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EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA  
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AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AFTER JUNE 30, 1997. IN CONFIRMATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS EXCHANGED MEMORANDA IN PEKING ON NOVEMBER 27, THE TEXTS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BRITISH MEMORANDUM

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AND RELATED MATTERS AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN SECTION XIV OF ANNEX I TO THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG. THE EMBASSY ALSO REFER TO THE EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED APRIL 11, 1986.

TO ENSURE THAT HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WILL NOT EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY WHEN TRAVELLING ABROAD IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WITH A TEN-YEAR VALIDITY DURING THE PERIOD EXTENDING FROM JULY 1, 1987 TO JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY MAY CONTINUE TO BE USED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 UNTIL THEIR DUE EXPIRY DATES. IT IS FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT THAT ANY REFERENCE TO +HONG KONG+ IN CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+ OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

TO ENSURE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT WILL BE ADDED TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WHOSE HOLDERS HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AND HOLD PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS STATING THAT RIGHT:

+THE HOLDER OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY HAS HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD NUMBER (XYZ) WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.+

/THE UNITED .....

THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHALL AUTHORISE THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, PASSPORTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HOLD PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL OTHER PERSONS LAWFULLY RESIDING IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

TO ENABLE CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY ISSUED BETWEEN JULY 1, 1987 AND JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE TO BE SUITABLE FOR USE AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WILL MODIFY THE PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY BY INTRODUCING THE CHANGES DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX.

THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL, WHEN NECESSARY, STATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES THAT HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY CARRYING THE ENDORSEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE WILL BE ENTITLED TO RETURN TO THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, AND THAT ANY REFERENCE IN SUCH CERTIFICATES TO +HONG KONG+ WILL BE TAKEN, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+.

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THE PRESENT HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WILL BE MODIFIED BY:

- (1) FRONT COVER: REMOVING THE CREST AT CENTRE AND LEAVING THE SPACE BLANK,
- (2) PAGE ONE: REMOVING THE CREST BELOW THE WORDS +CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY+ AND LEAVING THE SPACE BLANK,
- (3) PAGE THREE: REPLACING +COUNTRIES+ BY +PARTS OF THE WORLD+ IN THE FIRST SENTENCE AND DELETING THE WORDS +EXCEPT CHINA MACAO+,
- (4) PAGE FOUR AND PAGES SIX TO FORTY-FOUR: REPLACING THE OVERPRINTING OF THE CREST BY ANOTHER SECURITY DESIGN,
- (5) PAGE FOUR: ADDING THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT: +THE HOLDER OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY HAS HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD NUMBER (XYZ) WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG+,

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- (6) INSIDE BACK COVER:
- (A) DELETING NOTE 3 WHICH STATES THAT THE HOLDER IS NOT ENTITLED TO BRITISH CONSULAR PROTECTION, AND
  - (B) DELETING THE WORDS +OR TO THE NEAREST BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION OR CONSULATE+ FROM THE SECOND SENTENCE OF NOTE 5 (TO BE RENUMBERED AS NOTE 4) WHICH REFERS TO WHAT THE HOLDER SHOULD DO IF HE LOSES HIS CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (SEE NOTE BELOW), AND
- (7) REMOVING ALL OTHER COLONIAL INSIGNIA SUCH AS CRESTS WHICH APPEAR ON THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION OFFICERS' STAMPS.

NOTE: HOLDER OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY DO NOT REQUIRE THIS INSTRUCTION AS THEY INVARIABLY KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO CONTACT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG AND IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE BRITISH CONSULATE OR, AS IS MORE USUALLY THE CASE, THROUGH THEIR RELATIVES IN HONG KONG.

CHINESE MEMORANDUM (TRANSLATION)

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1986 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AND RELATED MATTERS AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT DISCUSSIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, HAS THE HONOUR TO ELABORATE THE POSITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM AS FOLLOWS:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN SECTION XIV OF ANNEX 1 TO THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL ALLOW CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY (MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM AND ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BETWEEN JULY 1, 1987 AND JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE WITH THE NORMAL TEN-YEAR VALIDITY) TO CONTINUE TO BE USED AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 UNTIL THEIR DUE EXPIRY DATES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL AGREE THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MAY ADD AN ENDORSEMENT TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY ISSUED BETWEEN JULY 1, 1987 AND JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE, TO SHOW THE HOLDER'S RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG WHERE THE HOLDER HAS THAT RIGHT.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, ANY REFERENCE TO +HONG KONG+ IN CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY ISSUED BETWEEN JULY 1, 1987 AND JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+. FOR THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA EXPRESSES ITS UNDERSTANDING.

THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT SHALL AUTHORISE THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, PASSPORTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HOLD PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ALL OTHER PERSONS LAWFULLY RESIDING IN THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

TO FACILITATE TRAVELLING ABROAD BY HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL, WHEN NECESSARY, STATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES THAT HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY CARRYING THE ENDORSEMENT AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM WILL BE ENTITLED TO RETURN TO THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER JUNE 30, 1997, AND THAT ANY REFERENCE THEM TO +HONG KONG+ WILL, ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE +HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION+ OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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JOINT LIAISON GROUP COMMUNIQUE  
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THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS FIFTH MEETING IN PEKING FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 28, 1986. THE MEETING DEALT WITH A FULL AGENDA. POSITIVE RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED.

BOTH SIDES NOTED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG OF MAINTAINING A STABLE AND EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE THERE. THE GROUP HELD A THOROUGH-GOING DISCUSSION ON THE NEW PENSION SCHEME, AND REACHED FULL AGREEMENT.

THE GROUP HELD A FURTHER DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS OF THE RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENT AND MADE GOOD PROGRESS.

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ON THE BASIS OF WORK DONE BY THE SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, THE GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE MEANS FOR HONG KONG, AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, TO MAINTAIN ITS ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION AND ON THE APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED TOWARDS THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF MARITIME CONVENTIONS RELEVANT TO HONG KONG.

THE GROUP ALSO REACHED AGREEMENT ON HOW TO ENSURE THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPROPRIATE CAPACITY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION, EXERCISING THE SAME AUTONOMY IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AS AT PRESENT.

THE GROUP ALSO HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE ON THE ROLE OF HONG KONG IN THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL.

THE GROUP EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK DONE BY EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES BEFORE AND DURING THE SESSION.

THE GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 17 TO 20, 1987.

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USEFUL DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON - GOVERNOR  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE HAD A USEFUL SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERS IN LONDON ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS THE 1987 POLITICAL REVIEW, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, DEFENCE COSTS, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD A FULL REVIEW WITH MINISTERS OF WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON IN HONG KONG.

WE AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS REGULAR SERIES OF CONSULTATION SO THAT LONDON COULD BE UP TO DATE WITH THE THINKING IN HONG KONG AND HONG KONG COULD BE UP TO DATE WITH THE THINKING IN LONDON, HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF DEFENCE COSTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WENT TO THE DEFENCE MINISTRY AND ALSO HAD A TALK WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE HOME OFFICE, MR DAVID WADDINGTON.

/SIR EDWARD .....

SIR EDWARD SAID HE EMPHASISED AGAIN TO MINISTERS, ON THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ISSUE, THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED TO A STEADY RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG SO AS TO BRING THE NUMBERS DOWN.

+THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS STILL REVIEWING ITS POLICY. BUT I WAS ASSURED THAT THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP US OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER BRITAIN WAS CONSIDERING TAKING IN MORE REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID: +THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT NOW. I WAS QUITE CLEAR IN MY TALKS WITH THEM THAT WE DO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A CONTINUING OFFTAKE IN NUMBERS.+

HE ADDED THAT THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION HAD BEEN RAISED. THE VIEW WAS THAT REPATRIATION MIGHT BE A LONG-TERM SOLUTION. BUT THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES, AND IN THE SHORT-TERM, RESETTLEMENT SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY TO GO.

+AND THAT IS WHY I EMPHASISED TO MINISTERS THE IMPORTANCE OF A REGULAR OFFTAKE,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INDICATION THAT BRITAIN WOULD TAKE IN MORE REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID MINISTERS HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE UK WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SEE WHAT MORE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTIONS MIGHT BE FOUND.

ON DEFENCE COSTS, SIR EDWARD SAID THE TALKS WERE MAINLY PRELIMINARY BECAUSE THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT START UNTIL THE SPRING. +BUT WE WOULD TRY TO COMPLETE THEM BY THE END OF 1987,+ HE SAID.

THE TALKS WOULD OF COURSE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY CHANGES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE IN THE GARRISON BETWEEN 1987 AND 1997. BUT NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THAT AS YET, HE ADDED.

ON NEXT YEAR'S POLITICAL REVIEW, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO MINISTERS THAT THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY A WIDE RANGE OF OPINIONS STILL BEING EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG.

EVERYONE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS AT THIS STAGE AS TO WHAT CHANGES MIGHT BE MADE IN 1988.

ASKED WHETHER HE HAD CONSULTED MINISTERS ON THE QUESTION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THEY HAD A LONG DISCUSSION ON THE STATE OF OPINION ON THAT SUBJECT AND HE HAD DESCRIBED TO MINISTERS THE VARYING VIEWS WHICH WERE BEING EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG.

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+AS I SAID, IT IS TOO EARLY TO COME TO A CONCLUSION ON THIS,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT ON HONG KONG TO PARLIAMENT, HE SAID THE REPORT WOULD COVER THE CALENDAR YEAR THIS TIME AND WOULD APPEAR IN EARLY 1987.

+OF COURSE WE WOULD PUT INTO IT ALL THOSE ELEMENTS OF MOST INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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HK TEAM FOR GUANGDONG BORDER LIAISON MEETING  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD, AND A DELEGATION OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, WILL VISIT GUANGDONG FROM DECEMBER 3 TO 6.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF BORDER LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS. ANNUAL REVIEWS HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE THE SYSTEM OF BORDER LIAISON WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1981. THE LAST MEETING TOOK PLACE IN HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER 1985.

THE BORDER LIAISON SYSTEM PROVIDES FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONTACT AT THE BORDER BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR GUANGDONG COUNTERPARTS.

IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING THE REVIEW MEETING, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL VISIT PLACES OF INTEREST IN GUANGDONG.

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IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING STRESSED  
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WHILE CONTINUOUS INVESTMENT IN MODERN PRODUCTION PLANT AND EQUIPMENT IS ESSENTIAL, IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO USE IT ARE TRAINED TO USE IT PROPERLY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST, MR YEUNG SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT EXERCISED AN INFLUENCE ON THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHICH PROVIDED TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCILS OF THE TWO POLYTECHNICS, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND ON MANY OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

+CONVERSELY, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND NOT A FEW PROMINENT SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS FROM THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE SERVICED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

+TO ENSURE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER, THE VTC CARRIES OUT BIENNIAL SURVEYS OF EACH INDUSTRY TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT EMPLOYMENT LEVELS, AND TO FORECAST THEIR REQUIREMENTS AT EACH LEVEL OF SKILL OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

+AS THE SURVEY IS USED PRIMARILY TO GUIDE THE VTC ON THE QUANTUM AND TYPE OF TRAINING ITS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES SHOULD BE PROVIDING AT OPERATIVE, CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE QUALITY OF TRAINING REQUIRED BY MANUFACTURERS AT TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE.+

MR YEUNG SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD WAS INCREASINGLY FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON WHETHER TECHNOLOGISTS TRAINED BY THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS MET THE EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING.

+AS A RESULT, THE RELEVANCE AND USEFULNESS OF MANPOWER TRAINING AT TECHNOLOGIST LEVEL ARE BEGINNING TO FEATURE PROMINENTLY IN THE INDUSTRY-BY-INDUSTRY, TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADVICE OF THE IDB,+ HE ADDED.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN SURPASSED BY ITS REGIONAL COMPETITORS IN THE APPLICATION OF TWO TYPES OF RAPIDLY EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY - THE USE OF APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASIC) AND THE APPLICATION OF SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT).

+NEVERTHELESS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS, ON THE STRONG ADVICE OF THE IDB, CONCEIVED AN EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ACQUIRE ASIC TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

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+THE SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE PRACTISING ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE TRAINED ABROAD IN THE DESIGN OF ASIC, MAINLY AT THE TECHNOLOGICAL CENTRES OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SEMICONDUCTOR MULTINATIONALS.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SKILLS THEY ACQUIRE WOULD HELP INTRODUCE A MEASURE OF PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION.+

HE ADDED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE SCHEME TO START IN 1987-88.

APART FROM MANPOWER TRAINING, MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HELPED MANUFACTURERS TO ACHIEVE HIGHER LEVELS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY THROUGH A RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

+TO ENRICH HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORT ALSO TRIES TO ATTRACT TO HONG KONG OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS WHO MAKE PRODUCTS OR USE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES THAT ARE NEW TO THE TERRITORY.+

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CIVIC EDUCATION AWARENESS INCREASING  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION TO FURTHER CEMENT THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG, PEOPLE WERE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, MR HO SAID THAT APART FROM ISSUING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD TAKEN ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE SCHOOLS.

A COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAD BEEN SET UP TO CENTRALISE THIS PROMOTION WORK AND A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON CIVIC EDUCATION HAD ALSO STARTED IN ALL DISTRICTS, HE SAID.

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MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE WAS MAINLY TO STUDY, DISCUSS AND MAKE PROPOSALS ON THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION. BESIDES, IT ALSO HELPED TO COORDINATE AND LIAISE WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN PROMOTING GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO AIMED AT ENCOURAGING ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED \$750 000 FROM GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND FOR SUBSIDISING VARIOUS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEMES.

MR HO NOTED THAT THE SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION WAS VERY WIDE, EDUCATING PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES ON THE ONE HAND, AND STRENGTHENING THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE TERRITORY ON THE OTHER.

+I BELIEVE THAT THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR IS ONLY A BEGINNING. THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK VIGOROUSLY TO RAISE PEOPLE'S CIVIC AWARENESS,+ HE SAID.

SINCE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN JULY, IT HAD RECEIVED FUNDS OF ABOUT \$60 000 FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD.

+I HOPE THAT ALL RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND ACT ACCORDING TO THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN SLOGAN -- CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY,+ MR HO SAID.

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REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS SUPPORTED  
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE SUPPORTED THE REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS.

SPEAKING AT AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MODERN BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA, MR BARNES SAID THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HAD PROPOSED THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD GIVE STATUTORY RECOGNITION TO THE STATUS OF ARCHITECTS AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE FOR THEM TO PRACTISE AS ARCHITECTS.

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+I FULLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF REGISTRATION. IT IS TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SELF-REGULATION,+ HE SAID.

+IF STANDARDS WERE LEGALLY ESTABLISHED AND WERE CONTROLLED AT A HIGH LEVEL BY PROFESSIONAL BODIES, THEN THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY ON NON-PRODUCTIVE REGULATORY POLICING WOULD BE REDUCED.+

HOWEVER, HE SAID IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING STANDARDS WAS NOT EASY.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS NEEDED CONSTANT MONITORING, AND DISCIPLINING OF PROFESSIONALS WHO HAD FALLEN SHORT OF STANDARDS MUST BE EFFECTIVELY DONE AND, FOR THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC, BE SEEN TO BE DONE.

STATUTORY REGISTRATION WAS ALSO A COMMON AIM OF THE ARCHITECTS' PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES IN OTHER DISCIPLINES SUCH AS ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND TOWN PLANNING, MR BARNES NOTED.

+AS SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IT IS MY AIM TO ENSURE THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENCY OF STANDARDS, QUALIFICATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, FEES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF REGISTRATION BE ACHIEVED FOR ALL DISCIPLINES,+ HE SAID.

+I SAY CONSISTENCY, NOT IDENTITY, BUT EVEN THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK, AND I FORESEE THE NEED FOR CONTINUAL COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PROFESSIONAL BODIES TO ACHIEVE THIS.

+I AM ALSO KEEN TO MAKE SURE THAT A +CLOSED SHOP+ SYSTEM IS AVOIDED.+

PROFESSIONALS OF WHATEVER BACKGROUND, PROVIDED THEY HAD HAD PROVEN EQUIVALENT TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION, HE SAID.

MR BARNES ALSO SAID AN ISSUE WHICH CONCERNED HIM WAS THAT THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE COVERED THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, BUT DID NOT DEAL WITH THE INTERVENING PERIOD.

HONG KONG HAD A MASSIVE BUILDING STOCK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MUCH OF IT DEVELOPED TO MAXIMUM POTENTIAL, THEREBY REMOVING ANY INCENTIVE FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT.

IT WAS NOT THEREFORE LIKELY TO BE REPLACED FOR A VERY LONG TIME, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WITH MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP MAINTENANCE WAS OFTEN NOT CARRIED OUT PROPERLY, HE SAID.

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APART FROM THE UNDESIRABLE ENVIRONMENT CREATED BY LACK OF MAINTENANCE IT COULD LEAD TO PREMATURE STRUCTURAL DETERIORATION.

NEW LEGISLATION MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION BY REQUIRING REGULAR MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF SATISFACTORY CONDITION FOR OLDER BUILDINGS, NOT UNLIKE THE SYSTEM RECENTLY INTRODUCED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

+THIS IS AN AREA GOVERNMENT WILL BE LOOKING AT CLOSELY,+ HE SAID.

+I UNDERSTAND COUNTRIES SUCH AS SINGAPORE AND AUSTRALIA HAVE LAWS ON MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

+THESE MAY PROVIDE US WITH A USEFUL LEAD,+ HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID A MAJOR INNOVATION IN IMPROVING THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG WHICH WAS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO ARCHITECTS WAS THE SETTING UP OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE CORPORATION WOULD ENABLE MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE AND ACCELERATED RE-DEVELOPMENT OF OLDER URBAN AREAS WITH MORE COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNED AND BETTER CONSTRUCTED RENEWAL SCHEMES.

+THESE SCHEMES WILL REQUIRE ALL THE INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION TO OPTIMISE THE POTENTIAL OF EACH SITE AND TO PRODUCE BUILDINGS OF QUALITY OF WHICH HONG KONG AND CHINA CAN BE PROUD AS WE MOVE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY,+ MR BARNES SAID.

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MAJOR STRIDES MADE IN LEPROSY CONTROL  
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MAJOR STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES IN THE CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND LEPROSY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ASIAN DERMATOLOGICAL CONGRESS, DR THONG SAID THAT THERE WERE 78 NEW CASES IN 1976 COMPARED WITH 217 CASES IN 1965, A DECREASE OF TWO-THIRDS IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENCES OR A DROP IN THE INCIDENCE RATE FROM 6.1 PER 100 000 TO 1.8 PER 100 000.

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THE SUCCESSFUL CONTROL OF LEPROSY, WHICH WAS ONCE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY MEDICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS, RESULTED IN THE CLOSURE OF THE LEPROSARIUM IN 1976, HE SAID.

+BY 1985 THERE WERE ONLY 32 NEW CASES WITH AN EVEN LOWER INCIDENCE RATE OF 0.6 PER 100 000 POPULATION,+ HE ADDED.

DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT MULTI-DRUG THERAPY ON LEPROSY WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1977, WELL BEFORE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, HAD PRODUCED PROMISING RESULTS.

IN 1985, THE SOCIAL HYGIENE SERVICES, WHICH OPERATED CLINICS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND LEPROSY, HAD A TOTAL OF 116 000 ATTENDANCES.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF DERMATOLOGICAL SERVICES, DR THONG SAID ADDITIONAL CLINIC AND HOSPITAL FACILITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

HE SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT IN MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DURING THE PAST DECADE.

A WIDE RANGE OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED THROUGH A NETWORK OF HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRES, HE ADDED.

THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE TERRITORY HAD INCREASED FROM 18 561 IN 1975 TO 24 638 IN 1985 WHILE THE NUMBER OF CLINICS HAD INCREASED FROM 49 TO 64 DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

TODAY'S CONGRESS, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 160 DELEGATES FROM 14 ASIAN COUNTRIES, ALSO MARKED THE INAUGURATION OF THE ASIAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

DR THONG CONGRATULATED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR WISDOM AND HARD WORK IN BRINGING ABOUT ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE TO ENCOURAGE THE ADVANCEMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

DR THONG SAID HE FELT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD PLAY ALL IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE BY PROVIDING A USEFUL FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND THE LATEST ADVANCEMENT IN DERMATOLOGY AMONG DERMATOLOGISTS IN ASIA.

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BILL PROPOSES INSURERS TO MAINTAIN HK BUSINESS ACCOUNTS  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND EXISTING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE INSURERS CARRYING ON LONG TERM BUSINESS TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS IN RESPECT OF THEIR HONG KONG BUSINESS ONLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SAID THAT UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, INSURERS CARRYING ON LONG TERM BUSINESS IN HONG KONG ARE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE FUND FOR SUCH BUSINESS, ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS, AND MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS FOR IDENTIFYING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THAT FUND.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, SERVES TO EMPOWER THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORISE AN OVERSEAS INSURER WHICH IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THAT SECTION TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTS IDENTIFYING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO ITS LONG TERM BUSINESS CARRIED ON IN HONG KONG ONLY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION.

HE SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROTECTION WOULD BE REQUIRING THE INSURER'S ASSETS REPRESENTING THE INSURER'S LIABILITIES TO THE POLICY HOLDERS TO BE LOCATED IN HONG KONG SO THAT, IN THE EVENT OF THE INSURER BEING WOUND UP, THE LIQUIDATOR COULD SECURE THESE ASSETS TO MEET THE INSURER'S LIABILITIES TO THE POLICY HOLDERS.

+DURING THE DELIBERATIONS LEADING TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN 1983, SUCH LOCALISATION OF ASSETS WAS HOWEVER CONSIDERED TO BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH HONG KONG'S OPEN ECONOMY AND FREE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT, AND NOT, GIVEN THE RELATIVE IMMaturity OF HONG KONG'S CAPITAL MARKETS, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF POLICY HOLDERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE ORDINANCE, THEREFORE, HAS ADOPTED THE APPROACH OF A QUALIFIED PROTECTION IN THE FORM OF SECTION 22, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY AN ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS QUALIFIED PROTECTION DEPENDED ON THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY'S VIGILANCE IN MONITORING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF AN INSURER AND THE WIDE DISCRETIONARY POWERS GIVEN TO HIM UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

+FOR INSTANCE, WHERE THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY HAS CAUSE FOR CONCERN OVER THE STABILITY OF A PARTICULAR INSURER, HE CAN EXERCISE HIS POWERS TO COMPEL THE INSURER CONCERNED TO MAINTAIN ASSETS IN HONG KONG SUFFICIENT TO MEET ITS DOMESTIC LIABILITIES AND TO HAVE THOSE ASSETS HELD ON THE INSURER'S BEHALF BY A TRUSTEE APPROVED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY,+ HE SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CERTAIN FOREIGN INSURERS WHOSE MAIN BUSINESS WAS OUTSIDE HONG KONG COULD NOT COMPLY WITH THE SECTION 22 REQUIREMENT BECAUSE OF THE LAW OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES OF INCORPORATION.

+FULL COMPLIANCE WOULD ENTAIL EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN OR EVEN A TOTAL RESTRUCTURING OF THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS WHICH, IF DEEMED POSSIBLE, WOULD BE AN EXPENSIVE EXERCISE,+ HE SAID.

+THESE INSURERS, WHICH ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED AND OF HIGH INTERNATIONAL STANDING, MIGHT BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM HONG KONG IF THEY HAVE TO ADOPT THEIR WORLDWIDE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE HONG KONG LEGISLATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD NOT ERODE THE EXTENT OF PROTECTION FOR HONG KONG POLICY HOLDERS.

HE SAID ACCOUNTS IDENTIFYING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE LONG TERM BUSINESS IN HONG KONG WOULD EQUALLY FACILITATE THE SECURING OF THE NECESSARY ASSETS BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO MEET THE INSURER'S HONG KONG LIABILITIES WHEN REQUIRED.

+WHILE THE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PROVIDE IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR THOSE HONG KONG POLICY HOLDERS OF THE OVERSEAS INSURERS CONCERNED, PROTECTION WOULD HOWEVER BE ENHANCED GENERALLY THROUGH IMPROVED DIALOGUE WITH SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES OF THE RESPECTIVE COMPANIES' COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN,+ HE ADDED.

THE PROPOSAL HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 10, 1986.

COMMENTS ON THE BILL MAY BE SENT TO THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, HARCOURT ROAD, AND THE OMELCO OFFICE AT JACKSON ROAD.

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AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS REVISED  
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AMENDMENTS TO AN ORDER GOVERNING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT USING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1986 WHICH EXTENDS THE PRESCRIBED AREAS, REDUCES THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN SOME AREAS, AND INCREASES IT IN OTHER AREAS.

THE NEW ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1957 TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON BUILDING HEIGHTS REQUIRED FOR AIRCRAFT SAFETY.

THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED IN 1966 AND 1967 AND IN 1982. IT WAS CONSOLIDATED INTO THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER.

THE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS PRESCRIBED HAVE BEEN BROADLY BASED ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION (ICAO) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, BUT ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TOPOGRAPHY AND EXISTING BUILDINGS. REVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FROM TIME TO TIME AS NECESSARY TO MEET CHANGING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

IN 1982, THE ICAO GUIDANCE MATERIAL ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLIGHT PROCEDURES WAS EXTENSIVELY REVISED.

+THIS, COUPLED WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS THE NEED TO DETERMINE HEIGHT LIMITS FOR NEWLY RECLAIMED LAND AND THE NEED TO BRING INTO EFFECT RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW RADIO-NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, INITIATED AN OVERALL REVIEW OF AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+ANY BUILDING WHICH EXISTED, OR PLANS FOR WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BEFORE DECEMBER 1, WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMENDMENTS WILL MEAN THAT NEW LIMITS ARE MORE STRINGENT FOR PARTS OF SAI WAN HO, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHA KWO LING. WHEN NEW DEVELOPMENT OR RE-DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE IN THESE AREAS, THE CAPACITY WILL OBVIOUSLY BE REDUCED.

HOWEVER, IN SOME OTHER AREAS INCLUDING CHAI WAN, SIU SAI WAN AND LEI YUE MUN THE REVISED LIMITS WILL MEAN A RELAXATION AND GREATER DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

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TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF +FOOD+ PROPOSED  
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THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1986 WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO BRING IN A PROPOSED TECHNICAL ALTERNATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFINITION OF +FOOD+.

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SAID SECTION 2(B) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986, WHICH PROVIDES CONTROL ON THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+, WAS ENACTED IN MAY 1986 AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1987.

IT AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF +FOOD+ IN SECTION 2(1) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE BY MEANS OF A TEXTUAL ALTERATION.

+HOWEVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +SECTION 2(A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1986, WHICH BANS THE IMPORT, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS, WAS ENACTED TWO WEEKS AGO AND HAS ALREADY COME INTO OPERATION.+

+THIS HAS INSERTED A NEW DEFINITION OF +FOOD+ IN SECTION 2(1) OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, AND THE TEXT OF THE NEW DEFINITION IS SUCH THAT IT RENDERS THE TEXTUAL ALTERATION MENTIONED ABOVE INAPPROPRIATE.+

+IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO AMEND SECTION 2(B) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986 TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEW DEFINITION OF +FOOD+ IN SECTION 2(1) OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1987,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE IN ANY WAY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF MINERAL WATER.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 3, 1986.

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NEW FISH CULTURE ZONE DESIGNATED

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A NEW FISH CULTURE ZONE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED UNDER THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE AND SEVEN EXISTING ZONES HAVE BEEN REVISED.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW ZONE, COVERING 15 HECTARES AT YIM TIN TSAI (EAST), SHUEN WAN HOI, TAI PO, BRINGS TO 28 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ZONES ESTABLISHED FOR FISH CULTURE SINCE THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1982.

THE SEVEN REVISED ZONES ARE KAT O, TAP MUN, KAU LAU WAN, SHAM WAN, LEUNG SHUEN WAN, TAI TAU CHAU AND CHEUNG SHA WAN. THE REVISION HAS RESULTED IN THEIR TOTAL AREA INCREASING FROM 28.2 HECTARES TO 37.5 HECTARES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES), DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE NEW ZONE AT YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) WAS DESIGNATED PRIMARILY TO ACCOMMODATE MARICULTURISTS FROM YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE WHO WERE AFFECTED BY A FISH KILL IN THE AREA LAST DECEMBER.

+OVER THE YEARS, REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MARICULTURISTS TO EXPAND SOME OF THE MORE POPULAR ZONES. THE REVISION SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATER FOR UP TO 200 APPLICANTS ALREADY WAIT-LISTED FOR THESE ZONES,+ HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID THE DECISION TO DESIGNATE A NEW ZONE AND TO REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF SEVEN ZONES WAS MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS.

HE SAID THAT FOUR CATEGORIES OF MARICULTURISTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR LICENCES TO PRACTISE MARINE FISH CULTURE IN THE NEW ZONE AT YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. THEY ARE:

- \* LICENSEES IN YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE WHO PREVIOUSLY PRACTISED IN YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE IN 1982;
- \* OTHER LICENSEES IN YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONE;
- \* LICENSEES FROM OTHER ZONES WHO PREVIOUSLY PRACTISED IN YIM TIN TSAI (EAST) BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND
- \* LICENSEES FROM OTHER ZONES WHO PREVIOUSLY PRACTISED ELSEWHERE IN TOLO HARBOUR BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

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ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES REGULATORY SECTION ON 3-7332186.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF MARICULTURISTS IN THE TAI PO AREA, A REGISTRATION CENTRE WILL BE SET UP AT THE FMO TAI PO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT YIM TIN TSAI, TAI PO, ON DECEMBER 3 AND 4, FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO PRACTISE IN THE NEW ZONE.

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FORSGATE RE-APPOINTED KCRC CHAIRMAN  
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A GAZETTE NOTICE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AS CHAIRMAN, AND OF MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN AND MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AS MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THE RE-APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM DECEMBER 24, 1986.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE MR J.A. RICHARDSON, MR DAVID LI, MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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PREMISES SET ASIDE FOR WELFARE PROJECTS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS RESERVED NINE PREMISES FOR WELFARE AGENCIES TO SET UP NURSERIES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THE PREMISES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN EIGHT NEW OR RE-DEVELOPED HOUSING ESTATES IN TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, HUNG HOM, KWUN TONG AND IN A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN CHAI WAN.

SIX WILL BECOME NURSERIES WHILE THE OTHER THREE WILL BE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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THE SOCIAL CENTRES MEASURE ABOUT 170 SQUARE METRES AND THE NURSERIES RANGE FROM 234 TO 675 SQUARE METRES.

A LIST OF THE PREMISES HAS BEEN SENT TO WELFARE AGENCIES SO THAT THEY MAY APPLY TO OPERATE IN THEM. APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 31.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED WELFARE AGENCIES THAT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO PROVIDE A PARTICULAR SERVICE DID NOT AUTOMATICALLY IMPLY THAT RECURRENT SUBVENTIONS OR A CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

+APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE SEPARATELY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE OUTCOME OF THE ALLOCATION.

+EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS,+ HE SAID.

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ELDERLY TO SHOW DANCING SKILLS  
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MORE THAN 300 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL TAKE TO THE FLOOR WHEN THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IS HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL AGED OVER 60, COME FROM SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, HOMES FOR THE AGED, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THEY HAVE FORMED 35 TEAMS TO PERFORM CHINESE, FOLK, MODERN AND AEROBIC DANCES.

THE FESTIVAL WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO ENJOYING TRYING OUT THEIR SKILLS AT DANCING.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BEST TEAMS.

THE FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LOK SIN TONG. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, HOLY CARPENTER CHURCH MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE EVENT WILL BE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, REV PETER CHOW; CHAIRMAN OF LOK SIN TONG, MR LAU TAK; AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR NG KAI-KIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TO BEGIN AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY.

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FLYOVER ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD PLANNED  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD A FLYOVER ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD FROM YORK ROAD TO HEREFORD ROAD IN A PROJECT THAT WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC FLOW.

CONSTRUCTION IS DUE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FLYOVER WILL BE ABOUT 149 METRES LONG AND 6.71 METRES WIDE.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINI-ROUNDAABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF HEREFORD ROAD AND RENFREW ROAD, RECONSTRUCTION OF YORK ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD AND A SECTION OF RUTLAND QUADRANT, AS WELL AS ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JANUARY 27.

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FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED  
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A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS FEATURING 19TH CENTURY HONG KONG PORTRAITS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON DECEMBER 9.

THREE OF THE FOUR PORTRAITS DEPICTED IN THE STAMPS ARE HELD BY THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART AND THE FOURTH IS HELD BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE NEW STAMPS, IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5, WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT LEVEL 3 OF NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND SUNDAY.

FROM DECEMBER 2 (TUESDAY), TWO OTHER DISPLAYS WILL BE HELD AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL GO ON SALE ON DECEMBER 2. ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF THE COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 5 AT ALL POST OFFICES. THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE.

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A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ADVISED CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY TO MAKE USE OF THE ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, ON DECEMBER 9 FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF STAMPS CANCELLED WITH THE PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$10 EACH AT DESIGNATED COUNTERS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TSIM SHA TSUI AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICES.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDIA EXTENDED  
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDIA WHICH IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO NEW DELHI, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA AND MADRAS WILL BE EXTENDED TO TEN MORE CITIES FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 1), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS WILL BRING TO 14 THE NUMBER OF CITIES IN INDIA INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG, HE SAID.

THE 10 CITIES ARE AHMEDABAD, BANGALORE, COCHIN, GUWAHATI, INDORE, HYDERABAD, JAIPUR, KANPUR, PUNE AND VADODARA.

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE BEGINS NEXT WEEK  
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A LONG-RANGE SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE INVOLVING THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND ROYAL NAVY WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 4.

THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART WILL INCLUDE THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

THE U.S. NAVY AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED.

THE EXERCISE WILL PROVIDE CONTINUATION TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION IN SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, FOR AIRCREWS AND FOR STAFF OF THOSE EMERGENCY UNITS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH OPERATIONS.

IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO TEST ALERTING PROCEDURES, CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

THE EXERCISE WILL START WITH A SIMULATED INCIDENT INVOLVING AN AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

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TUEN MUN TA CHIU BEGINS TOMORROW  
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TEN YEAR TA CHIU IN TUEN MUN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN THE TUEN MUN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TUEN CHI WAI VILLAGE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN CHUNG YEE TONG TA CHIU COMMITTEE, THE TRADITIONAL TA CHIU ACTIVITY IS HELD EVERY 10 YEARS TO GIVE THANKS TO THE GODS AND TO PRAY FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE VILLAGERS.

ON SUNDAY, THERE WILL BE A LION AND DRAGON PARADE, WITH ABOUT 1 500 PARTICIPANTS. THE PARADE WILL COVER 12 VILLAGES IN TUEN MUN, AND WILL START FROM THE TUEN MUN PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 10 AM.

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CHINESE OPERA PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED NEXT MONTH TO ENTERTAIN VILLAGERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHUNG YEE TONG TEN YEAR TA CHIU OPENING CEREMONY AT 4 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TUEN CHI WAI VILLAGE (OPPOSITE THE MUI FAT MONASTERY) IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD. THOSE WISHING TO USE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.30 PM AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER.

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SOUTHERN RESIDENTS TO TEST ENDURANCE

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MORE THAN 300 RESIDENTS WILL TEST THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION IN A LONG DISTANCE RUN ALONG ONE OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S MOST SCENIC ROUTES ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

THE NINE-KILOMETRE RACE IN STANLEY HAS BEEN ORGANISED AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE RACE IS OPEN TO SOUTHERN RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 45. THERE WILL BE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS.

RUNNERS WILL SET OFF FROM STANLEY SPORTS GROUND AT 10 AM. THE ROUTE WILL TAKE THEM ALONG STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND WONG MA KOK ROAD AND PAST STANLEY FORT, BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT.

FIRST AID SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECKPOINTS ALONG THE ROUTE.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 RUNNERS HOME IN EACH SECTION. ALL THOSE WHO FINISH THE RACE WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN YAU-YUE, MR KEITH LAM, MR PAUL YOUNG, MR KO TAM-KAN, MR MIU WAH-CHUN, MR CHU YIU-WAH; AND STANLEY AND SHEK O AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAW KWEI-CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL LONG DISTANCE RUN WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE STANLEY SPORTS GROUND, STANLEY NEW STREET.

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1 000 TO JOIN FOLK DANCE RALLY  
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A FOLK DANCE RALLY PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MORE THAN 1 000 DANCE ENTHUSIASTS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT MONG KOK STADIUM ON SUNDAY. IT WILL START AT 5 PM.

FIFTY INSTRUCTORS AND DANCERS FROM THE BUDLET FOLK DANCE CLUB WILL LEAD PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS WESTERN FOLK DANCES.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE EVENT WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DEMONSTRATION BY A MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM.

AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO FOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS AND RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION, MR LAM KIN-MING; AND URBAN COUNCILLORS MR RONALD LEUNG AND MR CHAN KWOK-MING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT TO START AT 5 PM ON SUNDAY AT MONG KOK STADIUM.

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CARNIVAL TO CLOSE DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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AN EIGHT-HOUR CARNIVAL IN KENNEDY TOWN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) WILL CONCLUDE THE MONTH-LONG SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

STARTING AT 2 PM, A WIDE RANGE OF ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED AT THE SAI NING STREET PLAYGROUND UNTIL 10 PM.

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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DRAGON AND LION DANCES, ORIENTAL FOLK DANCE, SONGS BY POPULAR SINGERS, TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT PERFORMANCES, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, BICYCLE SKILL DEMONSTRATION, MARTIAL ART PERFORMANCE, COMPUTER GAMES, LUCKY DRAW AND STALL GAMES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITIONS ON WINNING ENTRIES OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL'S PHOTOGRAPHY, CALLIGRAPHY AND CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITIONS, AS WELL AS A DISPLAY OF VALUABLE HISTORICAL PICTURES OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

THREE FAMOUS PALMISTS WILL ALSO GIVE FREE READINGS AFTER 6.30 PM. THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL DOT THE EYES OF A DRAGON AND FOUR LIONS AT AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL.

TO ALLOW MORE RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN THE FUN, THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED A FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE TO PICK UP RESIDENTS FROM THREE DIFFERENT POINTS TO THE KENNEDY TOWN TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND.

BUSES WILL LEAVE FROM WORLDWIDE HOUSE IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, THE NORTHERN SECTION OF CENTRE STREET AT SAI YING PUN AND KWAN YICK BUILDING (PHASE 1) AT 430 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, KENNEDY TOWN BEGINNING 1 PM.

THE SERVICE WILL RUN UNTIL 9.15 PM IN THE EVENING AT 30 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR INTERVALS.

FREE TICKETS FOR STALL GAMES AND LUCKY DRAW ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE. ENQUIRY CAN BE MADE ON 5-8170196.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE KENNEDY TOWN TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND, SAI NING STREET.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSES TOMORROW  
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THE TWO-WEEK WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL '86 WILL CLOSE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE SHOW AT 7.45 PM.

PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE ROMAN TAM, THERESA CHEUNG, ROWENA CORTES, ANNABELLE LUI, CHEUNG WAI-KIN AND THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE VARIETY SHOW HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

A ONE-HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMME ON THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST BY TVB AT 8.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSING VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND IN WAI WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN.

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MONTH-LONG TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS END  
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THE MONTH-LONG TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS, FEATURING MINI-SOCCER, TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON, WILL END THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) FOLLOWING INTENSIVE MATCHES AMONG TEAMS COMPRISING RESIDENTS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VILLAGES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FINALS OF THE MINI-SOCCER COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND NEAR SAN FAT ESTATE. A DEMONSTRATION MATCH BETWEEN THE WINNING TEAM AND THE HONG KONG LADIES' SOCCER TEAM WILL FOLLOW.

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY AT ABOUT 11 AM. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MR SIT HO-YIN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER FOR TUEN MUN, MR RAYMOND FAN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER FOR NEW TERRITORIES WEST, MR HUI CHEE-CHUNG, AND POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MISS CHAN LAI-TING.

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING SPORTS PROGRAMMES IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY AT 11 AM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WILL ROAD.

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ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION FOR TSUEN WAN  
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AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO GIVE AN INSIGHT ON THE EFFECTS OF SMOKING TO HEALTH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM IN THE HALL OF THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 TAI HO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN UNTIL DECEMBER 5.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES IN THE +BUILDING THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN TSUEN WAN+ SCHEME WHICH WAS IMPLEMENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

STAFF FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE HEALTH ADVICE, WHILE ENTRIES OF AN ANTI-SMOKING POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW.

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CARNIVAL ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY  
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KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AT 11 AM.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT RESPECT THE ELDERS 86 COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM KWAI CHING AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD IN THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND, KWAI CHUNG.

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MAINS LAYING TO IMPROVE CENTRAL WATER SUPPLY  
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WATER MAINS WILL BE LAID IN CENTRAL DISTRICT TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO THE GARDEN ROAD PUMPING STATION AND SERVICE RESERVOIR TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND.

ABOUT 800 METRES OF 1 000-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER FRESH WATER AND 100 METRES OF SALT WATER MAINS WILL BE LAID ALONG HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, THE NORTH-WESTERN BOUNDARY OF MURRAY BUILDING, CAR PARKING SPACES BENEATH COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, THE BOTANICAL GARDENS AND UP TO THE PUMPING STATION.

ONE SECTION OF FRESH WATER MAINS WILL CROSS UNDERNEATH QUEENSWAY AND TO AVOID DISTURBANCE TO TRAFFIC WILL BE INSTALLED BY PIPE-JACKING TECHNIQUES.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CHOIR TO ENTERTAIN ISLANDERS  
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THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL PRESENT A 75-MINUTE CONCERT FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE'S GET TOGETHER DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL IN CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL. ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS ISLANDS WILL ATTEND.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONCERT OF THE ISLANDS SCHOOLS GET TOGETHER DAY TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WESTERN  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF BELCHER'S STREET AND SANDS STREET, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMNETS WILL BE IN FORCE IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1), FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS. THEY ARE:

- \* BELCHER'S STREET BETWEEN SANDS STREET AND HOLLAND STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK-HOUR ( 7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE ZONE FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- \* NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING 10 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF SANDS STREET SOUTH OF BELCHER'S STREET.
- \* SANDS STREET BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA AND BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON THIS SECTION OF SANDS STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM PASSING THROUGH THE JUNCTION OF SNADS STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET.
- \* THE METERED PARKING SPACES IN HOLLAND STREET, AND THREE GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN HAU WO STREET WITH METER NO. 3933S AND 3934A AND B WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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- \* THE BUS TERMINI OF CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 105 AND 113 WILL BE RESITED FROM SANDS STREET TO HOLLAND STREET. ON THEIR KOWLOON-BOUND JOURNEYS, THEY WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA HOLLAND STREET AND KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA BEFORE REJOINING QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
- \* CMB ROUTE 77 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA HOLLAND STREET, KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND BELCHER'S STREET ON JOURNEYS TO ABERDEEN.
- \* THE TERMINUS OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 23 WILL BE RESITED FROM HOLLAND STREET TO HAU WO STREET.

ON JOURNEY TO KENNEDY TOWN, MINIBUSES ON THIS ROUTE WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA POKFIELD ROAD, SMITHFIELD, BELCHER'S STREET, CADOGAN STREET, CATCHICK STREET, DAVIS ROAD AND HAU WO STREET.

ON JOURNEYS TO POK FU LAM, MINIBUSES WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA HAU WO STREET, SMITHFIELD AND POKFIELD ROAD.

IN ADDITION, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON SANDS STREET SOUTH OF BELCHER'S STREET WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO WESTBOUND BELCHER'S STREET. THIS MEASURE, HOWEVER, WILL BE IN FORCE FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY.

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FLYOVER CLOSED, CAR PARK SUSPENDED  
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON DECEMBER 2 TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND GASCOIGNE ROAD HEADING FOR NORTHBOUND FERRY STREET SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS VIA GASCOIGNE ROAD, KANSU STREET AND FERRY STREET.

FROM 10 AM ON DECEMBER 1 TO 5 PM ON DECEMBER 5, THE PAK SHA WAN CAR PARK IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE RESURFACING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

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FRESH, SALT WATER CUTS  
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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO 3 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM WONG YI AU TO TAI PO KAU, INCLUDING WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIN TZE LANE, STRAFFORD HOUSE, TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, LOOKOUT LANE AND ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME.

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