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THIRD QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND
CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, 3,774 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 22.8 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 296 (OR 9 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.6 MILLION NRT (OR 7 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+201), DRY BULK CARRIERS (+50) AND SEMI-CONTAINER VESSELS (+10).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+134) AND PANAMA (+59), BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN JAPAN (-26) AND THE U.S.A. (-24).

THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED (+177).

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, THERE WERE 3,750 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 22.7 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 272 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 1.6 MILLION NRT (OR 7 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 10 PER CENT.

ABOUT 64 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR FEWER THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 85 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 15 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

OF THE CARGO LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS, 59 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 41 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (16 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (14 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT), JAPAN (12 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (9 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (22 PER CENT), TAIWAN (11 PER CENT), CHINA (8 PER CENT), JAPAN (6 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (6 PER CENT).

/TRANSHIPMENT CARGO

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TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (31 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (23 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (19 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (12 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA (+51 PER CENT), THAILAND (+17 PER CENT), JAPAN (+11 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+11 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+10 PER CENT).

BUT DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM CANADA (-20 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (-10 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (-7 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+68 PER CENT), LOGS AND TIMBER (+29 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+26 PER CENT) AND COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (+26 PER CENT).

BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (-44 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-14 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT.

INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THAILAND (+127 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+125 PER CENT), JAPAN (+45 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+38 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+19 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED OR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+82 PER CENT), COTTON TEXTILES (+49 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+38 PER CENT).

BUT DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-64 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (-28 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARDS TRANSHIPMENT, 30 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THAT LOADED ON TO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 76 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

/IN TERMS

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IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 25 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE NETHERLANDS (92 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (81 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (75 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (71 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 ROSE BY 14 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 93 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 88 PER CENT OF TEXTILES OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, 83 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD, AND 82 PER CENT OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND 81 PER CENT OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 74 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE.

IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OR ALMOST ALL OF THE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY, AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 ROSE BY 31 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1986.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, ALL OR ALMOST ALL SEABORNE EXPORTS OF COTTON GARMENTS; TOYS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; PLASTIC MANUFACTURES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED AND COTTON TEXTILES WERE CONTAINERISED.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

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MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987 ARE CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1987, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, AT \$19.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234887.

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IMPORTANT ROLE OF VENTURE CAPITAL FINANCING HIGHLIGHTED

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VENTURE CAPITAL FINANCING CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING FUNDING TO ENTREPRENEURS WITH BUSINESS EXPERTISE BUT WHO LACK ADEQUATE COLLATERAL TO SECURE CONVENTIONAL CREDIT FACILITIES FROM LENDING INSTITUTIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION, MR NENDICK SAID VENTURE CAPITAL COULD ALSO BE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR ENTREPRENEURS WHO WISHED TO EMBARK ON INNOVATIVE PROJECTS WHERE THE INITIAL RISK WAS HIGH BUT THERE WAS A GOOD PROSPECT OF FUTURE REWARD.

MR NENDICK SAID VENTURE CAPITAL WAS A RELATIVELY NEW CONCEPT IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT, TRADITIONALLY, INDIVIDUAL ENTREPRENEURS IN HONG KONG WHO HAD WISHED TO START A NEW BUSINESS OR EXPAND INTO NEW AREAS OF ACTIVITY HAD HAD TO RELY ON THEIR EXISTING CAPITAL RESOURCES.

HE SAID BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WERE GENERALLY NOT EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE FINANCE TO SUCH START-UP OPERATIONS AND THE SECURITIES MARKET, TOO, WAS ONLY ACCESSIBLE TO WELL ESTABLISHED COMPANIES.

"THUS A GAP HAS EXISTED IN THE SOURCES OF FINANCING OF BUSINESS VENTURES IN HONG KONG.

"VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS AIM TO FILL THIS GAP AND FOR THIS REASON I AND MY COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT WELCOME THEIR EMERGENCE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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MR NENDICK SAID HE HOPED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS WOULD FOSTER THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SMALLER ENTERPRISES AND THUS HELP BROADEN THE TERRITORY'S INDUSTRIAL BASE, IN PARTICULAR BY ENCOURAGING THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE UPGRADING OF TECHNOLOGY USED IN EXISTING BUSINESSES.

"SUCH AN EVOLUTION IS VITAL IF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE TO CONTINUE TO THRIVE IN WHAT MUST BE SEEN AS AN EVER INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE WORLD ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID A TRADITIONAL STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES HAD BEEN THEIR ABILITY TO REACT SWIFTLY TO CHANGING DEMANDS IN THE MARKET PLACE.

"THERE MUST ALWAYS BE A TEMPTATION, HOWEVER, FOR COMPANIES WHICH ARE STILL PROFITABLE TO STAY WITH TRIED AND TRUSTED TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN VENTURE INTO THE PRODUCTION OF UP-MARKET GOODS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE USE OF HIGHER TECHNOLOGY AND THEREFORE SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

"OVER THE LONG TERM, HOWEVER, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS MOVE UP-MARKET IN THE GOODS THEY PRODUCE TO OFFSET THE STEADY EROSION OF THE TERRITORY'S COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE IN LABOUR COSTS," HE ADDED.

MR NENDICK SAID THE PROVISION OF VENTURE CAPITAL COULD HELP PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY INTO MORE TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE PRODUCTS.

"THROUGH THEIR EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES, VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS CAN PROVIDE THE FINANCE FOR RELATIVELY HIGH RISK PRODUCTS IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT, IF THEY PROVE SUCCESSFUL, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE IN THE PROFITS GENERATED BY THE INVESTMENT.

"AT THE SAME TIME THE ENTERPRISE BENEFITS BY AVOIDING HAVING TO SADDLE ITSELF WITH A HEAVY DEBT FINANCING BURDEN," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG HAD A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR VENTURE CAPITAL UNDERTAKINGS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

"THERE ARE NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS AND THE EASE OF REPATRIATION OF PROFITS MAKES THE PROVISION OF VENTURE CAPITAL ATTRACTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS.

"LOCAL BUSINESS CULTURE IS SUCH THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PAUCITY OF LOCAL INVESTORS IN VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS ONCE THE CONCEPT IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD. OUR LOW TAXATION IS AN ADDED INCENTIVE FOR THE GROWTH OF SUCH BUSINESS," HE SAID.

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ENTRY PERMIT ISSUING PROCEDURES STREAMLINED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING ENTRY PERMITS TO TAIWAN RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO VISIT HONG KONG.

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION IS EMPOWERED TO ISSUE ONE ENTRY PERMIT VALID FOR TWO JOURNEYS TO RESIDENTS OF TAIWAN WHO WISH TO COME TO HONG KONG AND TO MAKE A SIDE TRIP.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT THE MAJORITY OF THE APPLICANTS FOR ENTRY PERMITS WERE RESIDENTS OF TAIWAN, THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUING NEW DOUBLE-JOURNEY ENTRY PERMITS WERE NOT INTENDED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF TAIWAN RESIDENTS.

"THE ENTRY PERMIT MAY IN FUTURE ALSO BE USED BY APPLICANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT FOR ISSUING SINGLE-JOURNEY ENTRY PERMITS AND RE-ENTRY PERMITS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO MAKE A SIDE TRIP OR WHO DECIDE TO MAKE ONE AFTER THEY HAVE COME TO HONG KONG.

THE FEE FOR ISSUING A NEW DOUBLE-JOURNEY ENTRY PERMIT IS \$230, WHILE THE CHARGE FOR A SINGLE-JOURNEY OR RE-ENTRY PERMIT WILL REMAIN AT \$115 EACH.

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LRT LONG PING LINK APPROVED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S (KCRC) PROPOSAL TO EXTEND ITS LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM (LRT) ALONG THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS SERVING BOTH THE LONG PING ESTATE AND THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE EXTENSION IS PART OF THE KCRC'S PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF THE LRT SYSTEM WITHIN THE NORTHWEST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THE NEW EXTENSION, KNOWN AS THE LONG PING LINK, WOULD BE OVER TWO KILOMETRES IN LENGTH AND BE IN OPERATION BY LATE 1994.

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AS THE CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY DIVERSION WORK INVOLVED WOULD RESTRICT TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS, WORK ON THE LINK WILL START AFTER THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN BYPASS, WHICH PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC ROUTE AROUND YUEN LONG, IS COMPLETED IN 1992.

THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD THE LONG PING LINK WAS BASED ON THE LATEST FORECASTS FOR 1996 WHICH INDICATED A MORE RAPID GROWTH OF POPULATION IN THE NORTHWEST REGION, CONCENTRATING ON THE YUEN LONG-TIN SHUI WAI AREAS.

HAVING EXAMINED A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES, THE KCRC CONCLUDED THAT AN EXTENSION ALONG THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS WOULD BEST SERVE THE POPULATION OF YUEN LONG PARTICULARLY AT THE LONG PING ESTATE AND THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE PROPOSED LONG PING LINK WOULD ALSO IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY OF THE LRT BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FROM ONE END OF YUEN LONG TO THE OTHER.

THE ROUTE FOR THE EXTENSION WOULD HAVE TWO STOPS SERVING THE LONG PING ESTATE AND THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA RESPECTIVELY.

TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION, SOME ADJUSTMENT TO THE ALIGNMENT OF THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS AND THE DESIGN OF THE ROAD JUNCTIONS ALONG ITS LENGTH WOULD BE REQUIRED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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LAI CHI KOK ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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A PROJECT TO MODIFY AND RECONSTRUCT LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN THE YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION AND TONG MEI ROAD HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE MODIFICATIONS TO AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND ASSOCIATED ROADS IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS IN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND ESSENTIALLY ONE WAY SYSTEMS IN ASSOCIATED ROADS IN THE AREA.

THE YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

THE ASSOCIATED ROADS OF WHICH CERTAIN SECTIONS WILL BE AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE TONG MEI ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI NAN STREET, WONG CHUK STREET, SHEK KIP MEI STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET, PEI HO STREET, KWEILIN STREET, YEN CHOW STREET, YEE KUK STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET.

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UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER AND THE BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER CAN BE UTILISED MORE EFFICIENTLY, AND THE TRAFFIC LOADS ON THE BUSY SIDE-STREETS WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED, THEREBY IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN SHAM SHUI PO WEST AS A WHOLE.

THE PROJECT IS PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. A NOTICE REGARDING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND THE OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE APRIL 5 THIS YEAR.

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LUNG MUN ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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UNDER A PROPOSAL GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), PART OF LUNG MUN ROAD, BETWEEN THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT DEPOT AND THE P3/D7/D15 INTERCHANGE, WILL BE WIDENED AND REALIGNED TO SERVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN TUEN MUN.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE GIVING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED ON SIGNBOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A COPY OF THE PLAN OF THE WORKS, SHOWING THE AREAS OF THE EXISTING ROADS OR FOOTPATHS TO BE AFFECTED, CAN BE SEEN AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS.

THESE ARE: CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN; AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND THE OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE APRIL 5.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER TO OPEN

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THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG.

TRAFFIC WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE FLYOVER FROM 2 PM THAT DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER WILL SERVE AS A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD CONNECTING LAI CHI KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO AREAS WITH EAST KOWLOON.

IT IS 550 METRES LONG WITH TWO LANES FOR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC.

AT PRESENT, EASTBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD TO EAST KOWLOON HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THREE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLED JUNCTIONS.

THESE ARE THE TAI PO ROAD-CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD JUNCTION; CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET-NATHAN ROAD JUNCTION; AND BOUNDARY STREET-TUNG CHOI STREET JUNCTION.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW FLYOVER, MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID THE THREE BUSY JUNCTIONS BY USING THE FLYOVER AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD NEAR MAPLE STREET, REACHING GROUND LEVEL AT BOUNDARY STREET NEAR SAI YEE STREET.

APART FROM PROVIDING FREE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM SHAM SHUI PO TO EAST KOWLOON, THE FLYOVER WILL ALSO HELP RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE THREE JUNCTIONS.

THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER WAS DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING ITS CONSTRUCTION BY THE PAUL Y. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN JULY 1985 AND WAS COMPLETED IN ABOUT 30 MONTHS AT A COST OF \$26 MILLION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT NEW FLYOVER

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FROM 2 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO AND MONG KOK TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER.

LEARNER DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE SECTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER, FROM ITS ENTRANCE SLIP ROAD ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD TO ITS EXIT SLIP ROAD IN BOUNDARY STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF THE FLYOVER, FROM A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND MAPLE STREET TO ITS EXIT SLIP ROAD IN BOUNDARY STREET, WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEN NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES AWARDED

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TEN NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL COME INTO OPERATION BY THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR TO SERVE DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE ROUTES IS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) SERVICES CAN USEFULLY BE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE 10 ROUTES FORMED PART OF THE NINE PACKAGES COMPRISING 18 NEW PROPOSED GMB ROUTES ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR. THE 10 ROUTES WILL SERVE KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SAI KUNG, NORTH DISTRICT, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN.

APPLICATIONS TO OPERATE THESE ROUTES WERE INVITED ON OCTOBER 9 AND WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 6, A TOTAL OF 37 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS SELECTION BOARD HAS JUST COMPLETED THE SELECTION PROCESS AND HAS CHOSEN THE OPERATORS FOR SIX PACKAGES COMPRISING THE 10 ROUTES.

NO APPLICANTS WERE INTERESTED IN OPERATING TWO PACKAGES OF ROUTES IN YUEN LONG, MONG KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONE USEFUL SIDE-BENEFIT OF THE CURRENT SELECTION PROCESS WAS THAT IT ALLOWED EXISTING OPERATORS TO ASSESS THE VIABILITY OF NEW GMB ROUTES. THIS ELIMINATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNPROFITABLE ROUTES WOULD BE INTRODUCED.

THE REMAINING ROUTE PACKAGE FOR A SERVICE LINKING TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD (PARKVIEW) WITH ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WAS WITHDRAWN AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION BOARD.

"THE DECISION FOLLOWED CONFIRMATION BY THE DEVELOPER OF PARKVIEW THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE THEIR OWN RESIDENTS' SERVICE, WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY UNDERMINE THE VIABILITY OF ANY GMB ROUTE. THE RELEVANT PARTIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE WITHDRAWAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SELECTION OF OPERATORS FOR ANY NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE WAS BY OPEN SELECTION.

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS HAD BEEN ASSESSED ON A SCORING SYSTEM WHICH TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE APPLICANTS' EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS OPERATION, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THE APPLICANT'S MANAGEMENT RIGHTS OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLE AS WELL AS THE AGE OF THE VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED.

HE STATED THAT WHEN MAKING ITS SELECTIONS, THE BOARD HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ANY PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT LOCAL FACTORS.

THE SELECTION BOARD IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE A NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE ICAC.

"AS ONLY ONE OPERATOR CAN BE SELECTED FOR ANY PARTICULAR PACKAGE OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, THE FACT THAT AN APPLICANT IS UNSUCCESSFUL MERELY IMPLIES THAT, ON THIS OCCASION, ANOTHER APPLICANT IS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD TO BE MORE SUITABLE.

"IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT AN OPERATOR WHO IS NOT SELECTED IS NOT QUALIFIED TO OPERATE A GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE AND HIS DISAPPOINTMENT SHOULD NOT DETER HIM FROM APPLYING IN FUTURE TENDER EXERCISES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS; UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE THE SUCCESSFUL ONES.

"THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW TIME FOR UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SELECTION BOARD," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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IF AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CONSIDERS THERE IS NEW EVIDENCE WHICH MERITS THE BOARD'S RECONSIDERATION OF HIS APPLICATION, HE SHOULD SEND HIS LETTER BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS SELECTION BOARD, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, ON THE 28TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, BY FEBRUARY 26 THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED AFTER FEBRUARY 26 COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE THE GAZETTED ROUTES MUST BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSE IN THE PRESENT EXERCISE AND ENCOURAGED THE TRADE TO APPLY FOR GREEN MINIBUS OPERATION WHEN NEW ROUTES WERE GAZETTED IN THE FUTURE.

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KAM TIN RABIES INFECTED AREA RESCINDED

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THE RABIES INFECTED AREA IN KAM TIN, YUEN LONG, HAS BEEN RESCINDED, WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1, THE GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RESCISION FOLLOWED CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

IN JUNE AND JULY LAST YEAR, THREE INDIGENOUS CANINE RABIES CASES OCCURRED IN THE AREA FOLLOWING THE FIRST OUTBREAK IN TA KWU LING EARLIER IN JUNE.

THE RABIES INFECTED AREA AT TA KWU LING WAS RESCINDED IN LATE DECEMBER.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, SAID: "AS A RESULT OF VIGOROUS RABIES CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING ELIMINATION OF STRAY DOGS AND AN INTENSIVE INOCULATION CAMPAIGN, THE SITUATION IS NOW WELL UNDER CONTROL.

"THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER OUTBREAK OF THE DEADLY DISEASE IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS."

DR CHENG SAID THE DESIGNATION OF THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AS A RABIES INFECTED AREA WOULD, HOWEVER, REMAIN IN FORCE TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DISEASE INTO THE TERRITORY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONSTANT THREAT OF SPORADIC OUTBREAKS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CREATE TWO ADDITIONAL MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS ON MOTORCYCLES AND ONE ADDITIONAL DOG-CATCHING TEAM TO REINFORCE ANTI-RABIES OPERATION.

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"RECRUITMENT EXERCISE IS IN HAND AND THE NEW TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL EARLY NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR," HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CONTROL UNIT WILL CONTINUE WITH SUCH PREVENTIVE MEASURES AS INOCULATING DOGS, STRAY DOG CONTROL, QUARANTINE OF IMPORTED DOGS AND CATS AND COMPULSORY DETENTION OF BITER ANIMALS FOR OBSERVATION.

DR CHENG SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN PREVENTING OUTBREAKS OF THE DISEASE DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON PUBLIC CO-OPERATION. HE URGED DOG OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AND KEPT UNDER PROPER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.

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VOTING MESSAGE IN POSTERS, LAISEE PACKETS
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS PREPARED SPECIAL LUNAR NEW YEAR GIFTS TO WISH RESIDENTS A YEAR OF GOOD FORTUNE AND PROSPERITY.

THE BOARD HAS PRINTED 100,000 NEW YEAR POSTERS AND 400,000 LAISEE PACKETS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO KWUN TONG RESIDENTS.

THE POSTERS PORTRAY THE "GOD OF HEAVEN", SYMBOLISING 'GOOD LUCK' AND 'GOOD FORTUNE'. THESE POSTERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOGETHER WITH RED PACKETS FEATURING THE LOGO OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AS WELL AS ADDING TO THE NEW YEAR ATMOSPHERE, THE ITEMS ALSO CARRY COMMUNITY MESSAGES. THESE URGE RESIDENTS TO CARE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AND POINT OUT THAT A VOTE IS A VOICE, REFERRING TO THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE POSTERS AND RED PACKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

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SHAM SHUI PO CANDIDATES TO MEET MEDIA

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THIRTY-THREE SHAM SHUI PO CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AFTERNOON.

THE CONFERENCE WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE HALL OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 55 FAT TSEUNG STREET, KOWLOON.

THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE MEDIA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

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FOURTEEN YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH AFFAIRS.

THEY WERE WINNERS OF OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICES AWARDS SCHEME.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

SINCE 1977, OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS IN THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, 10 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE GRANTED AND THE RECIPIENTS WERE MR POON PO-WAH, MR WONG KAM-PO, MR MOK KWONG-FAI, MR CHOW CHI-MAN, MR MOK KA-KEUNG, MR CHOI KWAN-LUN, MISS DOBY NG, MR IP WAH-KIN, MR KWONG CHUNG-MAN AND MR CHAN CHI-YUEN.

THE WINNERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN AN 18-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON BOARD THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP, JI FUNG.

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THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICES AWARD SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO RECOGNISE THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY YOUTH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES, THROUGH COMMUNITY AND OTHER PROJECTS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

THIS YEAR, TWO PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND THE SHEK LEI YOUTH CENTRE WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD.

THE TEAM LEADERS OF THE TWO PROJECTS, MR TONG SIU-YING AND MR TANG WING-KWONG, AND MR HO KA-WAI AND MR YU YAN-KIT, RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES TODAY.

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FOCUS ON PROSPECTS FOR SHA TIN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE
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A SEMINAR ON THE PROSPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA IN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE, MR HIDEICHI TOKUHISA; DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF POWER GARMENT FACTORY, MR CHU WING-CHIU; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR BRIAN TANG PAK-YAN.

A TOWN PLANNER IN THE SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MISS LAU SHUI-CHEE, AND CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR PETER YIP, WILL ALSO SPEAK.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM, IS ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE SHA TIN JAYCEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON THE PROSPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN TOMORROW IN THE FUNCTION ROOM ON LOBBY FLOOR, HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN TAI PO

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AN EXHIBITION TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST BURGLARY, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL FEBRUARY 8.

IT WILL BE OPENED AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 11 AM TOMORROW AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE 1987-88 TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

APART FROM THE DISPLAY OF ANTI-BURGLARY EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHS AND A VIDEO SHOW ON HOME SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL BE SHOWN.

WORKS OF A SCHOOL ANTI-TRIAD NOTICE BOARD DESIGN EXERCISE AND INFORMATION MATERIAL ON THE CHANGES IN YOUNG PEOPLE DURING ADOLESCENCE WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAM SAK-YEUNG; THE TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR STEPHEN CHAU; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR HO WAI-MAN.

MEANWHILE, A STREET PLAY JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE FRINGE CLUB WILL BE STAGED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

THE 30-MINUTE PLAY, WHICH WILL BE STAGED LATER IN OTHER DISTRICTS, WILL DEPICT THE TRIAD MENACE IN SCHOOLS, EXPOSE THEIR MODUS OPERANDI IN BULLYING STUDENTS AND HIGHLIGHT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF INVOLVEMENT IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION OPENS IN MONG KOK

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A TWO-DAY ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION, DESCRIBING THE HEALTH HAZARDS CAUSED BY PASSIVE SMOKING, WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK.

THE EVENT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HELD IN THE DISTRICT, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS; CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, DR RONALD LEUNG; AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET.

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BUS PARADE TO KEEP EASTERN CLEAN

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A DECORATED BUS, ACCOMPANIED BY A REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE AND A BROADCASTING VAN, WILL SPREAD THE 'CLEAN HONG KONG' MESSAGE IN A TOUR AROUND EASTERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE BUS PARADE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE BUS WILL MAKE SIX STOPS AND PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS AND PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS BY DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

A REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE WILL PICK UP RUBBISH AT THE STOPPING POINTS WHILE THE BROADCASTING VAN WILL URGE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THE SIX LOCATIONS ARE LAI TAK-TSUEN, NORTH POINT FERRY PIER, GREIG ROAD, TAI ON STREET, SHAUKIWAN MARKET BUILDING AND YUE SHING STREET.

/TO FACILITATE

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TO FACILITATE THE TRADITIONAL YEAR-END CLEAN UP IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN MORE TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 10 AND 16.

A CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE BUS PARADE WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AT NO. 6 FOOTBALL PITCH IN VICTORIA PARK.

TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; USD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HONG KONG) ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, MR CHAN CHI-SUM; URBAN COUNCILLOR MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING; AND POLICE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.M.A. HARPER.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS BETTY YUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN (EASTERN), MR TO BOON-MAN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN (EASTERN DISTRICT) BUS PARADE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT NO. 6 FOOTBALL PITCH IN VICTORIA PARK. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2 PM.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY

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THE CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON CHEUNG CHAU TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ABOUT 400 STUDENTS FROM 15 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AND THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE CHANNELLED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YIU KAI-HANG, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN SHERWIN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU AT 2.30 PM.

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OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, MR LAU CHAK-BUN; ISLANDS DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LAU SIU-NIN; AND CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG PAK-TAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU, AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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CLEAN-UP FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR
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EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM NEXT WEEK, TO PREPARE FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/ REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WERE TOLD AT THEIR MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

DURING THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS, STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS WILL SET UP TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO AUGMENT THE EXISTING REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED THAT LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTERS PRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE-OF-CHARGE.

THE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED POSTER, IN A FOLK ART WOODBLOCK PRINTING STYLE, DEPICTS FIVE YOUNG FORTUNE STARS BRINGING PROSPERITY TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.

THE POSTERS CAN BE OBTAINED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLAN CAMPAIGN.

THESE INCLUDED THE RECENTLY COMPLETED "BACK-TO-A-CLEAN-SCHOOL" ACTIVITIES; AND THE "PITCHING-IN" ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN TUEN MUN

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THE SEVENTH IN A SERIES OF EIGHT EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, WILL BE HELD FROM NOON TO 3 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7) AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE, TUEN MUN.

THE WORKING GROUP HAS ARRANGED FOR EIGHT EXHIBITIONS ON FIRE PREVENTION TO BE HELD ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE EXHIBITIONS, THE PUBLIC WILL BE REMINDED OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE DRY SEASON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION.

PANELS ADVISING THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF FIRES IN BOTH THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE URBAN AREAS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO BRING OUT THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, "FIRE LAWS PROTECT".

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITIONS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND SOUVENIR ITEMS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF LETTERS ON FEBRUARY 18 (THURSDAY) DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (FEBRUARY 17 TO 19), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THAT ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR SERVICE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18 (THURSDAY) WHEN 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THE 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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POSTFAX SERVICE EXTENDS TO ACCRA
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THE POSTFAX SERVICE, A JOINT POST OFFICE AND CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD. PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE, WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ACCRA IN GHANA FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

POSTFAX ITEMS HANDED IN AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SAME-DAY COUNTER COLLECTION IN ACCRA.

DOCUMENTS (HAND-WRITTEN OR TYPED), DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS UP TO A4 SIZE ARE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION.

ALL POSTFAX ITEMS ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE, THEY WILL BE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH-SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING GATEWAY IN THE DISTANT COUNTRY.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO ACCRA WILL BE:

'SHORT MESSAGE' FACILITY	\$55
FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER	\$75
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME	\$35

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE CAN HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 30 ACCEPTANCE POST OFFICES OR THE TWO CABLE AND WIRELESS SALES OFFICES AT THE EXCHANGE SQUARE AND HERMES HOUSE.

POSTFAX SERVICE IS NOW OFFERING HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MORE THAN 70 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

ALL THE IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE NETWORK, SUCH AS THE U.S.A., THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

FOR SPEEDIER TRANSMISSION AND AT NO EXTRA COST, FACSIMILE MACHINE OWNERS IN HONG KONG CAN FAX THEIR MESSAGES TO THE POST OFFICE UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES ABROAD WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTFAX MANAGER ON 5-8471148.

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MORE YOUNG PEOPLE APPRENTICED IN INDUSTRY

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LAST YEAR WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING WITH MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING UP APPRENTICESHIP FOR TRAINING AS SKILLED PERSONNEL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 4,900 APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS WERE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 4,500 IN 1986.

"THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED APPRENTICES UNDER TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADES TO ABOUT 9,900," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RAPID GROWTH OF INDUSTRY LEADING TO THE INCREASING DEMAND OF SKILLED MANPOWER AND EMPLOYERS' AWARENESS OF APPRENTICESHIP AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF MANPOWER TRAINING WERE FACTORS IN THE INCREASE IN REGISTERED APPRENTICES, HE SAID.

THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES OPERATED BY THE THREE TRAINING AUTHORITIES - VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY - ALSO HELPED THEIR GRADUATING TRAINEES TO CONTINUE TRAINING BY JOINING AN APPRENTICESHIP.

AN APPRENTICESHIP ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE TO OBTAIN THREE TO FOUR YEARS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WITH EMPLOYERS AND COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE APPRENTICE PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HELPED MORE THAN 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET EMPLOYMENT AS APPRENTICES IN INDUSTRY LAST YEAR.

YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHEME MAY CONTACT THE UNIT ON 5-8932341, EXT. 298.

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QUIZ ON FAMILY COMMUNICATION

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A TERRITORY-WIDE QUIZ CONTEST ON "FAMILY COMMUNICATION", WITH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20,000, WILL BE HELD AS PART OF A VARIETY SHOW IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM ON MARCH 6.

THE AIM IS TO PUBLICISE THE MAIN THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE) CAMPAIGN - "COMMUNICATION HELPS BUILD A HAPPY FAMILY".

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP APPEALED TO INTERESTED FAMILIES TO SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST OR BY JOINING THE AUDIENCE.

ENTRY FORMS FOR CONTESTANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SWD'S DISTRICT OFFICES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES AND GROUP WORK UNITS, OFFICES OF THE FLE WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, AND RTHK.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SPECTATORS ONLY, A LIMITED NUMBER OF ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ABOVE VENUES ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND, CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON THE ENTRY FORMS, WHICH MUST BE SENT TO THE "WHAT A NICE DAY" PROGRAMME, RTHK, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE 70200, KOWLOON, BEFORE FEBRUARY 24.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE "WHAT A NICE DAY" PROGRAMME ON CHANNEL ONE OF RTHK AT 10.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 26.

FOUR FAMILIES WILL THEN BE CHOSEN AS FINALISTS FOR THE FINAL CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE AC HALL ON MARCH 6 WHILE 10 OTHER FAMILIES WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES FOR ACHIEVING MERITORIOUS RESULTS IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND.

THE PRIZES INCLUDE GIFT COUPONS, BOOK VOUCHERS AND HOLIDAY CAMPING TRIPS FOR FAMILIES.

THE ENTIRE CONTEST AND THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK AT A LATER DATE.

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NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR ABERDEEN

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE BUILT AT TIN WAN CLOSE IN ABERDEEN.

THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE A SINGLE-STORY STRUCTURE EQUIPPED WITH A CARBON FILTRATION PLANT AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED STEEL WINDOWS TO PREVENT THE EMISSION OF FOUL SMELLS.

AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED ROLLER SHUTTER WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND A MANUAL ROLLER SHUTTER AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE, WHILE THE EXTERNAL WALL WILL BE FINISHED WITH GLASS MOSAIC TILES.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE AN OFFICE, A STORE ROOM AND A TOILET ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WITH A CONCRETE STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE ROOF.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO CARRY OUT THE WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN 10 MONTHS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 4.

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NEW DESIGN FOR DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION

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THE FIRST NEW-TYPE DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION WILL BE BUILT IN HUNG HOM, KOWLOON, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

ALTHOUGH THE L-SHAPED EIGHT-STORY BLOCK HAS ONE STOREY LESS THAN THE EXISTING COMPARABLE DESIGN, IT PROVIDES A LARGER TOTAL FLOOR AREA THAN THE OLD RECTANGULAR-SHAPED STANDARD DIVISIONAL POLICE STATIONS WHICH WILL BE PHASED OUT.

LOCATED IN DYER AVENUE, THE NEW BUILDING WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, A REPORT ROOM, CANTEEN, LAUNDRY ROOM, BARRACKS, LOCKER ROOM, MESS, A COVERED COMPOUND, PODIUM AND A DRILL YARD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON MARCH 4 (FRIDAY).

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PROPERTY TO LET BY TENDER

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A CUBICLE IS TO LET ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE CUBICLE, MEASURING ABOUT 8.3 SQUARE METRES, IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 12 LI CHIT STREET, HONG KONG.

IT CAN BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES ONLY, EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL.

THE TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 4.

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WATER CUTS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, TAI PO, SAN PO KONG

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THE PRESSURE OF THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WILL BE REDUCED FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHEUNG WAH STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOM TSUN STREET, KING LAM STREET, WING MING STREET, YU CHAU WEST STREET, WING HONG STREET AND PO ON ROAD.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PO HEUNG STREET, KWONG FUK ROAD, PAK SHING STREET, SUI ON STREET, HEI YUEN STREET, YAN HING STREET, YAN WO LANE, SHUNG TAK STREET, WAI YI STREET, NAM SHING STREET, WAI YAN STREET, ON FU ROAD, TSING YUEN STREET AND FU SHIN STREET.

IN ADDITION, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 9) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KING FUK STREET, CHOI HUNG ROAD AND TSEUK LUK STREET, INCLUDING SHUNG LING STREET, FOO YUEN STREET, YAN OI STREET, KAM WING STREET, YI LUN STREET AND HONG KEUNG STREET.

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TEMPORARY LEFT-TURN BAN IN YUEN LONG

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8), THE EXISTING LEFT TURN FROM MA MIU ROAD SOUTHBOUND ON TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR YUEN LONG WILL BE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE LEFT-TURN SUSPENSION WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

VEHICLES AFFECTED BY THE SUSPENSION WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA MIU ROAD, MA WANG ROAD AND SHUI PIN WAI ROAD.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN YUEN LONG

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN YUEN LONG, PLYING BETWEEN FOOK HONG STREET AND LONG PING ESTATE, WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

THE SERVICE, ROUTE NO. 74A, WILL OPERATE FROM 6 AM TO 9 PM AT EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE WILL BE \$1.30.

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LONG VEHICLE BAN IN PEEL RISE

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ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING PEEL RISE ON THE PEAK FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, FOR CABLE CONNECTION WORK.

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