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GOVERNOR VISITS MAI PO MARSHES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF JOINT EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN PRESERVING NATURAL RESOURCES AND HABITATS FOR BIRDS AND ANIMALS IN HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING MAI PO MARSHES, HONG KONG'S FIRST WILDLIFE AND BIRD SANCTUARY.

THE GOVERNOR TOURED A WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTRE AND MET PARTICIPANTS OF THE ANNUAL BIG BIRD RACE ORGANISED BY WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG (WWF HK) TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION WORKS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THINGS LIKE THE PARK AREA OF HONG KONG -- ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY IS COUNTRY PARKS.

"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMUNITY AS WELL SHOULD BE INVOLVED THROUGH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND FOR THAT REASON THIS SORT OF FUND RAISING FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SHOW THE PEOPLE HAVE A REAL INTEREST AND THEY DON'T JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO THE GOVERNMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THAT NATURE CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT IN THIS HIGH AND DEVELOPING CITY SO THAT THERE IS A CHANCE TO EDUCATE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT KNOW ABOUT THE NATURAL HABITAT.

IT WAS PRECISELY WHAT WWF HK HAD BEEN DOING IN DEVELOPING THIS RESERVE AT MAI PO, BOTH PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIALISTS TO COME AND LOOK AT BIRDS BUT ALSO PROVIDING AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID IS THE PATRON OF WWF HK.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE DECISION BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT THE SHENZHEN AIRPORT AT HUANG TIAN, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR THE NATURE RESERVE AT MAI PO AND FOR THE ONE JUST CLOSE TO SHENZHEN.

"I THINK IT WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR AN AIRPORT BECAUSE OF THAT," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON TODAY'S ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BEING THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID: " TO COME BACK TO HONG KONG AND TO BE WORKING FOR HONG KONG IS A TREMENDOUS PRIVILEGE. I CAN'T THINK OF A JOB WHICH IS MORE INTERESTING, MORE IMPORTANT OR MORE WORTHWHILE. I VERY MUCH ENJOY MY FIRST YEAR HERE.

"I HAVE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME LEARNING ABOUT HONG KONG. I HAVE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN. IT HAS BEEN A VERY INTERESTING AND VERY WORTHWHILE YEAR AND I HOPE THERE WILL BE MANY MORE OF THEM."

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AMENDMENTS TO LETTERS PATENT AND ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS GAZETTED
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AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG'S CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS, THE LETTERS PATENT AND ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS, WERE PUBLISHED IN A GAZETTE NOTICE TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE AMENDMENTS WERE APPROVED BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL ON MARCH 23 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENTION TO MAKE AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN A STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON MARCH 9.

HE SAID THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LETTERS PATENT HAD BEEN MADE:

- * FIRSTLY, TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION ANNOUNCED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON "THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE WAY FORWARD" TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM 22 TO 20 AND TO MAKE A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ELECTED MEMBERS FROM 24 TO 26.

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE WHITE PAPER, THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE ADDITION OF ONE SEAT IN THE EXISTING MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY (WHICH WILL BE RENAMED THE "MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE" CONSTITUENCY) AND BY THE ADDITION OF ONE SEAT IN THE FINANCIAL CONSTITUENCY (WHICH WILL BE RENAMED THE "FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY" CONSTITUENCY); AND

- * SECONDLY, TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUDGES ANNOUNCED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CHANGES IN THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS WAS TO ASSIST THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE MAIN CHANGES WERE:

- * FIRSTLY, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN SETTING THE DATE OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH NEXT FALLS DUE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

PRIOR TO THE AMENDMENT THE DISSOLUTION HAD TO TAKE PLACE ON A FIXED DATE (THE 90TH DAY BEFORE THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE LATEST ELECTION).

UNDER THIS PROVISION LEGCO WOULD HAVE DISSOLVED ON AUGUST 1, 1988. NOT ONLY HAD THIS ARRANGEMENT BEEN FOUND UNDULY RIGID, BUT, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, IT WOULD HAVE ENTAILED AN UNACCEPTABLY LONG DISSOLUTION OF NEARLY THREE MONTHS.

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THE AMENDMENT WILL NOW PERMIT THE GOVERNOR TO CHOOSE A DAY FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF BETWEEN 30 AND 60 DAYS BEFORE THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATEST ELECTION.

AS ANNOUNCED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9, IT WAS NOW PLANNED THAT LEGCO SHOULD DISSOLVE ON AUGUST 25, THAT THE ELECTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 22, AND THAT LEGCO SHOULD RECONVENE ON OCTOBER 12; AND

- * SECONDLY, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY BILL BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEN THE COUNCIL IS DISSOLVED SHOULD LAPSE.

THIS CHANGE, WHICH BRINGS HONG KONG PRACTICE INTO LINE WITH PRACTICE ELSEWHERE, HAS BEEN MADE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT A NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FORMED FOLLOWING ELECTIONS TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED WORK OF THE OUTGOING COUNCIL.

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EFFECTS OF THE 1988 U.S. GSP ON HONG KONG

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CHANGES TO THE U.S. GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCE (GSP) PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 1 WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THEY WILL BE APPLICABLE UNTIL JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, AFTER WHICH HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH TAIWAN, KOREA, AND SINGAPORE, WILL BE GRADUATED FROM THE GSP AS A RESULT OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE CHANGES, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THEY AROSE FROM THE 1988 REVIEW OF THE GSP PROGRAMME.

THE REVIEW DECIDES THE ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS BASED ON 1987 TRADE DATA, MEASURED AGAINST THE COMPETITIVE NEED LEVELS SET FOR EACH PRODUCT UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME.

ELABORATING ON THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW GSP PROGRAMME ON HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN SAID 14 NEW ITEMS, INCLUDING CERTAIN "TALKING DOLLS" AND FIREWORKS, HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE GSP LIST. U.S. IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS FROM HONG KONG LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO US\$22.2 MILLION.

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HOWEVER, HONG KONG HAD BEEN GRANTED DE MINIMUS WAIVERS IN RESPECT OF 17 PRODUCTS, INCLUDING IVORY ARTICLES AND LIGHTER PARTS. IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS AMOUNTED TO US\$32.1 MILLION LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

ALSO, HONG KONG WOULD LOSE ELIGIBILITY IN TWO OTHER ITEMS - TRANSCEIVERS AND ELECTRICAL ARTICLES USING PRE-PROGRAMMED DIGITAL INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, HE SAID. U.S. IMPORTS OF THESE TWO ITEMS LAST YEAR WERE US\$40.9 MILLION.

LASTLY, ONE ITEM, NAMELY CAST IRON FITTINGS, HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE GSP LIST FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES. LAST YEAR, U.S. IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM FROM HONG KONG WERE VALUED AT US\$ 1.0 MILLION.

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APPLICATION OPEN FOR JOINT UK-HK GOVERNMENT FUNDING SCHEME

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE OPEN TO APPLICATION FROM MONDAY, APRIL 11, THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG AND UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENTS TO HELP NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS MEET THE HIGH TUITION FEES CHARGED ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UK.

IT IS OPEN TO HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING FULL-TIME FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND MAINTAINED COLLEGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UK, SUBJECT TO THEIR HAVING RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO COURSE COMMENCEMENT.

THE SCHEME IS MEANS-TESTED AND THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IS THE FULL DIFFERENCE OF TUITION FEES PAYABLE BY AN OVERSEAS STUDENT AND A BRITISH HOME STUDENT STUDYING THE SAME COURSE.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS. BUT IF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT EXCEEDS THE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEN EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SHARE OF GRANT WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED, WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP BY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN SOLELY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

/APPLICATION FORMS

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APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED BY AN INSTITUTION IN THE UK FOR ONE OF THE COURSES COVERED BY THE SCHEME (PROOF OF CONDITIONAL OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE). TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8622741.

STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE UK MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS DIRECT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS, OR FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE AT 6 GRAFTON STREET, LONDON W1X 3LB, ENGLAND (TEL. NO.: 01-499-9821).

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY HAND TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION. THE CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS ARE JULY 1 THIS YEAR FOR ON-COURSE STUDENTS AND OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR FOR NEW STUDENTS.

TO MEET THE DEADLINE, ON-COURSE STUDENTS (THAT IS, THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY STARTED THEIR FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES IN THE UK) SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THEIR ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

THEY SHOULD APPLY FIRST ON THE STRENGTH OF AN ENDORSEMENT BY THEIR INSTITUTIONS THAT THEY WILL BE PROMOTED TO A HIGHER YEAR OF STUDIES IN 1988-89, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

LIKEWISE, NEW STUDENTS INTENDING TO START THEIR COURSES IN 1988-89 SHOULD APPLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY AN INSTITUTION EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS OR THE POLYTECHNICS CENTRAL ADMISSIONS SYSTEM, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A CONDITIONAL OFFER.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINES BUT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR MAY BE ACCEPTED BUT WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS ONLY.

THESE LOANS WILL BE OFFERED SOLELY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME MEANS-TESTING CRITERIA.

AS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT PAYABLE IN EACH CASE CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE BEFORE TERM COMMENCEMENT.

STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO EXAMINE DISCREETLY THEIR OWN MEANS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STUDY IN THE UK, AND TO BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL TUITION FEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

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AFTER SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS PARTICULARS REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WILL LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MAY ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

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DOUBLE PLEASURE FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR'S EASTER CONCERT AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL TONIGHT (SATURDAY) HAD BROUGHT HIM DOUBLE PLEASURE.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR WAN SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME FOR HIM TO OFFICIATE AT A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY IN TUEN MUN SINCE HE ASSUMED DUTY AND THE FIRST TIME FOR THE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN THE TOWN HALL. BOTH OF THESE WERE MEANINGFUL.

IN FACT, HE WAS AMAZED AT THE STARTLING GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN AND THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

"THE RECENT COMPLETION OF PROJECTS SUCH AS THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, TOWN PARK AND LAW COURTS, TOGETHER WITH THE COMING INTO SERVICE OF THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, POST OFFICE AND CENTRAL LIBRARY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS," MR WAN SAID.

HE SAID THE IMPROVEMENT OF RESIDENTS' LIVING STANDARD DID NOT ONLY HINGE ON THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS FACILITIES.

"MORE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ORGANISED FOR THE 300,000 INHABITANTS IN TUEN MUN TO ENRICH THEIR SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL LIFE," HE SAID.

MR WAN NOTED THAT TONIGHT'S CONCERT HAD SUCCEEDED IN ATTRACTING AN AUDIENCE FROM DIFFERENT AREAS, HOUSING ESTATES AND VILLAGES TO ENJOY A PERFORMANCE PRESENTED BY A CHOIR NURTURED FROM THEIR OWN DISTRICT.

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"THIS SHOWS THAT IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MUSICAL TRAINING FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, TOGETHER WITH OTHER LOCAL CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS, HAVE ALSO TAKEN UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HELPING TO ENRICH RESIDENTS' CULTURAL LIFE AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY UNITY."

MR WAN ALSO HOPED THAT THE CHOIR AND OTHER DISTRICT CULTURAL GROUPS WOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE EXCELLENT PERFORMING VENUES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES.

AT TONIGHT'S CONCERT, THE CHOIR PERFORMED A NUMBER OF HYMNS, INCLUDING "LARGO", "LITTLE STAR", "EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW", "JESUS IS A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR", "EVERYDAY EVERY HOUR" AND "SEEK YE FIRST".

SOLO PERFORMANCES INCLUDED "THE LORD'S PRAYER" AND "WISH".

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WAS "RESURRECTION OF THE LORD" AND "THIS SONG", JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE CHOIR AND A POPULAR GROUP, THE EQUATOR.

THE CONCERT WAS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ARTS GRANTS

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REGISTERED NON-PROFIT MAKING CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND ARTISTES CAN NOW APPLY FOR PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) FOR 1988-89.

INTRODUCED IN APRIL 1985, THE GRANTS ASSIST LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS AND ARTISTES IN MOUNTING SPECIFIC PERFORMANCES AND PROJECTS.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THERE HAD BEEN A VERY GOOD RESPONSE TO THE GRANTS DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR WHEN 21 PROJECTS FROM 16 LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WERE AWARDED GRANTS.

"UNDER THESE GRANTS, MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION WAS GIVEN TO SUBSIDISE 580 LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS, AND THIS BENEFITTED 420,000 PEOPLE," HE SAID.

"OF THE \$1.5 MILLION GRANTED, \$475,000 WAS AWARDED TO MUSIC ORGANISATIONS, MAINLY TO HELP IN STAGING 11 CONCERTS; AND \$153,500 WAS AWARDED TO DANCE ORGANISATIONS TO HELP MEET EXPENSES FOR EIGHT DANCE PERFORMANCES, 75 DANCE EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE HONG KONG DANCE FORUM.

/"ANOTHER \$320,000

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"ANOTHER \$320,000 WAS ALLOCATED TO EIGHT DRAMA ORGANISATIONS TO STAGE 45 PERFORMANCES; \$575,000 WAS GRANTED TO SUBSIDISE THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LIMITED TO ORGANISE ITS FRINGE '88 AND OTHER PROJECTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL'S SECRETARIAT ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED AT MEETINGS TO BE HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS STARTING FROM MAY AND APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULT WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-735878, 5-735425 OR 5-735569.

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ROAD CLOSURES AND PLB RESTRICTED ZONE
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF KWUN TONG BY-PASS, YAU HONG STREET BETWEEN ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH CHA KWO LING ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ONE YEAR FROM MONDAY (APRIL 11).

MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO ENTER YAU HONG STREET VIA ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH CHA KWO LING ROAD.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND MEI WAN STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1.15 AM TO 5.45 AM ON APRIL 12 (TUESDAY) AND 13.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE. MOTORISTS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI HO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHING TAK STREET IN WONG TAI SIN, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEUNG TAK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BECOME A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE OPERATING DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SUN SING STREET

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SUN SING STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND NAM ON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX DAYS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 12).

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

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WATER CUT IN NGAU TAU KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD AND CHOI HA ROAD, INCLUDING LEE KEE BUILDING, AMOY GARDENS AND BLOCKS NO. 10 TO 16 OF JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE.

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