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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CHINA NEXT MONTH

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT CHINA FROM NOVEMBER 2 TO 7.

HE WILL FIRST VISIT PEKING, WHERE HE WILL MEET SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR ZHOU NAN.

HE WILL THEN VISIT FUZHOU AND XIAMEN IN FUJIAN PROVINCE AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR, MR WANG ZHAOGUO, WITH WHOM HE WILL HAVE A MEETING.

HE WILL ALSO MEET THE FIRST SECRETARY IN FUJIAN PROVINCE.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR RICHARD CLIFT, AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE.

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HONG KONG TAKING RIGHT STEPS FOR DYNAMIC FUTURE: GOVERNOR

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RIGHT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO CREATE A FUTURE IN WHICH HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A DYNAMIC, BUSTLING TERRITORY, WITH ITS OWN UNIQUE LIFESTYLE AT THE HUB OF THE EAST ASIAN TRADING WORLD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN BRUSSELS TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES, SIR DAVID INVITED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES HONG KONG PROVIDED.

"HONG KONG IS NOW ONE OF THE FEW GENUINELY OPEN DOORS IN THE REGION. IT WILL, I BELIEVE, REMAIN OPEN. A DOOR FOR MANY PEOPLE; TRADERS, FINANCIERS, MANUFACTURERS. A DOOR, MOREOVER, THAT LEADS TO MANY PLACES," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD THE FEELINGS OF THOSE WHO WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, IT ALL BOILED DOWN TO THE SIMPLE QUESTION OF WHETHER ONE COULD BE CONFIDENT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

"MY OWN CONFIDENCE IS BASED UPON MY BELIEF THAT THE CHINESE UNDERSTAND HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE AND POTENTIAL.

"IMPORTANCE, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, FOR CHINA'S OWN DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR THE WHOLE REGIONAL ECONOMY, IN WHICH CHINA IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT," SIR DAVID SAID.

/THE GOVERNOR .....

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, WHICH HAD GROWN 19 TIMES SINCE 1982, WAS WORTH US$26 BILLION IN 1987.

"WE ARE EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS," HE SAID.

"CHINA IS NOW RECKONED TO BE THE LARGEST INVESTOR IN HONG KONG IN OVERALL TERMS. FOR ITS PART, HONG KONG HAS INVESTED US$5 BILLION TO $6 BILLION IN CHINA.

"THIS IS 65 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL -- FAR MORE THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD -- AMERICA, JAPAN, EUROPE -- PUT TOGETHER," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN AN INFLUX OF MAINLAND CHINESE COMPANIES INTO HONG KONG. THERE WERE NOW SOME 500.

"THEIR EXECUTIVES ARE GAINING VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN HOW TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD.

"WE ARE A CLOSE ECONOMIC PARTNER FOR CHINA; A SOURCE OF CAPITAL, A TRAINING GROUND, AND A WINDOW ON THE CAPITALIST WORLD," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"THIS ALL SUGGESTS THAT WHEN THE CHINESE SAY THEY WANT HONG KONG TO CONTINUE PROSPERING, THEY MEAN IT.

"BUT HONG KONG IS NOT ONLY GROWING IN IMPORTANCE FOR CHINA. THE OPPORTUNITY THAT HONG KONG PRESENTS IS AVAILABLE TO ALL," SIR DAVID SAID.

ON THE FUTURE OF HK-EEC ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WELCOMED EUROPE'S MOVE TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN INTERNAL MARKET.

"WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE A REDUCTION IN THE TRADE BARRIERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, BOTH FOR THE HELP THAT THIS WILL GIVE TO OUR TRADERS BUT ALSO FOR THE ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT IT WILL CREATE IN EUROPE.

"WE ARE CONFIDENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EVEN MORE ECONOMICALLY POWERFUL EUROPE WITH WHOM WE CAN COMPETE ON FAIR TERMS."

HONG KONG TRADERS HAD RECENTLY COMMISSIONED THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES TO RUN A CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG ON THIS VERY ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR NOTED.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S MAIN CONCERN WAS ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THE CONCEPT OF "RECIPROCITY" MIGHT BE USED - OR RATHER ABUSED.

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"THIS IS NOT BECAUSE WE FEAR THAT HONG KONG ITSELF WOULD LOSE OUT FROM GENUINE RECIPROCITY. FAR FROM IT. WE ARE AFTER ALL AMONG THE MOST LIBERAL PLACES IN THE WORLD AS REGARDS BOTH GOODS AND SERVICES.

"BUT WE ARE MORE CONCERNED THAT THE SEARCH FOR PRECISE RECIPROCITY MAY LEAD TOWARDS AN ATTITUDE OF INTROVERSION; A FEELING THAT EUROPE CAN GO IT ALONE BEHIND THE BARRIERS OF A 'FORTRESS EUROPE'.

"IT COULD ALSO LEAD TO A WEAKENING OF GATT PRINCIPLES, WHICH OF COURSE ARE NOT BASED ON NARROW BILATERAL RECIPROCITY. SUCH DEVELOPMENTS WOULD CLEARLY BE VERY DAMAGING," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, ROUNDED OFF HIS VISIT TO THE HEART OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BY CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, LORD PLUMB, IN BRUSSELS TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SINCE THE SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1987, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL IN THE PASSAGE OF LAWS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, SOME OF WHICH CAN HAVE AN EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS.

LORD PLUMB, WHO HAS A DAUGHTER LIVING IN HONG KONG, MAKES PERIODIC VISITS TO THE TERRITORY. HIS LAST WAS IN JULY WHEN HE MET WITH THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE GOVERNOR GAVE AN ADDRESS ENTITLED "HONG KONG - UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES, UNIQUE SOLUTIONS" TO THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES.

HIS TALK WAS HEARD BY SOME 300 MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AMBASSADORS, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS, JOURNALISTS AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS IN BELGIUM. ALSO PRESENT WAS THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, MR LIU SHAN, WHO SPOKE TO THE CEPS LAST DECEMBER.

/THE CENTRE .....

THE CENTRE WAS FOUNDED IN 1982 TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. IT COVERS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES AND SPONSORS MEETINGS, PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH. ITS DIRECTOR, MR PETER LUDLOW, VISITED HONG KONG IN AUGUST.

AT A LUNCH BEFORE THE MEETING, MR LUDLOW BRIEFED THE GOVERNOR ON A SEMINAR TO BE ORGANISED BY CEPS NEXT MONTH IN HONG KONG ON THE EXTERNAL IMPLICATIONS OF 1992 AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S SINGLE MARKET.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING A VOTE OF THANKS WAS DELIVERED BY MR JACQUES GROOTHAERT, FORMER BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA AND PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIUM-HONG KONG SOCIETY. THE SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED IN 1986 TO PROVIDE A MEETING FORUM AND POINT OF LIAISON FOR BELGIAN BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL LINKS WITH HONG KONG.

THE GROWING BELGIAN INTEREST IN HONG KONG IS ALSO EVIDENCED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BELGIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS SET UP IN THE TERRITORY IN 1986.

THE GOVERNOR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF HIS VISIT TO BRUSSELS TO SEE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE. HE WAS MET BY THE MINISTER, BRUSSELS, MR STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON, AND WAS INTRODUCED TO THE STAFF, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THE GOVERNOR'S CURRENT TOUR OF EUROPE.

WHILE AT THE OFFICE, HE GAVE A SERIES OF PRESS INTERVIEWS TO JOURNALISTS OF BELGIUM'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

SIR DAVID LEAVES BRUSSELS TOMORROW ON THE LAST LEG OF HIS TOUR FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT TO PARIS.

A PRESS RELEASE ON THE GOVERNOR'S TALK TO THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES HAS BEEN ISSUED EARLIER.

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GOVERNOR VISITS BRUSSELS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) WELCOMED THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S DECISION TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN HONG KONG IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

THIS WAS ONE OF VARIOUS MATTERS RAISED IN BRUSSELS, WHERE THE GOVERNOR BEGAN THE SECOND LEG OF HIS TOUR OF THREE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THIS WEEK.

SIR DAVID SPENT A LARGE PART OF THE AFTERNOON VISITING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION WHERE HE MET WITH THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERNAL MARKET, LORD COCKFIELD, AND THE COMMISSIONER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND TRADE, MR WILLY DE CLERCQ.

LORD COCKFIELD IS MASTERMINDING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S POLICY TO CREATE A SINGLE MARKET FOR EUROPE WITHOUT FRONTIERS BY 1992. HE VISITED HONG KONG IN 1986 AFTER AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA.

MR DE CLERCQ IS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S CHIEF TRADE NEGOTIATOR, WHO WILL BE MEETING THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AMONG OTHERS, AT THE GATT MID-TERM REVIEW MEETING IN MONTREAL FOR THE URUGUAY ROUND IN DECEMBER. HE VISITED HONG KONG IN APRIL 1987 AND PASSED THROUGH AGAIN EARLIER THIS MONTH, WHEN HE MET WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AFTER OPENING THE COMMISSION'S NEW OFFICE IN BEIJING.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WAS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY VERY CLOSELY, PARTICULARLY THE CREATION OF A SINGLE MARKET WITHOUT FRONTIERS FOR THE COMMUNITY BY 1992. THIS WAS AN ISSUE OF KEEN INTEREST AS THE NEW POLICY WOULD INVOLVE CHANGES TO THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF EUROPE WHICH COULD BRING ADVANTAGES FOR OUR EXPORTERS. THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO THE FREE FLOW OF GOODS WOULD REDUCE COSTS, PROMOTE COMPETITION AND STIMULATE GROWTH; EUROPEAN INDUSTRY WOULD BECOME MORE COMPETITIVE AND DYNAMIC. BY THIS MEANS THE COMMUNITY WOULD CONTRIBUTE BOTH TO INCREASED GROWTH IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND TO THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERALISATION OF WORLD TRADE. SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THAT THE SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET OF 1992 WOULD BE AS OPEN AS HONG KONG'S.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO CALLED YESTERDAY ON HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF BELGIUM, MR LEO TINDEMANS.

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PRINCE ALBERT IS THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN OFFICE FOR FOREIGN TRADE. HE TAKES A VERY KEEN INTEREST IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TRADE MATTERS. HE HAS VISITED HONG KONG SEVERAL TIMES, MOST RECENTLY IN MARCH 1986 WHEN HE SUPPORTED A BELGIAN EXPORTERS MISSION LED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN TRADE, MR ETIENNE KNOOPS. THE LATEST TRADE MISSION, AND THE FIRST ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WAS BY THE BELGIAN BUYERS WHO VISITED THE TERRITORY IN MAY THIS YEAR.

BELGIAN COMPANIES IN HONG KONG INCLUDE ONE BANK, TWO REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES, TWO DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND AN INSURANCE COMPANY. THE GOVERNOR NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT BELGIUM HAD MOVED UP DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR TO BECOME HONG KONG'S 17TH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER. TOTAL TRADE DURING THOSE SIX MONTHS AMOUNTED TO $3.7 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 39 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY IN BELGIUM'S FAVOUR. HOWEVER, AS SIR DAVID LEARNED FIRST HAND, BELGIUM WAS AN ATTRACTIVE POTENTIAL MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT FOR HONG KONG GOODS AND, WITH ITS EFFICIENT PORT NETWORK AT ANTWERP, ALSO OFFERED EASY ACCESS TO ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES OR SOME 100 MILLION PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNOR WILL SPEND ANOTHER DAY IN BRUSSELS TODAY WHEN HE WILL HAVE FURTHER MEETINGS AIMED AT PROMOTING TRADING AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

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TEN QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 10 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

FOUR BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1988 AND THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS ARE LISTED TO SPEAK IN A MOTION DEBATE ON A PROPOSAL THAT HONG KONG REGISTER ITS INTEREST IN STAGING A WORLD EXPOSITION IN 1997.

THE MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG.

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QUALITY CALL TO MANUFACTURERS

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HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS CAN ONLY STAY AHEAD OF COMPETITORS BY MOVING UP-MARKET, ACHIEVING HIGHER LEVELS OF QUALITY AND BECOMING MORE PRODUCTIVE AND INNOVATIVE.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TRADE FAIR.

MR YEUNG SAID IT WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION IN ITS MAJOR MARKETS, AND SOME MANUFACTURERS HAD MOVED PRODUCTION OUT OF THE TERRITORY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOWER COSTS ELSEWHERE.

IN CALLING ON MANUFACTURERS TO MOVE UP-MARKET AND TO UPGRADE QUALITY, HE SAID: "TO DO THIS, THEY MUST CONSIDER INVESTING IN MECHANISATION, USING THE MOST APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS AND MACHINERY AVAILABLE.

"MANY HAVE DONE JUST THAT AND MANY MORE ARE SERIOUSLY THINKING OF DOING SO."

THE FAIR PROVIDES MANUFACTURERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE LATEST EXAMPLES OF MACHINE TOOLS, MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS FROM ABOUT 250 COMPANIES FROM 13 COUNTRIES.

MR YEUNG SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO INVEST IN THE KIND OF ADVANCED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY WHICH PROVIDED THE MEANS BY WHICH MANUFACTURERS COULD IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT.

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NEW DESIGN BLOCKS TO APPEAR IN EARLY 1990s

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HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING WILL ENTER A NEW ERA WHEN THE FIRST OF THE NEW DESIGN BLOCKS APPEARS IN THE EARLY 1990s.

THE NEW BLOCK DESIGN, WHICH WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON IN HIS POLICY SPEECH LAST WEEK, WILL BE CALLED THE "HARMONY" SERIES AND HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS IN THE 1990s.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE INITAL BATCH OF PROJECTS THAT WILL INCORPORATE THE NEW DESIGNS.

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PREPARATION OF THE DETAILED DESIGN AND WORKING DRAWINGS FOR THE NEW BLOCKS ARE NOW ACTIVELY IN HAND WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION BRANCH OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE THREE BASIC DESIGNS OF THE NEW BLOCKS EACH IN A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION TO SUIT DIFFERENT SITES.

THE NEW DESIGNS WILL FIRST BE USED IN THE PHASE 7 REDEVELOPMENT OF WANG TAU HOM ESTATE.

UNDER THE WANG TAU HOM PROJECT, A TOTAL OF FOUR HARMONY-3 BLOCKS, INCLUDING TWO 17-STOREY AND TWO 18-STOREY BLOCKS, WILL BE BUILT TO PROVIDE 1 150 FLATS FOR 5 000 PEOPLE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER 1989 AND THE BLOCKS ARE LIKELY TO BE THE FIRST TO APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED AT THE END OF 1991.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ARCHITECT IN CHARGE OF THE TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW BLOCK DESIGNS, MR TIM NUTT, SAID DESIGNING PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING IS AN ON GOING PROCESS.

"IT RESPONDS TO THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF ITS TIME AND RECOGNISES THE ASPIRATION OF THE PEOPLE BEING HOUSED," HE SAID.

THE TRIDENT AND LINEAR STANDARD RENTAL BLOCKS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT AND OCCUPIED WERE DESIGNED FIVE YEARS AGO IN ANSWER THE TO THEN PROJECTED DEMAND BASED ON THE FEEDBACK AND STATISTICS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME, MR NUTT SAID.

"NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 1990s, THE DESIGN PARAMETERS ARE CHANGING," HE ADDED.

"FAMILIES ARE GETTING SMALLER, STANDARDS ARE IMPROVING AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE TENANTS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY MORE DEMANDING.

"THE CURRENT STANDARD RENTAL BLOCKS, ALTHOUGH EXCELLENT SOLUTIONS FOR TODAY, DO NOT COMPLETELY ANSWER THE DEMANDS WE NOW KNOW ABOUT FOR TOMORROW," MR NUTT SAID.

"THE NEW 'HARMONY' SERIES FOR RENTAL BLOCKS IS THE FIRST STEP IN FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING IN THE 1990s," HE SAID.

IN INITIATING NEW DESIGNS, THE OPPORTUNITY IS TAKEN TO REVIEW SPACE STANDARDS, IMPROVE SERVICES AND GENERALLY UPGRADE THE DESIGN ENVIRONMENT OF THE BLOCK.

THE NEW "HARMONY" SERIES IS NO EXCEPTION, MR NUTT ADDED.

INSTEAD OF CLASSIFYING THE FLATS AS ONE-PERSON, TWO-PERSON OR THREE-PERSON UNITS AS IS THE CURRENT PRACTICE, THEY WILL BE CALLED ONE-BEDROOM, TWO-BEDROOM AND THREE-BEDROOM FLATS.

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THE FLOOR AREA FOR A SINGLE-BEDROOM UNIT WILL BE ABOUT 34 SQ METRES, WHILE FOR THE TWO AND THREE-BEDROOM UNITS IT WILL BE 43 AND 50 SQ METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO THE SERVICE AREAS OF THE FLATS. FOR INSTANCE, THE KITCHENS ARE LARGER AND DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A WASHING MACHINE AND A REFRIGERATOR. THERE IS ALSO A BATHTUB IN ALL FLATS.

OUTSIDE THE FLATS, THE PUBLIC AREAS AND THE CORRIDOR ACCESSES ARE BEING IMPROVED WITH SERVICE PIPES REDUCED TO A MINIMUM.

SECURITY GATE DESIGNS ARE ALSO IMPROVED AND ALTHOUGH NATURAL VENTILATION WILL BE MAINTAINED, PROTECTION AGAINST HEAVY RAINSTORMS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

"TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTS ADOPTED A NEW DESIGN APPROACH," MR NUTT SAID.

EFFORTS WERE INITIALLY CONCENTRATED ON SOLVING THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF THE FLAT LAYOUT, INCLUDING THE SERVICE AREAS OF KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND BALCONY AND THE FAMILY AREAS OF DINING, LIVING AND SLEEPING.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS FOR A ONE-BEDROOM, TWO-BEDROOM AND THREE-BEDROOM FLAT UNITS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AND AGREED, MR NUTT SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT BY COMBINING THESE STANDARD FLAT MODULES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE VARIOUS BUILDING FORMS, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF DIFFERENT FLAT MIXES.

"THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BUILDING IS GENERATED BY THE FLAT UNIT AND DEPENDING ON THIS COMBINATION OF FLAT MODULES A VARIETY OF BUILDING FORMS CAN BE USED FOR THE PLANNING OF NEW ESTATES INCLUDING THE DIFFICULT SITES IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS," HE SAID.

IN CONSIDERING THESE NEW DESIGNS, MR NUTT SAID THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WAS EQUALLY CONSCIOUS OF THE CURRENT LABOUR PROBLEMS BEING EXPERIENCED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

HE SAID HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTS HAVE ALSO CONCENTRATED ON SIMPLIFICATION OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN TO FACILITATE MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS STANDARDISATION OF BASIC BUILDING COMPONENTS.

"THE CONCEPT OF A FLAT MODULE WITH IDENTICAL FLOOR SLAB SPANS AND COMMON WALL FORM, TOGETHER WITH STANDARDISED DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES, SINK AND COOKING BENCH SUPPORTS, WILL ALLOW CONTRACTORS TO PLAN FOR AND INVEST IN THE NEW TECHIQUES OF MECHANIZED CONSTRUCTION," HE SAID.

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MR NUTT POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS WILL HELP THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ENSURING THAT ALL TYPES OF HOUSING NEEDS STIPULATED IN THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY ARE SATISFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GIVEN PROGRAMME.

THE NEW DESIGNS WILL ALSO ENABLE AN INTER-CHANGEABILITY BETWEEN RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS AND WILL BE ABLE TO FIT THE REDEVELOPED SITES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, HE ADDED.

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SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE

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A SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

ABOUT 400 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH IS PART OF THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK PROGRAMME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, DR GERALD CHOA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE DRAMA THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN WAN CHAI AT 2.30 PM.

AN OPEN FORUM WILL FOLLOW TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS ABUSE PROBLEM AMONG YOUNGSTERS, AND THE FUTURE STRATEGIES IN LOCAL PREVENTIVE EDUCATION.

FINDINGS OF THE 1987 SCHOOL SURVEY ON THE ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

A REVISED SET OF EDUCATIONAL COLOUR SLIDES AND COMMENTARY ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE, TOGETHER WITH AN UP-TO-DATE AUDIO-VISUAL CATALOGUE, PRODUCED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, WILL BE INTRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

PANELLISTS AT THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR FREDERICK TONG; THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR SIMON YEUNG; THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR C.N. CHEN; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NARCOTICS) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR S.C. LEUNG.

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ALSO TAKING PART WILL BE THE INSPECTOR OF RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MS TSUI LAI-KUEN; THE CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR K.M. TANG; THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNIT) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MRS MARTINA LAW; THE SERVICE SUPERVISOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, MR TSUI MING-SUM; AND CHAIRMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DRAMA THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, WAN CHAI, AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

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STAIRS CLIMBERS SPREAD ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES

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SOME 300 PEOPLE THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING PARTICIPATED IN AN ANTI-DRUG RUN-THE-STAIRS RACE IN CLOUD VIEW ROAD TO DRIVE HOME ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES THROUGH THE PURSUIT OF HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), THE RACE WAS HELD TO MARK THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL AND AS PART OF THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK PROGRAMME.

A MEMBER OF THE ACAN, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WHEN OFFICIATING AT A STARTING-OFF CEREMONY PRAISED THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR DEVOTION AND CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS.

HE APPEALED TO YOUNGSTERS TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND STRESSED THAT ALL DRUG ABUSE, WHETHER OF HEROIN OR PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, WAS DANGEROUS.

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VARIETY SHOW TO FIGHT DRUGS
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A COLOURFUL VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SONGS BY POP STARS AND DISC JOCKEYS, CANTONESE OPERA, DRAMA AND CHOIR WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE TWO-WEEK-LONG SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21) EVENING.

THE FUNCTION TO BE HELD AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF THE SHA TIN TOWN PARK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE (STDAC), RTHK AND THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION (STAA).

BEGINNING AT 7 PM, THE PROGRAMME WILL CONCENTRATE ON PERFORMANCES BY TROUPES FROM THE STAA INCLUDING THE SHA TIN CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE, DRAMA TROUPE AND YOUTH CHOIR.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7.45 PM.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA; SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (RADIO) OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN; STDAC CHAIRMAN, MR LEE KWONG; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM AND STAA CHAIRMAN, MR WONG LUEN-KIN.

AFTER 8 PM, THE PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY CHANNEL ONE OF RTHK, WITH SOME OF THE BEST-KNOWN POP STARS, BANDS AND DISC JOCKEYS SINGING TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THE $240,000 FESTIVAL IS FUNDED BY THE ACAN WITH $120,000, $40,000 BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, ANOTHER $40,000 BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST BY PRIVATE SPONSORS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL CLOSING VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN AT 7 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21) AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF THE SHA TIN TOWN PARK ADJACENT TO THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS REMINDED OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STRESSED THAT BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, EIGHT BUILDING CONTRACTORS WERE TAKEN TO COURT FOR BREACHING VARIOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

FINES TOTALLING $190,000 WERE IMPOSED ON THE OFFENDERS.

SIX OF THE WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

THE MAJORITY OF THE FATAL CASES RELATED TO FALLS FROM A HEIGHT.

IN ONE CASE, A WORKER SUSTAINED FATAL INJURIES WHEN THE BOATSWAIN'S CHAIR IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING FELL FROM THE ROOF OF A BUILDING.

IN ANOTHER, A WORKER WAS KILLED WHEN HE FELL WITH A METAL-BAR CAGE INTO A SHAFT OF A BORED-PILE.

THE CONTRACTORS INVOLVED IN THESE TWO CASES WERE FINED $50,000 AND $40,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, NO BOATSWAIN'S CHAIR OR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE USED UNLESS IT WAS OF GOOD CONSTRUCTION, SOUND MATERIAL, ADEQUATE STRENGTH, AND FREE FROM PATENT DEFECT.

"SUITABLE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE CHAIR SPINNING OR TIPPING IN A MANNER DANGEROUS TO THE OCCUPANT," HE SAID.

"THE OUTRIGGERS OR OTHER SUPPORTS MUST BE OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND PROPERLY INSTALLED, AND SAFETY BELTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PREVENT ANY OCCUPANT FROM FALLING OUT,"

THE REGULATIONS FURTHER SPECIFY THAT FLOOR EDGES, BALCONIES, LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS AND OTHER DANGEROUS PLACES FROM WHICH A PERSON IS LIABLE TO FALL, MUST BE SECURELY FENCED OFF.

AS FOR SCAFFOLDS, THEY SHOULD BE MADE OF STRONG AND SOUND MATERIALS AND FIXED OR SECURED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL DISPLACEMENT.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO CONTRAVENES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $50,000.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE TO ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION.

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REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

AMONG THESE PROJECTS ARE AN EXHIBITION ON CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY, A CIVIC EDUCATION LAUNCH TRIP, A VISIT TO A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, AND A YOUTH POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL KWAN AND MS NORA YAU, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF THEIR COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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QUESTIONS ON LRT SYSTEM

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS TWO QUESTIONS RAISED BY A MEMBER CONCERNING THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM.

THE QUESTIONS SEEK OFFICIAL REPLIES TO HOW THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MONITOR THE LRT SERVICES AND WHETHER THE BOARDING AND ALIGHTING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE LRT SERVICE AREA SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

INCLUDED IN TOMORROW'S AGENDA WILL BE TWO INFORMATION PAPERS RESPECTIVELY ON THE NEW PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING TAXI COMPLAINTS AND THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LINK ROAD FROM MA TIN ROAD TO TAI TONG ROAD AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE LONG PING FOOTBRIDGE BY LINKING AN EXISTING PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE BRIDGE TO AN LRT STOP ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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ELECTION FOR LAB ON SATURDAY

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NINE CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING THE FIVE SEATS REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IN AN ELECTION TO BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 22).

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS STARTING FROM JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THIS YEAR, 259 EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS HAVE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLED ON AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE UNIONS TO ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL BEFORE 2.30 PM ON ELECTION DAY.

THEY MUST PRODUCE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS FOR INSPECTION BEFORE ADMISSION TO THE ELECTION HALL.

AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, HAS BEEN APPOINTED RETURNING OFFICER.

VOTES WILL BE COUNTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS INCLUDING LABOUR LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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STARTING FROM NEXT YEAR, THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD WILL BE CHANGED IN THAT THE NUMBER OF ELECTED EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT OF NOMINATED EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE INCREASED FROM FOUR TO FIVE.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE MEMBERS APPOINTED ON EACH SIDE WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO TO ONE.

THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 12 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION ON SATURDAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK, AT 2.30 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NEW TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE TO OPEN

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THE NEW TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO SERVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE, LOCATED AT SHOP NO. 4, GROUND FLOOR, JUNE GARDEN, 28 TUNG CHAU STREET, WILL CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA.

IT ALSO OFFERS A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE THE SERVICE ON 3-933433 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH

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THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, IN WHICH RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN TAKE MUCH PRIDE, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

THE FESTIVAL, BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 5, WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

OVER 40 EVENTS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE FESTIVAL, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 10TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, MR CHUNG WAI-PING, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH RECEPTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 10TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL AND THE LUNCH RECEPTION ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21) IN THE MAXIM'S CHINESE RESTAURANT, LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN ARCADE, TSUEN WAN. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 12 NOON.

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NEW FOOTBRIDGE TO OPEN IN FO TAN

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A NEW FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI PO ROAD, LINKING FO TAN RAILWAY STATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, WILL OPEN TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE 280-METRE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE WILL ALSO LINK UP THE FOOTWAY LEADING TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S STAFF QUARTERS AND PENFOLD PARK.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF $5 MILLION. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE EACH CONTRIBUTED $1 MILLION TO THE COST.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS

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THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS LEADING FROM NORTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TO SOUTHBOUND GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 22) TO FACILITATE CLEANING OF THE UNDERPASS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR HUNG HOM AREA WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE.

THEY MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO TRAVEL ALONG GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A ROAD SECTION IN KWUN TONG WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 22).

THE RESTRICTED ZONE WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD EAST ON LEE ON ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE ON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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