ITS OWN.

+THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION EMPLOYED THE MORE THEY ARE ABLE TO COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER AND MAXIMISE THEIR INDIVIDUAL QUALITIES,+ MR FRENCH SAID.

MR FRENCH ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO THE STUDENTS TAKING THE VARIOUS COURSES.

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CONTRACT FOR LIFT AND ESCALATOR INSTALLATIONS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$4.26-MILLION CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A TOTAL OF NINE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS AT NGAU CHI WAN MARKET COMPLEX.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT ON A 4 000-SQUARE-METRE-SITE AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD ABOVE CHOI HUNG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURE.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1986.

BESIDES THE MARKET PODIUM, THERE WILL BE A 430-SEAT AUDITORIUM BLOCK, A MAIN BUILDING AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THE MAIN BUILDING WILL HOUSE A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, A LIBRARY, OFFICES AND SPACE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING THE COMPLEX WERE INVITED IN DECEMBER.

THE LIFT CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE INSTALLING FOUR ESCALATORS IN THE TWO-STOREY MARKET PODIUM, WHILE THE SIX-STOREY MAIN BUILDING WILL BE SERVED BY THREE PASSENGER LIFTS.

IN ADDITION, TWO GOODS LIFTS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR USE BY THE WHOLE COMPLEX.

WORK ON LIFT INSTALLATION WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

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ENQUIRY SERVICE MOVING UP

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THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPERATE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING IN 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE COUNTER OCCUPIES A FLOOR AREA OF MORE THAN 21 SQUARE METRES, AND IS TWICE THE SIZE OF THE PREVIOUS ONE, WHICH WAS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE ADMINISTERING OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS, ANSWERING PUBLIC ENQUIRIES, AND REFERRING CLIENTS SEEKING FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO THE DUTY LAWYERS.

WORKING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-813210 EXT. 210.

THERE ARE FOUR PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS SERVING RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN.

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ROCK CLIMBING COURSES OFFERED
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FORTY AIDED PLACES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR TWO INTERMEDIATE ROCK CLIMBING COURSES, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE SUBVENTED +SKILLS COURSES+, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG IN MARCH, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOW, A RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL START ON MARCH 17 AND THE OTHER ON MARCH 23.

EACH COURSE LASTS FOR THREE DAYS AND THE FEE IS \$200 PER PERSON.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEAD OFFICE AT WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL, OR FROM ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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SUSPENSION OF PARKING SPACES
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PARKING SPACES ON HO PONG STREET BETWEEN MING OI STREET AND MING NGAI STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM ON JANUARY 26 TO 10 AM ON FEBRUARY 2 TO FACILITATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR IN TUEN MUN.

THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE YUEN LONG STADIUM WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM NOON ON JANUARY 25 TO NOON ON FEBRUARY 4 TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR.

THE 12 PARKING SPACES ON TAI YUK ROAD OPPOSITE YUEN LONG STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 5 PM ON JANUARY 31 TO 7 AM ON FEBRUARY 3.

DURING THE FAIR PERIOD, A TEMPORARY PARKING AREA WILL BE PROVIDED NEAR THE SOUTHERN END OF TAI YU ROAD WITH ENTRANCE AND EXIT ON ROAD L10.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM THURSDAY (JANUARY 26), THE SECTION OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD NEXT TO TAI WAI KCR TEMPORARY STATION WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS OTHER THAN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 2 TO 6.

MOTORISTS WHO WISH TO ENTER TAI WAI FROM THE SOUTH OF THE KCR BRIDGE WILL HAVE TO PROCEED TO CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD.

TRAFFIC APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH WILL BE DIVERTED TO TSUEN NAM ROAD, TAI WAI ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD TO GO ONTO TIN SUM AND HIN TIN.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY TO 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28) FOR WATER MAINS WORKS.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE CHUNG ON STREET EAST BOUNDED BY MA TAU PA STREET, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDING TAI WO HAU ESTATE (BLOCK 1 TO 19) AND KWAI SHING ESTATE (EAST AND WEST) AND KWAI HOP STREET.

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