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CHANGES PROPOSED TO DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, ELECTED SEATS
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CHANGES TO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES AND THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS OF SOME OF THE CONSTITUENCIES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOLLOWING A REVIEW LAST YEAR.

THE PROPOSALS, IF ADOPTED, WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES IN THE TERRITORY FROM 145 TO 157 AND THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS FROM 237 TO 258.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 12 CONSTITUENCIES AND 21 ELECTED SEATS, A SPOKESMAN FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PUT FORWARD BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE SET UP TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT. THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY OFFICE; THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES INVOLVE THE ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES IN A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS. IN SOME CASES, CHANGES WOULD RESULT IN THE SPLITTING UP, DELETION, OR RENAMING OF EXISTING CONSTITUENCIES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH AND MOVEMENT.

ALL BUT FOUR DISTRICTS, NAMELY KOWLOON CITY, MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI AND SHAM SHUI PO, WOULD HAVE CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES OR THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS.

THE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES IN FOUR URBAN AND FIVE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS WOULD EACH BE INCREASED BY ONE. THESE ARE EASTERN DISTRICT, KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN. NORTH DISTRICT WOULD HAVE AN ADDITION OF THREE CONSTITUENCIES.

AS REGARDS THE OVERALL INCREASE OF 21 ELECTED SEATS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE, EIGHT WOULD BE IN URBAN DISTRICTS AND 13 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS WHICH WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL ELECTED SEATS ARE KWUN TONG (3); EASTERN (4); SOUTHERN (2); TSUEN WAN (3); KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI (1); YUEN LONG (2); TAI PO (1); TUEN MUN (2); SHA TIN (3) AND NORTH DISTRICT (1). IN WONG TAI SIN, THERE WOULD BE A DECREASE OF ONE ELECTED SEAT.

DISTRICT MAPS SHOWING THE CHANGES IN CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APRIL 8 FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL FINALISE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN EARLY JULY.

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NEW CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR EASTERN DISTRICT

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FOUR ELECTED SEATS AND ONE CONSTITUENCY WILL BE ADDED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IN THE 1988 ELECTIONS, MAKING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS TO 22 AND THE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES TO 13.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN A BRIEFING TODAY (TUESDAY), EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SAID THE CHANGES WOULD CATER FOR FUTURE POPULATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

MR LEUNG SAID ALL THE PRESENT INTER-CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WOULD BE CHANGED WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY AS A WHOLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY BETWEEN EASTERN AND WAN CHAI WHERE PART OF TAI HANG AREA NOW FALLING WITHIN EASTERN DISTRICT WOULD RETURN TO WAN CHAI.

UNDER THE NEW PROPOSAL, NORTH POINT WEST CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE CONSTITUENCIES, NAMELY NORTH POINT NORTH AND NORTH POINT SOUTH, USING KING'S ROAD AS THE DIVIDING LINE. NORTH POINT NORTH WOULD HAVE TWO ELECTED SEATS WHILE NORTH POINT SOUTH WOULD HAVE ONE.

THREE MORE ELECTED SEATS WOULD GO TO CAUSEWAY BAY NORTH, CHAI WAN WEST AND CHAI WAN SOUTH RESPECTIVELY, MR LEUNG SAID.

CONCERNING THOSE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WHERE MORE CHANGES WOULD BE INVOLVED, THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF NORTH POINT EAST CONSTITUENCY WOULD SHIFT WESTWARD TO THE JUNCTION OF JAVA ROAD AND HOI YUE STREET WHILE A LINE RUNNING NEXT TO THE PETROL FILLING STATION OPPOSITE FINNIE STREET GOING UPHILL WOULD BECOME ITS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

RIGHT NEXT TO NORTH POINT EAST WOULD BE QUARRY BAY NORTH WHERE THE WESTERN BOUNDARY WOULD BE SHIFTED WESTWARD TO INCLUDE QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION, AND ITS EASTERN BOUNDARY WOULD SHIFT WESTWARD TO TAI CHEONG STREET, THUS RETURNING SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION TO SAI WAN HO CONSTITUENCY.

THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF QUARRY BAY SOUTH WOULD BE EXTENDED WESTWARD TO MEET THE CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH CONSTITUENCY AND WAN CHAI WHILE THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY WOULD BE SET SOUTH OF THE PETROL FILLING STATION OPPOSITE FINNIE STREET.

SHAU KEI WAN HILLSIDE CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE RENAMED SHAU KEI WAN CONSTITUENCY AND THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY WOULD SHIFT NORTHWARD ALONG SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO INCLUDE THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SOUTH OF THE ROAD.

THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF A KUNG NGAM CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE EXTENDED FURTHER EASTWARD TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE LYEMUN BARRACKS WHILE ITS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY WOULD RUN ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD UP TO ITS INTER-SECTION WITH TAI TAM ROAD.

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THE HILL SLOPES EAST OF MOUNT PARKER WHICH IS NOW PART OF A KUNG NGAM CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE INCLUDED IN CHAI WAN WEST. THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OF HANG FA CHUEN WOULD FALL WITHIN CHAI WAN WEST CONSTITUENCY.

MAPS OF THE PROPOSED DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APRIL 8, 1987.

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SMALL RISE IN WATER CHARGES FROM APRIL 1
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THERE IS TO BE A SMALL INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES FROM APRIL 1, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED AN AVERAGE RISE OF FIVE PER CENT TO COME IN ON APRIL 1 FOLLOWING THE FIFTH IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL REVIEWS.

LAST YEAR, THE INCREASE WAS ALSO FIVE PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 1987-88 INCREASE WAS IN LINE WITH INFLATION AND ITS EFFECT WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN TARIFF CHARGES INTRODUCED IN APRIL 1979 AT THEIR ORIGINAL LEVELS IN REAL TERMS.

HE SAID DESPITE THE INCREASE, 20 PER CENT OF ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY NOTHING FOR THE WATER THEY CONSUMED.

A FURTHER 70 PER CENT WOULD PAY LESS THAN 50 CENTS ADDITIONAL PER WEEK.

ONLY 10 PER CENT WOULD PAY MORE THAN 50 CENTS EXTRA PER WEEK AND OF THOSE ONLY THREE PER CENT WOULD PAY MORE THAN \$1 PER WEEK EXTRA.

AS FOR TRADE USERS THE MAJORITY WOULD PAY NO MORE THAN 50 CENTS EXTRA PER WEEK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CHARGES FOR WATER WERE AIMED AT RECOVERING THE COST OF THE WATERWORKS OPERATION AND THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTOOK REVIEWS EVERY YEAR WHICH RESULTED IN SMALL INCREASES.

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HE SAID THE INCREASES HAD ALREADY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE REVISED CHARGE FOR WATER FROM CHINA ALONG WITH OTHER INCREASES IN OPERATING COSTS.

+IN DOLLAR TERMS THE MAJORITY OF CONSUMERS WILL HAVE VERY LITTLE ADDED TO THEIR WATER BILLS AND THOSE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE HARDLY AFFECTED BY THE INCREASES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID SALT WATER FOR FLUSHING WOULD REMAIN FREE AND THE SAME QUANTITY OF FRESH WATER FOR FLUSHING - 30 UNITS - WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED FREE.

THE INCREASE WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON BUSINESS OPERATIONS AS WATER CHARGES REPRESENTED A SMALL PART OF THE OPERATING COSTS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, HE SAID.

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EAST KOWLOON TRAFFIC STUDY PROPOSES KWUN TONG BYPASS
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THE JUST-COMPLETED EAST KOWLOON JOINT TRAFFIC STUDY HAS RECOMMENDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A KWUN TONG BYPASS TO MEET ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC DEMAND IN THE REGION, THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (KOWLOON), MR TSOH MING, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING AFTER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, MR TSOH SAID THE STUDY WAS DESIGNED TO ASSESS THE LONG-TERM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN THE EAST KOWLOON UP TO 1996 ARISING FROM THE PLANNED OPENING OF THREE NEW TUNNELS -- EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, JUNK BAY TUNNEL AND TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

+WITH THE ANTICIPATED OPENING OF THE THREE TUNNELS, THE PATTERN OF TRAFFIC FLOW IN EAST KOWLOON WILL CHANGE DRAMATICALLY,+ MR TSOH SAID.

+FINDINGS OF THE STUDY HAVE INDICATED THAT IN 1996, THE TOTAL PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC FLOW IN AND OUT OF THE REGION WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT AT PRESENT.

+THROUGH TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIX-FOLD, WITH AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 50 PER CENT IN TERMINATING TRIPS. BY 1996, TRAFFIC ENTERING EAST KOWLOON FROM THE THREE NEW TUNNELS IN THE 8 AM TO 9 AM PEAK HOUR WILL EXCEED 10 000 PASSENGER CAR UNITS.

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+THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK IN EAST KOWLOON WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH THE FORECAST INCREASE IN TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY IN KWUN TONG ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET. AS A RESULT, THERE IS A NEED FOR A HIGH QUALITY TRUNK ROAD NETWORK - AN ELEVATED KWUN TONG BYPASS - LINKING EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND JUNK BAY TUNNEL WITH TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND AIRPORT TUNNEL,+ MR TSOH SAID.

THE PROPOSED BYPASS WILL RUN FROM THE JUNCTION OF JUNK BAY ROAD-LEI YUE MUN ROAD ACROSS WAI YIP STREET, ALONG THE WATERFRONT TO KOWLOON BAY AND THEN NORTH TO LINK UP TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE BYPASS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THREE PHASES. PHASE I, DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1990, WILL CONSIST OF A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD-JUNK BAY ROAD PLUS AN ELEVATED LINK DOWN TO WAI YIP STREET.

PHASE II, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1991, WILL LINK KOWLOON BAY WITH THE AIRPORT TUNNEL. IN THE LAST PHASE, THE BYPASS WILL LINK UP WITH TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LATE 1992.

MR TSOH ADDED THAT ADDITIONAL GROUND LEVEL LINKS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND LOCAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG AND NGAU TAU KOK.

+THE BYPASS AND OTHER PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN KWUN TONG WILL GREATLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN EAST KOWLOON. AS THE BYPASS WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC TO USE THE CONGESTED KWUN TONG ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET, THE LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT WILL BE ENHANCED AS A RESULT OF A MORE FAVOURABLE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE STUDY, STARTED IN MARCH LAST YEAR, WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NEW HONG KONG TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED. THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WAS INFORMED OF THE STUDY IN JULY LAST YEAR. A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDY WAS MADE TO THE BOARD IN NOVEMBER AND THE BOARD HAD SUBSEQUENTLY COME UP WITH USEFUL COMMENTS.

A STUDY TO CONSIDER THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST KOWLOON WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1985 AT THE REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE REGION. ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND SOME OF THEM HAD ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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MEMBERS TO DEBATE 1987-88 BUDGET
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FORTY-TWO MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND THURSDAY WHEN DEBATE ON THE 1987-88 BUDGET RESUMES.

MEMBERS SPEAKING TOMORROW ARE THE HON LYDIA DUNN, THE HON CHEN SHOU-LUM, THE HON PETER C. WONG, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, THE HON PAULINE NG, THE HON PETER POON, THE HON KIM CHAM, THE HON JACKIE CHAN, THE HON HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON THOMAS CLYDESDALE, THE HON LEE YU-TAI, THE HON DAVID LI, THE HON TAI CHIN-WAH, THE HON ROSANNA TAM, THE HON ANDREW WONG, THE HON HO SAI-CHU, THE HON RICHARD LAI, THE HON NGAI SHIU-KIT, THE HON PANG CHUN-HOI, PROF THE HON POON CHUNG-KWONG AND THE HON HELMUT SOHMEN.

THOSE SPEAKING ON THURSDAY ARE THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN, THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN, THE HON CHUNG PUI-LAM, THE HON MARTIN LEE, DR THE HON DANIEL TSE, THE HON SELINA CHOW, DR THE HON CHIU HIN-KWONG, DR THE HON CONRAD LAM, THE HON HU FA-KUANG, THE HON CHAN YING-LUN, THE HON HUI YIN-FAT, THE HON LIU LIT-FOR, THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE HON POON CHI-FAI, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON SZETO WAH, THE HON LAU WONG-FAT AND THE HON TAM YIU-CHUNG.

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CO-ORDINATION OF WELFARE SERVICES ESSENTIAL
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CHILD CARE SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND CLOSE CO-ORDINATION IS NEEDED BETWEEN IT AND OTHER WELFARE SERVICES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK KWUN TONG DAY NURSERY IN TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE, HE SAID THAT FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE TO ACHIEVE ITS MAXIMUM EFFECT, THERE MUST ALSO BE REGULAR CONTACT WITH FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+THERE IS A DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER AND A LIAISON NETWORK IN EACH DISTRICT TO ENSURE CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

+CHILD CARE SERVICE, YOUTH AND CHILDREN SERVICES AND FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES ARE INTER-RELATED,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES IN KWUN TONG, MR LAW SAID THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN 130 WELFARE UNITS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING 26 OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE REST BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO MEET DEMAND.

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+AT THE SAME TIME, GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PLANNING TO BOOST WELFARE SERVICES IN NEWLY-DEVELOPED AREAS, SUCH AS HING TIN ESTATE IN LAM TIN, THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND THE HOUSING SOCIETY GARDEN ESTATE (REDEVELOPMENT) IN NGAU TAU KOK, TO KEEP IN PACE WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THERE,+ HE SAID.

MR LAW ADDED THAT IT WAS A TIMELY MOVE FOR PO LEUNG KUK TO OPEN THE DAY NURSERY IN THE REDEVELOPED TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE KUK FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CHILD CARE SERVICE, NOTING THAT PLANS WERE ALSO IN HAND TO STEP UP ITS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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HELP FOR DISTRESSED PIG FARMERS BEING CONSIDERED
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERING HELP FOR PIG FARMERS WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL WASTE CONTROL MEASURES.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF PIG-RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED THE DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING THE PIG FARMERS.

+WITHIN THE LIMIT OF OUR RESOURCES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR LOAN FUNDS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONSIDERING PROVIDING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFECTED FARMERS,+ HE SAID.

+CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN FOR ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO WILL BE DISPLACED FROM THE BANNED AREAS TO RE-ESTABLISH IN OTHER NON-POLLUTING AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.

+DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF INDIVIDUAL CASES, CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN FOR LOAN FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE OPERATING IN CONTROL AREAS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES APPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANIMAL WASTE SO AS TO MEET THE CONTROL STANDARD AND TO ENABLE THEIR OPERATION TO CONTINUE,+ HE ADDED.

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DR LEE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT WITH THE MUTUAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL PIG FARMERS TO WORK OUT A PRACTICAL WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THE DIFFICULTIES COULD EVENTUALLY BE OVERCOME.

HE NOTED THAT LOCAL PIG FARMERS PRODUCED SOME 570 000 HEADS OF LIVE PIG IN 1986, VALUED AT \$325 MILLION.

HE PRAISED THE FEDERATION OF PIG-RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FOR ITS ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING PRODUCTIVITY IN THE PIG RAISING BUSINESS AND THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG.

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BUS SPREADS SAFETY MESSAGE TO WORKERS
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DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER, FACTORY WORKERS IN SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL AREAS TURNED UP ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO GREET THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BUS CALLING ON THEM THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

ON BOARD THE BUS WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE METALWARE INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR TSANG BUN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ORGANISED THE BUS VISIT AS PART OF THE CURRENT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WEEK PROGRAMMES. THEY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE WORKERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SONGS WITH LYRICS SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE EVENT WERE BROADCAST FROM THE BUS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SOUVENIR CUPS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE SAFE HANDLING OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS AND MACHINE GUARDING WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED.

THE BUS TOURED FIVE INDUSTRIAL AREAS THIS MORNING INCLUDING YAU TONG, KWUN TONG, SAN PO KONG, TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM. IT WILL CALL ON OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TAI KOK TSUI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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TSUEN WAN DB TO HOLD YEAR-END CONFERENCE
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT AN YEAR-END CONFERENCE TO SUMMARISE THE WORK OF THE BOARD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) EVENING.

MEMBERS OF RURAL COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 8 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE ASSISTED THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES IN TSUEN WAN.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, WILL ALSO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE ART AND SPORTS NURTURE SCHEMES.

THE SCHEMES WERE CARRIED OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S THEME OF NURTURING THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF TSUEN WAN, AND OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHEMES WILL BE SENT OVERSEAS ON STUDY AND GOODWILL TOURS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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POSTFAX SERVICE TO BE INTRODUCED APRIL 1
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+POSTFAX+ -- A JOINT PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE OF THE POST OFFICE'S INTELPOST AND THE CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED'S BUREAUFAX -- WILL START ON APRIL 1, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE NEW SERVICE, CUSTOMERS WILL ENJOY A COMBINED, AND THEREFORE EXTENDED, NETWORK OF DESTINATIONS WHEN THEY HAND IN THEIR MESSAGES AT ANY OF THE 26 ACCEPTANCE POST OFFICES OR THE TWO CABLE AND WIRELESS SALES OFFICES.

+POSTFAX WILL OFFER HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 68 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+THERE WILL ALSO BE UNIFORM RATES FOR POSTFAX ITEMS ACCEPTED AT ANY OFFICE, WITH A HIGHER RATE FOR THE FIRST PAGE AND A REDUCED RATE FOR SUBSEQUENT PAGES.+

DOCUMENTS, LINE DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS UP TO A4 SIZE (ABOUT 21 CM BY 29 CM) WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION, AND THE MESSAGE WILL EITHER BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE WITHIN A FEW HOURS BY A SPECIAL MESSENGER OR TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ADDRESSEE IF HE HAS HIS OWN FACSIMILE MACHINE.

AT NO EXTRA COST, CUSTOMERS COULD ALSO FAX THEIR MESSAGES TO THE POST OFFICE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES ABROAD WHO DO NOT HAVE A FACSIMILE MACHINE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SERVICE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE POSTFAX MANAGER OF THE POST OFFICE ON 5-8471148.

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NEW MAINS TO IMPROVE SHAU KEI WAN SUPPLY
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE LAYING OF FRESH WATER MAINS IN SHAU KEI WAN TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY.

ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF 900-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER MILD STEEL PIPE WILL BE LAID UNDERNEATH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IN SAI WAN HO AND SHAU KEI WAN RECLAMATION AREAS.

IT WILL CHANNEL WATER FROM THE PUMPING STATION AT MOUNT PARKER TO CHAI WAN SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONSUMERS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT WILL BE THE LAYING OF DISTRIBUTION MAINS ALONG TAI CHEONG, ALDRICH, KAM WAH AND MONG LUNG STREETS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MINI-SOCCER PITCH FOR AP LEI CHAU
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A MINI-SOCCER PITCH WILL BE BUILT ON AP LEI CHAU TO IMPROVE THE ISLAND'S SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY AWARDED A \$741 000 CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL START AT THE END OF MARCH AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE FENCED PITCH, TO BE LOCATED IN SHAN MING STREET, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A 1 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

THE AREA WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FLOODLIGHTING AS WELL AS A STOREROOM.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO SHOW CARE FOR THE NEEDY
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CARRY OUT TWO PROGRAMMES TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT AND TO EXPRESS THEIR CARE AND CONCERN FOR THEM.

THE PROGRAMMES, INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THEY INCLUDE GOODWILL VISITS TO SIX WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND A SEA TRIP FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY INSTITUTIONS ON MARCH 22 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE.

THE VISITS WILL COVER CHESHIRE HOME IN STANLEY, KAI CHI CHILDREN CENTRE IN WONG CHUK HANG, WAI KEI HOSTEL IN AP LEI CHAU, THE BRADBURY AND QUAN CHUEN HOMES IN TIN WAN, AND WAH HONG HOSTEL IN WAH FU ESTATE.

MEMBERS WILL TOUR THE INSTITUTIONS, CHAT WITH INMATES AND PRESENT THEM GIFTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

A SEA TRIP WILL BE ORGANISED FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE IN POK FU LAM ON APRIL 8 ON THE ADVENTURE SHIP +HUAN+.

THE ADVENTURE SHIP IS A REGISTERED CHARITY WHICH OPERATES A 90-FOOT CHINESE JUNK PROVIDING SAILING TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HOPES THAT THE CRUISE WOULD PROVIDE HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN. SIMILAR TRIPS MAY BE ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS LATER IN THE YEAR.

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DETAILS OF GOOD CHILDREN CAMPAIGN TO BE ANNOUNCED

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MORE THAN 14 000 PRIMARY 1 TO 6 PUPILS FROM 26 SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE +GOOD CHILDREN CAMPAIGN+ TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

THE FUNCTION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT, BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, IS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG CHILDREN AND TO TEACH THEM TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) AT 4 PM AT THE HOPEWELL CITY RESTAURANT AT 183 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, MRS TSO WONG CHIU-YOK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MR NORMAN LO KAM-WAH, WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY.

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CONSULTATION PAPER ON UNAUTHORISED WORKS FOR DISCUSSION

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THEY WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR THE REPAIR OF A FOOTPATH AT FU TEI SHEUNG TSUEN, CONTROL OF POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS AND THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TSING YI DRAINAGE SYSTEM
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MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) AN INCIDENT IN WHICH FOUR CHILDREN INTRUDED INTO UNDERGROUND DRAINS IN TSING YI.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DRAINAGE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

IN FEBRUARY, LED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW SUM, MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS VISITED THE SCENE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 155-174, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DISCUSSION ON IMPROVEMENT TO TRAIN SERVICES
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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE EXISTING TRAIN SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WO HOP SHEK DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO ENTER THE SECTION OF LO WU STATION ROAD FROM SHA LING TO LO WU; PROPOSED NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND BICYCLE OBSTRUCTIONS IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT PROMOTION TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) TO DISCUSS THE URBAN COUNCIL'S PLANS TO PROMOTE CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO SUGGEST SUITABLE LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FREE EMERGENCY HOTLINE SERVICE BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY.

AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE URBAN COUNCIL RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE A PROPOSAL BY A BOARD MEMBER FOR SETTING UP A SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR THE ELDERLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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ANTI-DRUG FAMILY CAMP TO BE HELD
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AN ANTI-DRUG FAMILY CAMP ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL BE HELD AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE IN SHA TIN BETWEEN MARCH 21 AND 22 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

MORE THAN 450 PEOPLE FROM FAMILIES IN CHAI WAN DISTRICT WILL PARTICIPATE. THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11.15 AM.

THE TWO-DAY PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TELEMATCH GAMES, FILM SHOWS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A SEMINAR FOCUSING ON THE THEME +TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN; DON'T LET DRUGS RUIN THEM+.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAMP ON MARCH 21 AND 22. A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL BY 9.45 AM ON MARCH 21 AND WILL RETURN AT ABOUT 1 PM AFTER LUNCH. NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

FOR SEATING RESERVATION, PLEASE CONTACT ERIC CHAN OR WILLIAM LEE AT 5-8622764/5.

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APPLICATIONS FOR SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1987 SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE TO BE HELD DURING THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL ON MAY 31.

THE RACE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SHING MUN RIVER FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF SAU CHUEN HOUSE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 8.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-615657.

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VOCAL MASTER-CLASS FOR MONDAY
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A VOCAL MASTER-CLASS CONDUCTED BY RENOWNED VOCALIST ROBERTA PETERS WILL BE HELD AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 23) FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM.

ACCLAIMED AS A SOPRANO OF CONSIDERABLE CHARM AND ACCURACY, MISS PETERS HAS PERFORMED IN MANY COUNTRIES AND APPEARED FREQUENTLY ON TELEVISION AND IN FILMS.

SHE WILL SPEAK ON THE VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF VOCAL MUSIC AT THE MASTER-CLASS AND ALSO COACH THREE VOCAL STUDENTS SELECTED FROM A RECENT AUDITION TO SING IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 0-4928127.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN ABERDEEN
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN ABERDEEN TOWN CENTRE, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON CERTAIN ROAD SECTIONS IN ABERDEEN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20).

THE NORTHERN SECTION OF NAM NING STREET BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND FUNG TIN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

THE SAME ROAD SECTION, TOGETHER WITH FUNG TIN STREET AND A 15-METRE STRETCH OF THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM NING STREET JUST SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG TIN STREET, WILL BE MADE PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY LEI YUE MUN AND LING NAM SAN TSUEN.

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