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CONSULTATION ON BILL OF RIGHTS TO BEGIN
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUBLISH A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A BILL OF RIGHTS A WEEK ON FRIDAY (MARCH 16), THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE BILL WOULD LAST FOR TWO MONTHS.

"WE HAVE TAKEN TIME ABOUT DOING THIS BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET IT RIGHT; THAT WE GET IT RIGHT IN TERMS OF THE OBJECTIVES WE SET OURSELVES FOR THE BILL OF RIGHTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD BE SAYING THIS TO BRITISH MINISTERS WHEN HE VISITS LONDON THIS WEEK.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ONE OF HIS REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON WHICH WAS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MINISTERS THERE AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

"IT'S A ROUTINE VISIT THIS TIME. THERE ARE NO PARTICULAR ISSUES THAT I HAVE TO COVER. IT'S THE GENERALITY OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN HONG KONG AT THE MOMENT AND MATTERS OF CONCERN IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"AND THAT WOULD COVER THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE. I WILL BE BRINGING MINISTERS UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO DO IN 1991, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT IS OF CURRENT CONCERN," HE ADDED.

ASKED IF IT WAS A WASTE OF MONEY TO BRING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO HONG KONG ON THE RIGHT OF ABODE ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "NOT AT ALL. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BILL GOES THROUGH PARLIAMENT."

"THERE ARE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN BRITAIN WHICH EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT. WE HERE IN HONG KONG ALL HOPE THAT THE BILL WILL GO THROUGH.

"THE GOVERNMENT IN BRITAIN BELIEVES THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH, BUT IF WE CAN HELP IN THIS PROCESS BY EXPLAINING TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHY THIS BILL IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO KEEP PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, AND THAT IS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE THING, THEN WE SHOULD CERTAINLY DO SO," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IF WE BRING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HERE, IT'S NOT SIMPLY TO TALK ABOUT ONE BILL, IT IS TO INTRODUCE TO THEM THE WHOLE OF THE HONG KONG SITUATION, AND WE DO THIS THE WHOLE TIME. IF WE INCREASE THE NUMBERS BECAUSE THERE IS A BILL GOING THROUGH, WE GET OTHER BENEFITS AS WELL," HE ADDED.

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TUEN MUN HOSPITAL STAGE ONE OPENS ON MARCH 8
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THE FIRST STAGE OF TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8), THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT IS PLANNED THAT THE COMMISSIONING OF THE 1,606-BED HOSPITAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN FIVE STAGES.

"STAGE ONE WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION FROM MARCH 8 TO APRIL 2 TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 334 BEDS UNDER FIVE SPECIALTIES.

"THE SPECIALTIES ARE MEDICAL, SURGICAL, PAEDIATRIC, ORTHOPAEDIC, AND GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRIC."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AS THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE IN OPERATION IN THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THE OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL, THOSE ADMITTED TO TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL BE PATIENTS FROM THE SPECIALIST CLINIC SESSIONS OF THE TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC.

"A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT TWO MONTHS AFTER STAGE ONE HAS BEEN PUT INTO SERVICE TO DECIDE THE DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AND THE SCHEDULE OF THE OPENING OF SUBSEQUENT PHASES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, WHICH STANDS ON A 10.75-HECTARE SITE NEAR THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, IS AN ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH 1,606 BEDS. IT MAINLY SERVES THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND THE NORTHERN REGION OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX COMPRISES AN 11-STOUREY MAIN BLOCK, A FOUR-STOUREY SPECIAL BLOCK, A SINGLE-STOUREY RADIOTHERAPY BLOCK, A THREE-STOUREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK, A 12-STOUREY NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND FIVE BLOCKS OF STAFF QUARTERS.

A SPECIAL FEATURE IN THE DESIGN OF THE HOSPITAL IS THAT ALL THESE BLOCKS ARE INTERLINKED BY COVERED WALKWAYS AND UNDERGROUND TUNNELS TO ENSURE CONVENIENCE OF COMMUNICATION.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE HOSPITAL PROJECT IS AROUND \$1,200 MILLION.

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METROPLAN CONSULTATION EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD ON "METROPLAN - THE INITIAL OPTIONS" FOR TWO MORE MONTHS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS.

THE ORIGINAL CLOSING DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS WAS THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NOW HAVE UNTIL MAY 31 TO FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR CITY TO BE RESTRUCTURED SO AS TO CREATE A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

"CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAS BEEN PROMPTED BY THE METROPLAN PROPOSALS AND THAT, IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SOME FURTHER TIME FOR CONSULTATION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT, "METROPLAN - INITIAL OPTIONS", HAS LISTED THREE OPTIONS ON HOW THE FUTURE METRO AREA IS TO BE SHAPED.

AFTER THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION, INITIAL CONCEPTS WILL BE MODIFIED AND BROUGHT TOGETHER AS A RECOMMENDED STRATEGY.

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER ON MARCH 13

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TENDER FOR THE FIRST ISSUE OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, CLOSING AT 10.30 AM.

THE AMOUNT ON OFFER WILL BE HK\$300 MILLION. THE RESERVE WILL BE HK\$30 MILLION. THE ISSUE DATE WILL BE MARCH 14 AND THE MATURITY DATE WILL BE 91 DAYS LATER ON JUNE 13.

THE TENDER IS OPEN TO THE 115 RECOGNISED DEALERS IN EXCHANGE FUND BILLS.

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PUBLISHING OF DRAFT SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER SUGGESTED

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THE WORKING PARTY ON THE WHITE PAPER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES HAS SUGGESTED PUBLISHING THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

AT THEIR MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY), MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION AFTER HAVING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC VIEWS AND PETITIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES, INCLUDING STUDENT GROUPS.

THE PROPOSED CONSULTATION PERIOD IS THREE MONTHS.

THE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE REFLECTED TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) FOR CONSIDERATION. THE SWAC'S VIEWS ON THE METHOD AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT.

MEANWHILE, WORKING PARTY MEMBERS LEARNED THAT A TOTAL OF 151 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE SETTING UP OF A POSTAL BOX TO RECEIVE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS LAST DECEMBER.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE AS VERY ENCOURAGING AND ANTICIPATED MORE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

HE SAID: "THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN RESPONSE INDICATED THAT THE PUBLIC ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PRODUCE A WHITE PAPER."

THESE SUBMISSIONS ARE FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS, INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARDS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, ACADEMICS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND INDIVIDUALS.

"WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY QUALITY SUBMISSIONS AND THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE WORKING PARTY FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT THE INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF SUBMISSIONS SHOWED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS TENDED TO FOCUS TO SOME EXTENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THEY SUGGESTED THAT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE EXPANDED.

WORKING PARTY MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, TOGETHER WITH THE MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT BOARDS AND GROUPS HAD GIVEN VIEWS NOT JUST ON THE CONSULTATION PROCEDURES BUT VERY MUCH MORE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REVIEW.

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CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT CATERING WORKERS' HEARING

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FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND TRADE UNIONS REPRESENTATIVES TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED A RESTAURANT TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN PROMOTING HEARING CONSERVATION AMONG WORKERS IN THE CATERING TRADE.

WHEN THE TEAM CALLED AT THE GOOD WORLD RESTAURANT IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, THEY CONDUCTED AUDIOMETRIC TESTS ON WORKERS TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY SUFFERED FROM HEARING IMPAIRMENT CAUSED BY NOISE GENERATED BY STOVES.

THEY ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO WORKERS WHO HAD TAKEN THE NECESSARY HEARING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND GAVE FREE EAR PROTECTORS TO OTHERS.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN INCLUDES VISITS TO A NUMBER OF CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE WORKERS IN KITCHENS ARE LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE NOISE GENERATED BY STOVES

IT IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AND IS PART OF A CONTINUING INDUSTRY-BASED PROGRAMME ON HEARING CONSERVATION AMONG WORKERS.

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INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL WHICH INQUIRED INTO POSSIBLE CULPABLE INSIDER DEALING IN RELATION TO THE ORDINARY SHARES OF LAFE HOLDINGS LIMITED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 1989 AND MAY 5, 1989, SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, ON FEBRUARY 22, 1990.

THE TRIBUNAL COMMENCED ITS INQUIRY IN NOVEMBER 1989. IT WAS CHAIRED BY MR JUSTICE NAZARETH, AND ITS TWO LAY MEMBERS WERE MR ALAN KEMP AND MR DENNIS H.S. LAM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE REPORT HAS SINCE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE AND COPIES PRINTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

COPIES IN BOTH LANGUAGES PRICED AT \$22 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BECAUSE THE TRIBUNAL'S PROCEEDINGS WERE JUDICIAL, ITS MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD MAKE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT RELATING TO THE TRIBUNAL'S PROCEEDINGS OR THE REPORT.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON WAGE STATISTICS IN HK

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THE NOVEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "WAGE STATISTICS IN HONG KONG".

THIS ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE METHODOLOGY USED AND SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SINCE 1982.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY IS TO MEASURE CHANGE IN THE WAGE RATES FOR MAIN OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS AT THE SUPERVISORY, CRAFTSMAN AND OPERATIVE LEVELS OVER TIME.

THE ARTICLE CONTAINS STATISTICS ON MOVEMENTS OF THE WAGE INDEXES BY ECONOMIC SECTOR AS WELL AS BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS FOR MARCH 1982 TO JUNE 1989.

ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS, THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX IN JUNE 1989 HAD INCREASED BY 82.7 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARING WITH THE BASE PERIOD OF MARCH 1982.

THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), IN JUNE 1989 HAD INCREASED BY 12.3 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS WHEN COMPARING WITH THE BASE PERIOD OF MARCH 1982.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$34 PER COPY. PURCHASE MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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REMINDER TO AVOID EASTER HOLIDAY RUSH

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RESIDENTS INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE REMINDED TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NOW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

"IN ORDER TO AVOID A LAST MINUTE RUSH, RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT OR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO TRAVEL," HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT NOW TAKES 20 WORKING DAYS (THAT IS APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS) TO ISSUE A BRITISH HONG KONG PASSPORT AND 15 WORKING DAYS (THAT IS APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS) TO ISSUE A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

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HOWEVER, THE PROCESSING TIME FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT OR A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY IS ABOUT FIVE WEEKS IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD, BECAUSE HE HAS TO OBTAIN ONE AT THE SAME TIME.

"A RE-ENTRY PERMIT AND DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE DAY BUT DELAY IS LIKELY IF THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS COMING AT THE SAME TIME.

"FOR EXAMPLE, ON SATURDAY WE COULD ONLY PROVIDE A LIMITED SERVICE WITH HALF STRENGTH," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE PERIOD BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE YEAR.

"BY APPLYING EARLY, IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT WILL ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY," HE ADDED.

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CHILDREN'S LOVE FOR THEIR MOTHERS THROUGH ART AND MUSIC
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A COMPETITION IS BEING HELD TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THEIR MOTHERS THROUGH ART AND MUSIC.

ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON, THE PAINTING COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN STUDYING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

EXPLAINING THE COMPETITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CHILDREN WOULD HAVE TO USE THEIR IMAGINATION TO INTERPRET CZECH COMPOSER DVORAK'S "THE SONG MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME" THROUGH A PAINTING, PRINT, COLLAGE OR ANY OTHER TWO-DIMENSIONAL UNMOUNTED WORK.

ENTRIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - ONE FOR PRIMARY 1 TO 3 PUPILS AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE IN PRIMARY 4 TO 6.

A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING EDUCATIONISTS AND ZONTA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES WILL SELECT THE 25 WINNERS IN EACH GROUP. EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$300 BOOK TOKEN.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES TO THE ART AND CRAFT SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS MARCH 31.

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DB TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
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MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT CHAIRMEN FOR TWO BOARD COMMITTEES AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8).

THE COMMITTEES ARE ON COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENT.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO CONSIDER FORMING THREE ADDITIONAL WORKING GROUPS IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE THREE GROUPS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDITING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT STRATEGY 1990-93, PROMOTION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN MONG KOK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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RECLAMATION STUDY ON DB AGENDA
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8).

A SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR W.C. CHAN, AND A TOWN PLANNER FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, MR MICHAEL CHAN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RENT POLICY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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METROPLAN ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S METROPLAN AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR LICENSING GUESTHOUSES.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL VOICE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT HOUSING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE "SANDWICHED CLASS" AND THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ABOLISH RENT CONTROL.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE A REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR OLD BUILDINGS IN HO MAN TIN AND THE PRIVATISATION OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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ANTI-AIDS EXHIBITION IN WONG TAI SIN

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT AIDS WHEN THEY VISIT AN AIDS EXHIBITION WHICH BEGINS IN WONG TAI SIN ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8).

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, THE SIXTH IN A SERIES OF MOBILE EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

"THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIDS DISEASE, AND FOSTERING A POSITIVE, SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE IN THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

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"THE FOCUS IS ON YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO ENGAGE IN RISK BEHAVIOUR, YET ARE OFTEN LESS LIKELY TO BE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF INFECTION WITH AIDS," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, COVERS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIDS.

APART FROM SHOWING THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES HOW AIDS THREATENS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS CAN BE COUNTERED.

MEDICAL STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO GIVE ADVICE AND ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON AIDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS WHO WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN HANDSOME PRIZES BY ANSWERING A QUIZ DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF AIDS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL SATURDAY (MARCH 10), AND WILL MOVE TO TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MARCH 23.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION IN KWAI CHUNG

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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL START ON FRIDAY (MARCH 9) AT THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE NO 1 SECONDARY SCHOOL.

TAKING PART WILL BE EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SURVEYS ON VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION TOPICS, INCLUDING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN, FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

DETAILS OF THE SURVEYS AND THEIR FINDINGS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TANG KWOK-WAI AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXHIBITION, MR YAU HON-KEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 9) AT THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE NO 1 SECONDARY SCHOOL, 42 WO YI HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES

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THE GAZETTE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY (MARCH 5) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 7.08 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 6.84 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.59 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDIT WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 7, 1990.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE MARCH 7, 1990 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS -

3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;
4.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988;
5.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;
6.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;
7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989;

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8.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JUNE 22, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 22, 1989 AND BEFORE JULY 12, 1989;
7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1989 AND BEFORE AUGUST 9, 1989; AND
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 9, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 7, 1990.

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MARCH 7, 1990, APRIL 7, 1990 AND MAY 7, 1990 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON JUNE 6, 1990 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1,000, MARCH 7, 1990 TO JUNE 6, 1990 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$5.90 PER MONTH	= \$17.70
ON \$1,000, APRIL 7, 1990 TO JUNE 6, 1990 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$5.90 PER MONTH	= \$11.80
ON \$1,000, MAY 7, 1990 TO JUNE 6, 1990 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$5.90 PER MONTH	= \$ 5.90

	\$35.40
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FLUSHING WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN
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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 10 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 9) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT ON YAT STREET, TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, ON YUK ROAD, INCLUDING ALLWAY GARDENS, HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL AND STAFF QUARTERS, YAN CHAI HOSPITAL LIM POR YEN SECONDARY SCHOOL AND KEI WAI PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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