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HK TO HOST FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC
CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

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HONG KONG WILL HOST THE FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AT PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25 AND 29 THIS YEAR.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS AMONG CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION.

IT IS ALSO AIMED AT PREPARING FOR THE SIXTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA LATER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE THE TRENDS AND PROBLEMS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES= ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT AND THEIR EFFECT ON PRISON MANAGEMENT AND THE PROVISION OF EXTERNAL SUPERVISION= MANAGEMENT SERVICES= AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION ON THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS.

+CLEARLY THE CULTURAL VARIATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES WILL MAKE FOR CONTRAST AND DIVERSITY BUT THE PROBLEMS OF ORGANISING AND ADMINISTERING CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HAVE COMMON FEATURES,+ MR GARNER SAID. HE FURTHER ADDED, +IT IS HOPED TO DISTIL THESE PROBLEMS FROM THE DISCUSSIONS AND TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF MOST CONCERN TO CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IN THE REGION.+

DELEGATES FROM 14 COUNTRIES IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION AS WELL AS CANADA FROM NORTH AMERICA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. THESE INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MACAU, MALAYSIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA AND HONG KONG. IN ADDITION, THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY WILL BE REPRESENTED.

HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A TEAM OF FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS HEADED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER. THE OTHER OFFICERS ARE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR CHAN WA-SHEK= SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT MR T.A. HANDLEY AND CHIEF OFFICER MISS CATHERINE SUN.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON FEBRUARY 25.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, DELEGATES WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS TO SEE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

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INSTITUTIONS TO BE VISITED INCLUDE STANLEY PRISON, SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE, HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE, SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN AS WELL AS THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

THE CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE WILL COINCIDE WITH THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PRISON SERVICE BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE ON FEBRUARY 29.

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KMB SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE
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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY TODAY (THURSDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICE.

THE FIVE-POINT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR:

- * A FLEET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES, THE SCRAPPING OF OLD ONES AND THE ACQUISITION OF SUFFICIENT SPARE PARTS, WITH AN ANNUAL REVIEW EVERY APRIL-
- * PROVISION OF ADEQUATE CLEANING, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING FACILITIES-
- * PROVISION OF ADEQUATE DEPOTS-
- * IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS AND TO INCREASE IN THE WORKFORCE, PARTICULARLY DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE MEN- AND
- * IMPROVEMENT OF MANAGEMENT.

KMB FURTHER AGREED TO MAINTAIN PROPER RECORDS OF DEFECTS ON BUSES.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PRESS AHEAD WITH BUS PRIORITY MEASURES AND TO ASSIST THE COMPANY TO ATTAIN THE NECESSARY LAND FOR DEPOTS.

MR LAWRENCE LOUEY, GENERAL MANAGER SIGNED FOR KMB, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT, SIGNED FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CHINA MOTOR BUS CO IS DUE TO SIGN A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT SHORTLY.

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NEW LEGAL AID SERVICE FOR NT

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THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT IS TO LAUNCH A MOBILE OFFICE IN EARLY APRIL, TO SERVE THE QUICKLY GROWING NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS NEW CONCEPT OF PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE IS INTENDED TO SAVE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TIME IN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, MR DESMOND O'REILLY MAYNE, SAID THE SERVICE WAS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP PACE WITH THE ENORMOUS POPULATION INCREASES ANTICIPATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS SERVICE WILL NOT ONLY EASE THE BURDEN ON OUR EXISTING OFFICES BUT ALSO BENEFIT THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOWNS,+ HE SAID.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS PROVIDED THE VEHICLE - A BUS - AND THE CLUB IS AT PRESENT SUPERVISING ITS CONVERSION INTO AN OFFICE, TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT.

ALTHOUGH PLANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALISED WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE FULLY STAFFED MOBILE OFFICE WILL SPEND ONE DAY A WEEK IN EACH OF THE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT IS PLANNED THAT THE OFFICE WILL CALL REGULARLY AT TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO, FANLING-SHEK WU HUI AND SAI KUNG.

A DETAILED VISIT PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FREE LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICE ORGANISED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, STARTING WITH PILOT SCHEMES AT TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN. THIS SCHEME WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING PERMANENT LEGAL AID OFFICES IN THE MAJOR NEW TOWNS IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE FUTURE, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE SUCCESS OF THE MOBILE OFFICE SCHEME DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT.

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OBE FOR CHEST PHYSICIAN
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DR CATHLEEN MONAGHAN, A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF ST COLUMBUS WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN 1949 TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM, AND HAS SERVED THERE CONTINUOUSLY IN THE FIELD OF TUBERCULOSIS FOR 29 YEARS, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (OBE) BY THE QUEEN.

DR MONAGHAN IS ONE OF THE TWO CHEST PHYSICIANS IN CHARGE AND HER WORK HAS WON HER AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS THE SANATORIUM IS WELL KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR THE RESULTS ACHIEVED AND FOR RESEARCH INTO THE DISEASE.

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TEXTILE QUOTA REVIEW TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH
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A REVIEW OF THE TEXTILE EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), MR WILLIAM DORWARD, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, SAID +AS A FIRST STEP, THE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING OUT NOTICES TODAY TO INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS TO LET US HAVE ANY VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE TO PUT FORWARD ON THE CURRENT OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO WELCOME COMMENTS FROM ANY INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL.+

THESE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF MARCH. THEY WILL THEN BE EXAMINED BY AN EXPERT REVIEW COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

MR DORWARD ENVISAGED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD COMPLETE ITS WORK BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

THE LAST REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM WAS CONDUCTED IN 1976.

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PWD AWARDS MAJOR CONTRACT FOR RECLAMATION IN TSUEN WAN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A MAJOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION AT THE WESTERN PORTION OF TSUEN WAN BAY.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$144 MILLION, ALSO COVERS SITE FORMATION WORKS ON TSING YI ISLAND.

IT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR EDDIE SHORT, PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR C.P. YU, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

MR SHORT SAID THAT IT WAS THE BIGGEST SINGLE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT LET BY THE PWD TO DATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

+UNDER THIS CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE TWO OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS PROJECT, ABOUT 19 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED,+ SAID MR SHORT.

+THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW FERRY PIER AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FOR THE NEW TOWN, AN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA AND A NEW SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

+IN ADDITION, IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE LAND FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL AND RECREATIONAL USES,+ HE ADDED.

MR SHORT SAID THAT LAND WOULD ALSO BE RESERVED FOR AN ELEVATED TRUNK ROAD WHICH WOULD TRAVERSE THE AREA PROVIDING A BY-PASS FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC AND RELIEVING CONGESTION WITHIN THE TOWN.

THE SITE FORMATION WORKS AT TSING YI, HE ADDED, WOULD PROVIDE THE MATERIAL FOR THE RECLAMATION AND WOULD CREATE LAND FOR HOUSING AND EDUCATION PURPOSES.+

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS PROJECT IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-LANE ROAD FROM KWAI CHUNG TO TSUEN WAN.

THE TWO-KILOMETRE ROAD WILL RUN FROM A POINT NEAR THE CONTAINER TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD NEAR YEUNG UK ROAD.

IT WILL HAVE THREE INTERCHANGES LOCATED AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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BAN ON IMPORTING ANIMALS OR THEIR SPECIMENS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
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RESIDENTS RETURNING TO HONG KONG FROM OVERSEAS AND CHINA ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK SOUVENIRS OF LIVE OR PRESERVED ANIMAL SPECIMENS LISTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THE WARNING WAS ISSUED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHICH NOTED THERE HAD BEEN MANY CASES RECENTLY WHERE RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM ABROAD HAD BROUGHT BACK WITH THEM SOUVENIRS SUCH AS STUFFED SEA TURTLES, CROCODILES, TIGER AND LEOPARD SKINS, AND LIVE PANGOLIN. ALL OF THESE ANIMALS AND SOME RARE PLANTS SUCH AS WILD ORCHIDS, CACTUS AND WILD AMERICAN GINSENG ARE PROTECTED BY LAW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE TO IMPORT OR BE IN POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED THAT DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT 120 CASES OF THIS TYPE, MOST OF WHICH INVOLVED STUFFED SEA TURTLES BROUGHT IN FROM INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, TAIWAN AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

+ANY OF THESE ARTICLES BROUGHT IN WITHOUT A LICENCE WILL BE SEIZED BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND THE OFFENDERS PROSECUTED.

+THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR A FIRST OFFENCE UNDER THE ORDINANCE IS \$5 000 AND THE SEIZED SPECIMENS ARE FORFEITED TO THE CROWN,+ HE SAID.

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TWO MORE NT MAXICAB ROUTES
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TWO NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 17) BRINGING THE NUMBER OF MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SIX.

THE NEW ROUTES ARE NO 85 FROM SAN TSUEN (FU YUNG SHAN) TO TSUEN WAN (YAN CHAI STREET) AND NO 86 FROM SHEK LEI (SHEK PAI STREET) TO TSUEN WAN (YAN CHAI STREET).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FARE FOR ROUTE 85 IS 50 CENTS WHILE THE FARE FOR ROUTE 86 IS \$1 WITH A SECTIONAL FARE OF 50 CENTS. THE BASIC FREQUENCY FOR BOTH ROUTES IS SIX MINUTES.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO NEW MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE FU YUNG SHAN AND SHEK LEI AREAS, THE FOLLOWING STREETS AND ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES FROM FEBRUARY 17.

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THEY ARE KWUN MUN HAU STREET SECTION NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH TAK WAH STREET= TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET= FU YUNG SHAN ROAD= KWOK SHUI ROAD= CHEUNG WING ROAD= YAU MA HOM ROAD= THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUNG CHI STREET= TAI PAK TIN STREET SECTION BETWEEN SHEK LEI STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE SHEK YAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA= AND SHEK PAI STREET SECTION NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH WAI KEK STREET.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THESE AREAS EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHE KUNG FESTIVAL

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UP TO 100 000 WORSHIPPERS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT CHE KUNG TEMPLE IN SHA TIN DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AND A STRONG APPEAL HAS BEEN MADE TO THEM TO AVOID GOING THERE BY CAR IF POSSIBLE.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER SHA TIN, MR ANDREW WELLS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THE WORSHIPPERS WERE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE TEMPLE ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY WHEN THE CHE KUNG FESTIVAL REACHES ITS PEAK.

+SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO HELP COPE WITH THIS LARGE NUMBER,+ MR WELLS SAID.

+A ONE-WAY CIRCULATION SYSTEM WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PEDESTRIANS WHO WILL BE DIRECTED TO USE THE ACCESS TRACK FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD EAST OF THE SHING MUN RIVER TO ENTER THE TEMPLE.+

PEDESTRIANS WOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE TEMPLE BY USING THE FOOTBRIDGE LEADING TO THE MAIN ROAD ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO USE THE SUBWAY WHEN CROSSING LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED HEAVY TRAFFIC.

MR WELLS STRONGLY URGED WORSHIPPERS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AS PARKING FACILITIES WOULD BE VERY LIMITED DUE TO EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING ON IN THE AREA.

+PRIVATE CARS WILL FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK ANYWHERE IN THE VICINITY,+ HE SAID.

ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STOP ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL ARRANGE ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE ROUTES TO MEET EXPECTED HEAVY DEMAND:

- * NO 70 - FROM JORDAN ROAD TO SHEUNG SHUI, VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD=
- * NO 72 - FROM TAI PO MARKET TO TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, VIA TAI WAI= AND
- * NO 89 - FROM KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE) TO LEK YUEN ESTATE, VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * A PLB AND TAXI ALIGHTING POINT WILL BE POSITIONED OUTSIDE THE SHA TIN KOWLOON MOTOR BUS DEPOT ADJACENT TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FOR PLB'S AND TAXIS ARRIVING FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL=
- * A PLB AND TAXI ALIGHTING POINT WILL BE POSITIONED IN SHING HO ROAD FOR PLB'S ARRIVING FROM TAI PO ROAD= AND
- * A PLB AND TAXI STAND IN TAI WAI ROAD WILL BE OPERATING FOR WORSHIPPERS RETURNING TO KOWLOON.

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP IN THE AREA DIRECTING WORSHIPPERS TO THE CHE KUNG TEMPLE.

MR WELLS WARNED ALL WORSHIPPERS TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN BURNING JOSS STICKS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, AND A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR PICKPOCKETS WHO WERE LIKELY TO BE IN THE AREA. HAWKERS WERE WARNED THAT IT WAS HIGHLY DANGEROUS TO SELL HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOONS WHICH WERE LIABLE TO EXPLODE.

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SUPPLEMENTARY FERRY SERVICES DURING
LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SUPPLEMENTARY FERRY SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON SEVERAL ROUTES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO 19, THE HONG KONG TO TSUEN WAN FERRY SERVICE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL HOVERFERRY SAILINGS.

SPECIAL WATER TAXIS WILL BE OPERATING BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND KOWLOON CITY ON FEBRUARY 16 AND 17.

SERVICES FROM HONG KONG TO TUNG CHUNG, AND TSUEN WAN TO TUNG CHUNG, AND THE SPECIAL SAILING FROM KWUN TONG TO SILVERMINE BAY VIA CENTRAL DISTRICT AT 8.15 AM WILL BE SUSPENDED ON FEBRUARY 16 AND 17.

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PIPE WATER FOR LION ROCK VILLAGERS

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PEOPLE LIVING IN LION ROCK VILLAGE WILL NO LONGER NEED TO GET WATER FROM STREAMS AND WELLS AS FROM TODAY PIPE WATER IS AVAILABLE AT THEIR DOORSTEP.

THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FROM THE HIGH LEVEL AREA OF LION ROCK VILLAGE, A FRESH WATER STORAGE TANK WITH A CAPACITY OF 550 000 LITRES WAS BUILT ON THE HILL SIDE NORTH OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

IN ADDITION, WATER MAINS RANGING FROM 55MM TO 150MM IN DIAMETER WERE LAID.

ALL THE WORK INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF STANDPIPES WAS COMPLETED IN LESS THAN EIGHT MONTHS.

WELCOMING THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY, A WOMAN RESIDENT OF LION ROCK VILLAGE SAID: +THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE BEST GIFT I COULD HAVE FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR.+

+A LOT OF TIME WILL BE SAVED AS THE STANDPIPES ARE SO CONVENIENTLY LOCATED,+ SHE SAID.

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ENGLISH SPEECH COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE WILL BE HOLDING A NUMBER OF COURSES IN ENGLISH SPEECH FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH WHO ARE NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE.

THERE WILL BE FOUR COURSES, TWO EACH FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. EACH COURSE WILL HAVE 24 MEETINGS OF TWO-HOUR DURATION.

THE COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON- WHILE THE ONES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE COURSES WILL BEGIN WITH AN INTRODUCTORY TALK ON ENGLISH PHONETICS.

+THE COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL INCLUDE LANGUAGE LABORATORY PRACTICE IN PRONUNCIATION, STRESS AND INTONATION, SENTENCE PATTERNS, DIALOGUE AND LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

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+THE SECOND PART OF THE COURSE WILL BE A PRACTICAL SESSION IN WHICH EACH PARTICIPANT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS SPEECH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS A DISCUSSION, A CONVERSATION, A SHORT TALK, POETRY RECITATION, PROSE-READING OR DRAMA. NO FORMAL LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE SAID.

FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER COURSE, THE FIRST PART OF THE COURSE WILL BE SIMILAR BUT THE SECOND PART WILL REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO EITHER LEAD A DISCUSSION ON A SELECTED TOPIC RELEVANT TO THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH OR DEMONSTRATE AN ENGLISH TEACHING TECHNIQUE.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGES FOR THE COURSES. PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS. SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO LIST THE NAMES OF TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND IN ORDER OF PRIORITY AND RETURN THE FORM NOT LATER THAN MARCH 4 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS * * * *

THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON FEBRUARY 16 AND 18, THE FIRST AND THIRD DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 17), THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR- AND ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 19), THE FOURTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO 18.

ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 19), 32 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND THE POST OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

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METHADONE CENTRES REMAIN OPEN DURING HOLIDAYS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT ALL METHADONE TREATMENT CENTRES WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ALL THE 13 EVENING CENTRES WILL BE OPERATING AS USUAL FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM, SIX FULL DAY CENTRES FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM AND THE CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND CENTRE FROM 2 PM TO 8 PM.

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24-HOUR SERVICE FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 5

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MAXICAB ROUTE NO 5 FROM ABERDEEN TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL OPERATE 24 HOURS DAILY FROM LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.

THE SERVICE NOW OPERATES FROM 6 AM TO 11.30 PM FROM ABERDEEN AND FROM 6.35 AM TO 12.05 AM FROM CAUSEWAY BAY. THE FULL FARE OF \$1.50 AND THE SECTIONAL FARE OF \$1 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED BUT OUTSIDE THESE HOURS THE FARE IS \$2.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

MAXICABS ON THIS ROUTE WILL RUN AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS.

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SOME NT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CLOSED FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR

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SOME OF THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, A NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE TWO SWIMMING POOLS, THREE TENNIS COURTS, SIX SQUASH COURTS, ONE STADIUM AND FOUR SPORTS GROUNDS.

THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED FOR FOUR DAYS FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO 19 - THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE SQUASH COURTS, TWO OF WHICH AT KWAI CHUNG SQUASH COURTS AND FOUR AT SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS, YUEN LONG, WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS ON FEBRUARY 16 AND 17. THREE TENNIS COURTS AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON THESE TWO DAYS.

THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, THE WO YI HOP SPORTS GROUND AT KWAI CHUNG, THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND AT YEUNG UK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AND THE FANLING SPORTS GROUND WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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AWARDS FOR CHAMPION FISHERMEN

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FISH PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR SET A NEW HIGH WITH MORE THAN 180 700 TONNES VALUED AT \$1 190 MILLION LANDED.

OF THE LANDINGS 96 PER CENT WAS MADE BY THE LOCAL FISHING FLEET.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY) 24 FISHERMEN WILL RECEIVE AWARDS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, FOR THEIR FISHING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

ANOTHER 10 FISHERMEN WILL ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS FOR SAVING LIVES AT SEA. WHILE MOST OF THE LIVES SAVED WERE FROM SINKING VESSELS, TWO RESCUES WERE MADE FROM HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS IN MIRS BAY AND TOLO CHANNEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AT THE FISHERMEN'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKET AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE EDINBURGH PLACE (QUEEN'S PIER) FOR ABERDEEN AT 10 AM.

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