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TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C & W EXTENDED TO 2006
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THE EXISTING TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (TSA) UNDER WHICH THE CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD (CWHK) PROVIDES THE GOVERNMENT WITH ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AT COST HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (MONDAY) BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CWHK, MR GREG CREW, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE NEW TSA WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988 AND REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TO COINCIDE WITH THE EXPIRY OF CWHK'S LICENCE TO OPERATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FROM HONG KONG.

UNDER THE NEW TSA, THE COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SAME ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT AT COST AS IT DOES AT PRESENT.

HOWEVER, SOME CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO STREAMLINE THE WORKING OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE EXISTING TSA BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 1963 AND WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1987.

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LEAFLET ON SAFE WAYS TO PREPARE VEGETABLES PRODUCED
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IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE RECENT INCIDENTS OF FOOD POISONING BY CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB) HAS PRODUCED A LEAFLET PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON HOW TO AVOID CONSUMING VEGETABLES TAINTED WITH AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 24).

MEANWHILE, BEGINNING TOMORROW (TUESDAY), A 24-HOUR HOTLINE, "5-8916443", MAINTAINED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF MSB, WILL PROVIDE A RECORDED MESSAGE ON VEGETABLE HYGIENE.

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THE TWO-MINUTE CANTONESE MESSAGE WILL GIVE ADVICE ON THE PROPER WAYS TO CLEAN VEGETABLES.

THEY ARE:-

- A) WASH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY WITH WATER,
- B) SOAK THEM IN WATER FOR SOME TIME,
- C) BLANCH THEM IN BOILING WATER FOR A WHILE AND DRAIN THE WATER,
- D) COOK THEM THOROUGHLY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH ANY QUERIES ARE WELCOME TO LEAVE THEIR QUESTIONS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AFTER HEARING THE RECORDED MESSAGE.

THEIR QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED INDIVIDUALLY BY STAFF OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY LACKS SKILLED CRAFTSMEN: REPORT

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STEPPING UP TRAINING EFFORTS AND IMPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR CRAFTSMEN WOULD HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE FACED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL MADE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF FINDINGS OF A SURVEY WHICH REVEALED THAT THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY HAD EXPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING CRAFTSMEN TRAINEES AND THE NECESSARY SKILLED PERSONNEL TO FILL SOME 1,100 VACANCIES AT CRAFTSMEN LEVEL.

THE BOARD ATTRIBUTED THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE TO THE HIGH WASTAGE OF CRAFTSMEN WHO HAD LEFT FOR BUILDING WORKS IN CHINA OR FOR JOBS IN SERVICING SECTORS WHICH OFFERED HIGHER SALARIES AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE PROVISION OF MORE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR FORM 3 STUDENTS HAD REDUCED THE POOL OF SUPPLY OF CRAFTSMEN TRAINEES.

THE BOARD ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE RELUCTANCE OF YOUNGSTERS TO JOIN INDUSTRY.

/THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MARCH THIS YEAR SHOWED THAT THE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF CRAFTSMEN HAD BROUGHT THE INDUSTRY'S TOTAL MANPOWER DOWN FROM 58,000 IN 1985 TO 57,000 IN 1987.

WITH THE STRONG DEMAND FOR ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS IN OVERSEAS MARKET AND THE REVIVAL OF LOCAL BUILDING ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD EXPECTED THAT THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY WOULD GROW AT A STEADY PACE IN THE COMING YEARS.

THERE WOULD BE A STRONG DEMAND FOR PROPERLY TRAINED TECHNICAL MANPOWER AT ALL LEVELS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED COMPLEXITY AND SOPHISTICATION OF BUILDING SERVICES PROJECTS, AND THE STRINGENT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS BEING ENFORCED IN THE INDUSTRY, THE BOARD OBSERVED.

IT, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED THAT EMPLOYERS SHOULD TRAIN AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL 260 TECHNOLOGISTS, 530 TECHNICIANS AND 1,400 CRAFTSMEN ANNUALLY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$16.50 A COPY.

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PUBLIC URGED TO STEP UP FIRE PREVENTION

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (MONDAY) ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE TO PREVENT FIRE IN VIEW OF YESTERDAY'S RECORD DAILY TOTAL OF 226 FIRE CALLS.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT OF THESE, 106 WERE VEGETATION FIRES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ALSO CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE IN HANDLING FIRES WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRY PARKS IN THE COMING HOLIDAY PERIOD.

BOTH DEPARTMENTS CITED THE EXCEPTIONALLY DRY WEATHER AS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE GREAT NUMBER OF FIRES. HOWEVER, SOME CARELESS CITIZENS, INCLUDING MANY PICNICKERS, SHOULD ALSO BE BLAMED.

THE RECENT DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD RENDERED THE COUNTRYSIDE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO FIRES AND A SINGLE SPARK MIGHT CAUSE IMMEASURABLE DAMAGE TO PARK PLANTATIONS, AFD'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR S.P. LAU, SAID.

HE REVEALED THAT OVER THE WEEKEND, CARELESSNESS BY SOME PICNICKERS HAD CAUSED 11 FIRES IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS, DAMAGING MORE THAN 6,500 TREES AND 184 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND.

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"THIS HAS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE CURRENT FIRE SEASON TO 106, WITH A DAMAGE TOLL OF MORE THAN 21,000 TREES AND 512 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND.

"VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF BASIC PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED," MR LAU SAID.

THESE MEASURES ARE:

- * EXTINGUISH MATCHES AND CIGARETTE ENDS PROPERLY;
- * LIGHT FIRES ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS, OR BETTER STILL, BRING PRE-COOKED FOOD; AND
- * REPORT ANY FIRE OUTBREAK TO THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE OR CALL 999.

MR LAU SAID: "TO KEEP THE FIRE DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHICH INCLUDE MORE FREQUENT PATROLS BY PARK WARDENS AND CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS, AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF MORE AFD AND CAS PERSONNEL ON STANDBY DUTIES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF WATER TANKS HAVE BEEN BUILT AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS WITH LARGE PLANTATIONS TO FACILITATE FIRE FIGHTING OPERATION IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE."

HE SAID THAT THE ONUS OF PREVENTING FIRE OUTBREAKS RESTED WITH THE PUBLIC.

"I WOULD, THEREFORE, APPEAL TO THEM TO BE MORE CAREFUL, MORE THOUGHTFUL AND MORE CIVIC-MINDED SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY A FIRE-FREE FESTIVE SEASON," HE ADDED.

MR LAU ADDED THAT ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

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SEMINAR ON EFFECTS OF HARMONISED SYSTEM

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A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO THE TRADING SECTOR THE EFFECTS OF THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (THE HARMONISED SYSTEM OR HS) WAS OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, AT CITY HALL CONCERT HALL THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO EXPLAIN THE KEY CHANGES ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM FROM JANUARY 1, 1988, AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TRADING SECTOR TO RAISE QUESTIONS.

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THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SEMINAR INCLUDED BRIEFING SESSIONS FOR VARIOUS MARKETS EACH GIVEN BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND HIS OFFICERS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM WILL BRING ABOUT RE-CATEGORISATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS UNDER HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENTS WITH ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

ALSO, WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM. APPLICANTS FOR EXPORT LICENCE (TEXTILES) FORM 4 AND EXPORT AUTHORISATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER HONG KONG HS CODES IN PLACE OF STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) CODES, WHILE APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (FORM A) WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER HS CODES IN PLACE OF CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE (CCCN) CODES.

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ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL BETWEEN DECEMBER 29 AND 31 (TUESDAY TO THURSDAY).

THE THREE-DAY PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION AND QUIZZES ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MAJOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES SUCH AS TEXTILES, CLOTHING, PLASTICS, ELECTRONICS AND METAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THESE ACTIVITIES MAY ALSO RECEIVE FREE TESTS ON LUNG FUNCTION AND BLOOD PRESSURE.

ACTIVITIES OF THE "PROMOTION SCHEME ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY" ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHEME AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR ALEXANDER LAI, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SCHEME, ENTERING ITS THIRD YEAR, HAD BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED BY BOTH THE EMPLOYERS AND FACTORY WORKERS.

"WE HAVE STARTED THE SCHEME BECAUSE MANY RESIDENTS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT, BEING AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE, ARE FACTORY WORKERS.

"THERE IS A GENUINE NEED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AND SAFETY MEASURES SO AS TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS TOWARDS PREVENTION," HE SAID.

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MR LAI POINTED OUT THAT THE AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE THAT MOST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS COULD BE AVOIDED IF THE EMPLOYERS WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES, WHILE THE WORKERS WOULD IN TURN COMPLY WITH SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE HOPE THEY WOULD APPRECIATE HOW SIMPLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES COULD BENEFIT THEIR PRODUCTIVITY AND CAREERS IN THE LONG TERM," HE STRESSED.

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EASTERN SURVEY ON YOUTHS' LEISURE

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A SURVEY ON YOUTHS' LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND CULTURAL PARTICIPATION HAS CURRENTLY BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRE OF HONG KONG STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECT WAS AIMED AT FINDING OUT THE BASIC PATTERN OF YOUTHS' LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND THEIR EXPECTATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS RELATED FACILITIES.

OTHER SOCIAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND FAMILY FACTORS WHICH AFFECT THE PATTERN OF ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED BY YOUTH WILL ALSO BE EXPLORED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG, HOPES THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL IN PLANNING FUTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

SOME 500 YOUNG RESIDENTS, AGED BETWEEN 12 TO 25, WILL BE SELECTED BY RANDOM SAMPLING TO ANSWER SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES LATER THIS MONTH.

THE FINDINGS WILL BE RELEASED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CARITAS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE SECTION.

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AWARDS FOR CAREERS QUIZ WINNERS

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THE SIXTH CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 110,000 FORM 3 TO FORM 5 STUDENTS FROM 248 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT, COMPARED WITH 100,000 STUDENTS FROM 214 SCHOOLS LAST YEAR.

THE QUIZ, SPONSORED BY SHUN HING ELECTRONIC TRADING COMPANY, WAS AIMED AT MAKING STUDENTS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER SELECTION AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING THEM TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH IN CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, AND THE ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SHUN HING ELECTRONIC TRADING COMPANY, MR K.L. TONG, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, AT 3.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 23).

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WAN CHAI FACE DEMOLITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 25 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE ON A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN WAN CHAI BEFORE DEMOLISHING THEM.

THE CLOSURE WILL APPLY TO THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLATS A, B, C AND D ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF 233-243 LOCKHART ROAD.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID THE OWNERS HAD BEEN TOLD ON AUGUST 3, 1985 TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES THEMSELVES UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, BUT HAD NOT DONE SO.

"CLOSING THE STRUCTURE IS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WOULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED.

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PRIVATE LOT TO BE RESUMED FOR OPEN SPACE
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A PRIVATE LOT IN WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS TO BE RESUMED FOR A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROJECT.

THE PROPERTY, WITH AN AREA OF 70.2 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT 7 TRIANGLE STREET.

IT IS WITHIN A SITE NOW OCCUPIED BY NOS. 1-25 TAI WO STREET (ODD NUMBERS) AND NOS. 4-7 TRIANGLE STREET, WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FOR A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND SITTING OUT AREA ACCORDING TO THE WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE OTHER PROPERTIES ON THE SITE HAVE BEEN OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN LATE 1988 FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1989.

THE RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND POSTED ON THE PROPERTY WHICH WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING.

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TAC TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO EXAMINE THE NUMBER AND SEATING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS A REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND OPERATION OF MIDIBUSES.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON A FINAL REPORT OF THE TAC SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ROOM B, FIRST FLOOR, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, AT 2.30 PM.

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'WELCOME' SIGNBOARDS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF "WELCOME" SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A DOCUMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCES IN THE DISTRICT IN 1988-89, AND THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

A WRITTEN QUESTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AT STUBBS ROAD WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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HK'S FIRST FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW
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A LARGE-SCALE, INNOVATIVE JOINT EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS, BIRDS, INSECTS AND FISH WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME BETWEEN WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 23) AND DECEMBER 27 AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE FIRST NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW IS AN EVOLUTION OF AN ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW STAGED IN NORTH DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, LADY WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHOW ON WEDNESDAY.

SHE WILL ALSO PRESENT AN OVERALL CHAMPION TROPHY TO THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE FLOWER SECTION.

COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD FOR FIVE CATEGORIES OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS ON DISPLAY; NAMELY, POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, BONSAI TYPE PLANTS AND ORCHIDS.

OTHER EXHIBITS WILL BE PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL FLOWER EXPERTS AND FLORAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID ASSOCIATION.

PARROTS FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND OTHER COLORFUL SPECIES OF TROPICAL FOREST BIRDS, AS WELL AS A GREAT VARIETY OF GOLDFISH WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION PROVIDED BY THE OCEAN PARK.

SOME 60 PAINTINGS AND 30 WOODEN SCULPTURES OF BIRDS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THE INSECT SECTION WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF HARMFUL AND BENEFICIAL INSECTS, BEE HIVES AND A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF LIZARDS.

THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF FRINGE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PHOTO COMPETITION, BEE SHOWS AND TALKS ON BIRD WATCHING, IKEBANA, DRY FLOWER AND ORCHID CULTIVATION. VISITORS WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO A POP CONCERT, CHINESE FOLK DANCE AND FILIPINO MUSIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE FIRST NORTH DISTRICT (1987) FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW BY LADY WILSON AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AT 10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 23).

TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9 AM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 358.963 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 356.313 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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