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GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON VISIT KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, DR T.Y. CHAU, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON TOURED THE FACILITIES OF THE HOSPITAL WHICH, WITH 1,592 BEDS, IS HONG KONG'S SECOND LARGEST PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON VISITED AN ADMISSION WARD FOR FEMALE VOLUNTARY PATIENTS, AN ADMISSION WARD FOR MALE INVOLUNTARY PATIENTS AND A CHILDREN'S WARD.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT MORE THAN 1,300 PSYCHIATRIC BEDS WOULD BE PROVIDED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH BEDS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS FROM THE EXISTING 4,651 TO ABOUT 6,000 BY 1993.

THE NEW BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION STAGE II, PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL, SIU LAM HOSPITAL EXTENSION, SHATIN INFIRMARY AND WONG CHUK HANG COMPLEX FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON PLANS TO OPEN MORE PSYCHIATRIC DAY CENTRES, PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CENTRES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON LATER VISITED A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR PATIENTS PROVIDED FOR THOSE LESS SERIOUSLY DISTURBED AS PART OF THEIR REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.

BEFORE ENDING THEIR VISIT, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ALSO TOURED THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT WHICH PROVIDES JOB TRAINING AND SUPERVISES DAILY ACTIVITIES TO HELP PATIENTS TO REINTEGRATE IN THE COMMUNITY.

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CS SEES BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK IN YAU TSIM

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, VISITED THREE BUILDINGS IN TSIM SHA TSUI TODAY (THURSDAY) TO LOOK AT THE WORK OF A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM (BMCT).

AT MIRADOR MANSION IN NATHAN ROAD, SIR DAVID SAW THE PROGRESS OF A \$15 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE BUILDING'S FACADE, AND ITS FIRE AND STRUCTURAL SAFETY AFTER A THIRD ALARM BLAZE IN AUGUST 1988.

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HE WAS TOLD THAT AFTER THE FIRE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BMCT HELPED RECONSTITUTE AND ENLARGE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BUILDING'S OWNERS' CORPORATION (OC) SO THAT IT WOULD CARRY OUT THE RENOVATION WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY.

THE TEAM ALSO ADVISED THE OC ON WORKING OUT THE RENOVATION PLAN, THE MAIN FEATURES OF WHICH INCLUDED REPAIRS TO SPALLING CONCRETE AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM; INSTALLATION OF A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN THE SHOPPING ARCADE WHERE THE FIRE BROKE OUT; UPGRADED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARD; AND REPAINTING THE EXTERNAL WALLS.

EARLIER, SIR DAVID VISITED CHUNG KING MANSION AND GRANVILLE BUILDING.

AT CHUNG KING MANSION, SIR DAVID LOOKED AT THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM INSTALLED IN ALL LIFTS UNDER THE ADVICE OF THE BMCT TO INCREASE SECURITY, AND TOURED THE BASEMENT SHOPPING ARCADE WHERE AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER HAD BEEN INSTALLED.

AT PRESENT, THE BMCT IS PLAYING A LIAISON ROLE BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON THE REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORISED ALTERATION WORK, PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTING FIRE ESCAPES, SIR DAVID WAS TOLD.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO TOLD THAT IN GRANVILLE BUILDING THE TEAM HAS STARTED HELPING THE OC TO IMPROVE SANITATION, FIRE SAFETY AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT WORK.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO.

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GOVT TO SPEND \$65 BILLION ON PUBLIC WORKS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$65.1 BILLION (AT 1989 PRICES) ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME COVERING SOME 1,220 PROJECTS IN THE FIVE YEARS SPANNING 1989-90 TO 1993-94, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN A SPEECH TO THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT 363 WERE NEW PROJECTS AND ABOUT 90 OF THEM COST OVER \$100 MILLION EACH.

HE SAID THAT IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND STRATEGIES WHICH WERE MANIFESTED IN THE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE DIFFERENT FIELDS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEED OF SOCIETY, THE RELATIVE URGENCY OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMME AREAS AND THE ECONOMIC COSTS AND BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAMMES.

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HE SAID AFFORDABILITY AS A GOVERNMENT AND AS A COMMUNITY IN THE RECOMMENDED TIME FRAME WAS ANOTHER DECIDING FACTOR.

"AS A BUDGETARY GUIDELINE, THE GROWTH OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED THE FORECAST TREND GROWTH RATE OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR SPENDING LEVELS ARE PLANNED BY REFERENCE TO WHAT THE ECONOMY CAN SUPPORT AND NOT BY THE REVENUE AVAILABLE.

"OTHERWISE, WE WOULD ONLY EXERT INFLATIONARY PRESSURE ON THE ECONOMY AND OBTAIN LESS REAL GAIN FROM OUR SPENDING," HE SAID.

AS AN EXAMPLE, SIR PIERS IDENTIFIED THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE COURSE OF FORMULATING THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS).

HE SAID THESE CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDED THE OPTIMAL SPLIT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION; THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING AND NOT IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY; THE CONSTRAINTS EXPERIENCED OR ENVISAGED BY HONG KONG'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY; AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF FINANCING.

ONE FURTHER FACTOR IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WAS THE RECOGNITION THAT BY PUTTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AS OUR PRIORITY ITEM, EXPENDITURE ON AND DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER PROGRAMME AREAS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSTRAINED AND SUITABLY ADJUSTED, HE ADDED.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE BY POLICY AREAS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD SHOWED THAT CIVIL AND ENGINEERING AND WORKS WOULD TAKE UP \$16.3 BILLION; TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE \$12.7 BILLION; PADS \$8.2 BILLION; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION \$7.9 BILLION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION \$5.6 BILLION.

PUBLIC CAPITAL WORKS CONNECTED WITH HEALTH AND WELFARE WOULD COST \$4.9 BILLION; ECONOMIC SERVICES \$3 BILLION; SECURITY \$2.5 BILLION; EDUCATION \$2.2 BILLION; RECREATION AND SPORT \$1.3 BILLION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING \$0.5 BILLION.

ON THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS, SIR PIERS SAID THIS WOULD COME FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES.

WHILE PROJECTS DIRECTLY FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT (ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME WERE FINANCED BY THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND, THOSE FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF SUBVENTIONS AND CARRIED OUT BY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS WERE FINANCED BY THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND, LOTTERIES FUND AND SUPPLEMENTED BY PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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PROJECTS FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WERE FINANCED BY THE COUNCIL'S OWN INCOME, RATES AND GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY STATUTORY BODIES WHICH WERE WHOLLY GOVERNMENT-OWNED - INCLUDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, MTRC, KCRC, THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION, AND THE FUTURE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, WERE FINANCED BY THE ORGANISATION'S OWN INCOME AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE THROUGH LOANS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND/OR EQUITY FROM VARIOUS OTHER FUNDS.

THERE WERE ALSO PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SUCH AS THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE FUTURE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, SIR PIERS SAID.

SOME BROAD ORDERS OF COSTS OF GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT IN THESE PROJECTS ARE:

	1989-90 TO 1993-94 (\$ BILLION) 1989 PRICES
PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME	65.14
CAPITAL SUBVENTIONS	9.70
EQUITY INJECTION INTO HOUSING AUTHORITY, MTRC	10.36
POSSIBLE EQUITY INJECTION FOR REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY	14.03

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INFORMATION ABOUT PADS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A "ONE STOP" UNIT TO DEAL WITH ALL ENQUIRIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PADS PROJECT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE UNIT WILL COVER BOTH TECHNICAL AND GENERAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, THE NEW PORT DEVELOPMENT, AND ALL RELATED ROAD AND RAIL LINKS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE NEW UNIT BE OPERATIONAL LATER THIS MONTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, ANY COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF PADS IS WELCOME TO CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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- SECRETARY FOR WORKS: INFORMATION ABOUT WORKS PROJECTS, THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, CONTRACTS, CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANCIES
- SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES : INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW AIRPORT
- SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS : INFORMATION ABOUT PORT DEVELOPMENT
- SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY : INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS
- SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT : INFORMATION ABOUT TRANSPORT LINKS

ANYONE IN DOUBT ABOUT WHO TO CONTACT IS WELCOME TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM MISS ELAINE CHUNG, DEPUTY SECRETARY (WORKS) (TELEPHONE: 8482708; FAX: 8453489) OR BY WRITING TO WORKS BRANCH, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL PERSONS WERE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT DIRECT AND THE SAME INFORMATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO EVERYONE, FREE OF CHARGE.

"NO INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION HAS PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO ANY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ON PADS," HE SAID.

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ENHANCED PUBLICITY, EDUCATION ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS ABUSE
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AN ENCOURAGING TREND FROM THE DRUG SITUATION REPORT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989 IS THE CONTINUED DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, AT A "MEET-THE-MEDIA" SESSION THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY).

THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED PERSONS DROPPED BY EIGHT PER CENT FROM 1,625 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1988 TO 1,495.

HOWEVER, SET AGAINST THIS GENERAL TREND WAS AN INCREASE FROM 506 TO 569, IN THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UNDER 21.

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"ALSO CAUSING CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE WAS THE RISE IN THE NUMBER OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSERS," DR CHOA SAID.

"THE LARGEST INCREASE WAS IN THE ABUSE OF CANNABIS WHILE THE OTHERS TOOK MANDRAX AND TYPES OF BENZODIAZEPINES SUCH AS ROHYPNOL," HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSERS REPORTED TO THE REGISTRY INCREASED FROM 376 IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1988 TO 831 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989. THE LARGEST INCREASE WAS IN THE ABUSE OF CANNABIS, RISING FROM 111 TO 383.

IN VIEW OF THIS, ACAN'S WORKING PARTY ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES WAS RECONVENED IN EARLY 1989 TO MONITOR THIS TREND AND EXAMINE EXISTING CONTROLS.

"BASED ON THE WORKING PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WE SEE A NEED TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS TO PUBLICISE, AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON, THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ABUSING SUCH DRUGS," DR CHOA SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN REMINDED DOCTORS AND PHARMACISTS OF THE ABUSE POTENTIAL OF CERTAIN DRUGS SUCH AS ROHYPNOL, HALCION AND OTHER TYPES OF BENZODIAZEPINES.

DR CHOA POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE STRINGENT CONTROLS OVER THE SALE OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS, WHICH COULD ONLY BE SUPPLIED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PRESCRIPTION GIVEN BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

"IF THESE CONTROLS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING ABUSES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PHARMACISTS AND DOCTORS EXERCISE GREAT CARE WHEN SUBSCRIBING AND PRESCRIBING SUCH DRUGS," HE SAID.

"ACAN WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY," HE ADDED.

DR CHOA SAID THAT HEROIN ADDICTION WAS STILL THE MAIN DRUG PROBLEM. MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE ADDICTS RECORDED IN THE REGISTRY TOOK HEROIN.

DESPITE RELENTLESS EFFORTS BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS, THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF HEROIN AT LOW PRICES, COUPLED WITH HIGH JOB OPPORTUNITIES, HAD PROBABLY LED TO THE DECREASE IN THE UTILISATION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES.

"THIS MAY BE A DISINCENTIVE FOR ADDICTS TO SEEK TREATMENT," DR CHOA SAID.

"THIS IS, HOWEVER, A VERY SHORT-SIGHTED VIEW," HE WARNED, URGING ADDICTS TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT.

TURNING TO THE ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY STRATEGY FOR THE COMING YEAR, DR CHOA NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ADOPTED A "SAY 'YES' TO LIFE AND 'NO' TO ALL DRUGS" APPROACH AS ONE OF THE MAJOR THEMES.

THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT YOUNGSTERS, IN PARTICULAR, WERE LIKELY TO ABUSE A WIDE RANGE OF DRUGS AND THUS THERE WAS A NEED TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ABUSING ALL KINDS OF DRUGS AND INSTIL IN THEM A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO LIFE AND A SENSE OF SELF-ESTEEM, HE SAID.

"OUR SECOND MAJOR THEME WILL BE TO REINFORCE INFORMATION ON THE TREATMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ENCOURAGE ADDICTS TO SEEK HELP," DR CHOA ADDED.

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IVORY TRADE BAN: UK AGREES TO ENTER RESERVATION ON HK'S BEHALF
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THE UK GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED A LIMITED, SIX-MONTH RESERVATION ON HONG KONG'S BEHALF IN RELATION TO A DECISION TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO LIST THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ON APPENDIX I TO THE CITES CONVENTION, THE GOVERNMENT CONFIRMED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE LISTING WOULD MEAN A BAN ON ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY AND ELEPHANT PRODUCTS.

THE RESERVATION WILL GIVE MORE TIME NOT ONLY FOR TRADERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LEGALLY HELD STOCKS BUT ALSO TO ENABLE WORKERS AND CARVERS IN THE TRADE TO FIND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

MEANWHILE, IMPORTS OF IVORY INTO HONG KONG WILL REMAIN BANNED.

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A RAPID DECLINE IN THE NUMBERS OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS AND IN A BID TO CONSERVE THE SPECIES, MEMBER NATIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) DECIDED LAST OCTOBER TO IMPOSE A COMPLETE BAN ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY. THIS BAN COMES INTO FORCE TODAY.

DESPITE HONG KONG'S REQUEST, EXISTING, CONTROLLED, STOCKS OF IVORY HAVE NOT BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE TRADE BAN.

HONG KONG IS A PARTY TO CITES THROUGH UK'S MEMBERSHIP. IT IS A MAJOR IVORY TRADING CENTRE AND HOLDS OVER 600 TONNES OF RAW AND WORKED IVORY ACQUIRED FROM SOURCES APPROVED BY CITES.

BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION HONG KONG REQUESTED THE UK GOVERNMENT TO ENTER A SIX-MONTH RESERVATION ON THE TERRITORY'S BEHALF.

"NOW THAT THIS RESERVATION HAS BEEN AGREED, HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO EXPORT EXISTING REGISTERED STOCKS OF IVORY TO CERTAIN MARKETS, UNDER STRICT LICENSING CONTROL.

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"THESE MARKETS, HOWEVER, WILL EXCLUDE ALL CITES PARTIES WHICH HAVE BANNED THE IMPORT OF IVORY," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REMAINED FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT NO IMPORTS OF IVORY INTO HONG KONG HAD BEEN ALLOWED FOR SOME MONTHS; THESE CONTROLS WOULD CONTINUE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RESERVATION WAS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE ORDERLY DISPOSAL OF THE LEGALLY ACQUIRED STOCKS OF IVORY NOW HELD IN HONG KONG.

TIGHT CONTROLS OVER THE IMPORT, POSSESSION AND EXPORT OF IVORY WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE AND ON THE EXPIRY OF THE RESERVATION IN SIX MONTHS' TIME, ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY FROM HONG KONG WOULD CEASE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SIX-MONTH RESERVATION WAS AN APPROPRIATE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF IVORY TRADERS AND CARVERS AND THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER MEANS OF CONSERVING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT.

NEW LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE IVORY TRADE BAN WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY, HE ADDED.

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COMPANIES REGISTRY FIGURES FOR 1989 RELEASED

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FIGURES FOR THE COMPANIES REGISTRY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, INDICATED INCREASES OF ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS AND MINOR DECREASES IN OTHERS FOR 1989 BY COMPARISON WITH 1988.

THE COMPANIES REGISTRY FIGURES SHOWED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES NOW REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE HAD INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT FROM 213,515 TO 242,709 WHILE THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR HAD INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT FROM 30,474 TO 31,674.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD AN ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT FROM 2,348 TO 2,464.

THE NUMBER OF NEW OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI DURING 1989 WAS 266, AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES IN 1988.

NO SEPARATE STATISTICS ARE MAINTAINED ON HOW MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES INCORPORATE LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES OR TAKE UP A MAJORITY SHARE-HOLDING IN A HONG KONG COMPANY.

EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$27,406 MILLION, A DECREASE OF 39 PER CENT OVER THE INCREASE OF \$45,052 MILLION IN 1988, WHILE THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING THE YEAR DECREASED BY 23 PER CENT FROM \$4,400 MILLION TO \$3,371 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 250 PER CENT FROM \$76,515 MILLION TO \$267,925 MILLION WHILE THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, INCREASED BY 78 PER CENT FROM \$7,539 MILLION TO \$13,415 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR A TOTAL OF 127 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 65 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED COMPARED WITH 153 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 67 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FOR FILING DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT FROM 692,571 TO 842,763.

THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RESERVATION OF NEW COMPANY NAMES DURING 1989 WAS 194,765 WHICH WAS A 19 PER CENT DECREASE ON 240,679 IN 1988.

THE FIGURES FOR 1989 INDICATED THAT IN THE SECOND SIX MONTHS OF 1989, 12,174 COMPANIES WERE REGISTERED COMPARED WITH 19,500 IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, AND THE NUMBER OF NAMES RESERVED SHOW THAT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS 116,970 NAMES WERE RESERVED COMPARED WITH 77,795 IN THE SECOND SIX MONTHS, INDICATING A SLOWER RATE OF EXPANSION IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, IN 1989 WAS 217. ANOTHER 182 SUMMONSES WERE OUTSTANDING FROM 1988.

OF THIS TOTAL OF 399 SUMMONSES, 211 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS (COMPARED WITH 232 IN 1988) AND 87 REMAINED TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN 1989 WAS \$597,570, COMPARED WITH \$446,715 IN 1988.

MR GLEESON EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF COMPANY NAMES RESERVATION UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE. THAT SYSTEM HAD BECOME UNWORKABLE IN PRACTICE, AND IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED IN FAVOUR OF A NEW SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

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UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM THE REGISTRAR WOULD CHECK ONLY FOR AND REFUSE NEW COMPANY NAMES THAT WERE IDENTICAL WITH EXISTING COMPANY NAMES.

THE PROMOTORS OF NEW COMPANIES AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IF THEIR COMPANY NAME WAS TOO SIMILAR TO ANY EXISTING COMPANY NAME.

COMPUTERISED SEARCH FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE COMPANIES REGISTRY TO CHECK EXISTING COMPANY NAMES, AND IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ANY AGGRIEVED COMPANY TO APPLY TO THE REGISTRAR WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE REGISTRATION OF A NEW COMPANY TO REQUIRE THE NEW COMPANY TO CHANGE ITS NAME ON THE GROUND THAT IT WAS TOO SIMILAR TO NAME OF THE EXISTING COMPANY.

MR GLEESON SAID HE WOULD SOON RECOMMEND AND BRING FORWARD LEGISLATION TO INTRODUCE THE NEW SYSTEM WHICH WOULD UNBLOCK THE PRESENT LOGJAM OF COMPANY NAMES APPLICATIONS IN THE COMPANIES REGISTRY AND SIMPLIFY AND SPEED UP THE PROCEDURE FOR COMPANY REGISTRATION.

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GOVERNOR TO TAKE SALUTE AT CSD INSPECTION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

THE INSPECTION WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 36 OFFICERS WHO HAVE EACH GIVEN 18 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CSD'S ANNUAL INSPECTION WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GROUND FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES AS THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS.

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KUN TING STUDY HALL TO BE RESTORED

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THE KUN TING STUDY HALL AT PING SHAN IN YUEN LONG WILL REGAIN ITS FORMER SPLENDID APPEARANCE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF RESTORATION WORK THERE.

WITH A DONATION OF \$2 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE RESTORATION WORK ON THE STUDY HALL STARTED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NINE MONTHS' TIME.

THE STUDY HALL IS ANOTHER HISTORICAL BUILDING BEING RESTORED IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF RESTORATION WORK ON TAI FU TAI WHICH WAS FUNDED BY A DONATION OF \$2.5 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STUDY HALL WAS BUILT IN THE MID-19TH CENTURY BY DESCENDANTS OF THE TANG CLAN TO COMMEMORATE THEIR 21ST GENERATION ANCESTOR, TANG KUN TING (1815-1838), WHO WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE CLAN.

AT THE TIME THE STUDY HALL WAS CONSTRUCTED, THE INFLUENCE OF THE TANGS IN YUEN LONG WAS AT ITS HEIGHT AND THE CLAN HAD BUILT MANY ANCESTRAL AND STUDY HALLS IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT.

THESE HALLS WERE CONSTRUCTED FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO STUDY FOR THE IMPERIAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION TO BECOME MANDARINS IN THE QING ADMINISTRATION, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE FAMILY'S PROMINENT POSITION.

THE BUILDING ITSELF IS A FINE TRADITIONAL CHINESE TWO-HALL TYPE BUILDING, WITH THE CENTRAL PORTION CONSISTING OF AN ENTRANCE HALL, A COURTYARD AND A MAIN HALL, AND THREE CHAMBER ROOMS ON EITHER SIDE.

THE WOODEN CARVINGS OF THE ROOF BRACKETS, THE PLASTER MOULDINGS, THE CARVED PANELS AND MURALS, THOUGH ALL DILAPIDATED THROUGH LONG NEGLECT, STILL SHOW EXQUISITE WORKMANSHIP OF THE PAST.

AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF SEVERAL OTHER SIMILAR STUDY HALLS, THE BUILDING IS THE BEST OF ITS KIND LEFT IN HONG KONG.

THE STUDY HALL WAS PRESERVED IN 1981 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

WITH THE CONSENT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE MANAGERS OF TANG SHUNG TAK TONG, THE STUDY HALL WAS CONFERRED THE STATUS OF A DEEMED-TO-BE MONUMENT IN 1986.

THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING HAD AGREED NOT TO DEMOLISH OR ALTER THE BUILDING WITHIN AN AGREED PERIOD OF TIME, MAINTAIN THE DESIGNATED USE OF THE BUILDING AND ALLOW REASONABLE ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME HAS BEGUN

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THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO TIE IN WITH THE TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF "SPRING CLEANING" BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES ABOUT 150 CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN THE TERRITORY'S 19 DISTRICTS,

ADDITIONAL LORRIES AND MANPOWER ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO CLEAN UP LITTER BLACKSPOTS BY REMOVING REFUSE AND UNCLAIMED ARTICLES FROM THE STREETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE ISLANDS INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE NORMAL AMOUNT.

"THE AMOUNT OF BULKY ARTICLES SUCH AS UNWANTED FURNITURE WENT BY 137 PER CENT, AS A RESULT OF THE CHINESE TRADITION OF 'DISCARDING THE OLD TO HAIL THE NEW YEAR'".

TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED BULKY ARTICLES, TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN ALL URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT THEY DISCARD REFUSE IN NEARBY COLLECTION POINTS BEFORE THEY ARE CLOSED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CLOSING TIME OF VARIOUS COLLECTION POINTS DURING THE YEAR-END AND DETAILS OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE, 8680000, OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE, 4145555, AND RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF REFUSE IN PUBLIC PLACES OTHER THAN COLLECTION POINTS IS A FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES PUBLICITY

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE WILL GIVE VIEWS ON PUBLICISING THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE 1987 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A MEMBER WILL SUGGEST THAT MORE PUBLICITY EFFORTS SHOULD BE TARGETTED AT MARKET STALL OPERATORS.

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THE CHIEF TRADE CONTROL OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS.

A PAPER CALLING FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS WILL BE TABLED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE 1990'S AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

ON LOCAL ISSUES, MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TSING YI AND INADEQUATE LORRY PARKING SPACES IN EAST KWAI CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1990-91 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 20 PROJECTS, WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1.69 MILLION, ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1989-90 AND THE POSSIBLE POLLUTION CAUSED BY THE PUBLIC LATRINE AT TUNG WAN TAU, MUI WO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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MANUFACTURER, EXPORTER FINED UNDER IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE

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A TEXTILES MANUFACTURER AND A GARMENT EXPORTER WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$290,000 TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE.

AT THE SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, LEE KING FASHION MANUFACTURING LIMITED ADMITTED A CHARGE OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENCE AND WAS FINED \$120,000.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY APPLIED TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 1987 FOR AN EXPORT LICENCE UNDER THE YEAR-END SPECIAL SHIPMENT SCHEME IN RESPECT OF A QUANTITY OF LADIES' 55 PER CENT RAMIE 45 PER CENT COTTON WOVEN BLOUSES FOR EXPORT TO THE USA.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS SHOWED THAT THE COMPANY HAD FALSELY DECLARED THAT THE GOODS WERE ITS PRODUCTS. MOREOVER, THE GOODS SHIPPED WERE IN FACT CUT PIECES AND RAGS.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONSIGNMENT WAS DECLARED TO BE ABOUT \$760,000.

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IN THE SAME COURT, A GARMENT EXPORTER, COLBY & STATON FASHIONS LIMITED, WAS FINED \$170,000 AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS OF CAUSING TO BE FURNISHED FALSE INFORMATION IN EXPORT MANIFEST IN DECEMBER 1987 IN RESPECT OF 2,240 CARTONS STUFFED WITH CUT PIECES AND DOLL DRESSES FALSELY DECLARED AS WEARING APPARELS, AND 2,232 PIECES OF ASSORTED BLOUSES FALSELY DECLARED AS 9,627 PIECES OF WEARING APPAREL AND HANGING GARMENT.

THE SHIPMENT WAS EFFECTED UNDER THE YEAR-END SPECIAL SHIPMENT SCHEME IN 1987.

THE VALUE OF THE DECLARED CONSIGNMENTS WAS ABOUT \$4.5 MILLION AND \$620,000 RESPECTIVELY.

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IMPORTANT ROLE FOR YOUTH

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN PROMOTING THE GROWTH, AND MAINTAINING THE STABILITY, OF HONG KONG.

MR KWOK WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES AT A HOTEL IN WAN CHAI.

"TO PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE, WE HAVE TO HELP THEM DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

"THIS CAN BE DONE BY OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES TO THEM TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS.

"BY DOING SO, THEY WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL SKILLS."

MR KWOK SAID IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT TO INSTIL IN YOUNG PEOPLE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SOCIETY.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO WIDEN THEIR PERSPECTIVES IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE SOCIETY," HE ADDED.

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LAISEE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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ABOUT 400 SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TODAY (THURSDAY) RECEIVED NEW YEAR "LAISEE" OF \$100 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

A FURTHER 2,500 FAMILIES AND 650 ELDERLY PERSONS WILL RECEIVE THEIR RED PACKETS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THEY COMPRISE SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AGED PATIENTS OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND RESIDENTS OF AN ELDERLY HOSTEL.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY AT TUNG WAH HOSPITAL WERE DR HO TIM, A FOUNDER OF THE FUND; SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT; SINGER MISS PAULA TSUI; AND MEMBERS OF THE FUND'S COMMITTEE.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ABOUT BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO GIVE A CHILD EDUCATION, TO PURCHASE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR TO MEET HIGH COSTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR OTHER NEEDS.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH URGENT NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND OR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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GENERAL REVALUATION REMINDER TO RATEPAYERS

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ABOUT 130,000 OUT OF 350,000 REQUISITION FORMS ISSUED ON JANUARY 2 HAVE ALREADY BEEN RETURNED.

THESE FORMS WERE ISSUED TO SELECTED RATEPAYERS WHOSE PREMISES ARE LIKELY TO BE LET ON RECENTLY NEGOTIATED RENTS.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THESE FORMS THAT THEY MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY (JANUARY 23).

FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD RENDER THEM LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2,000.

PERSONS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS MAY APPROACH ANY DISTRICT OFFICE, OR CALL AT THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, FOR ASSISTANCE.

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CHANCE FOR YOUNG MUSICIAN TO ATTEND MUSIC CAMP IN U.S.

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A TALENTED YOUNG STRING PLAYER FROM HONG KONG WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE 1990 NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP.

THE ANNUAL MUSIC CAMP AT INTERLOCHEN, MICHIGAN, USA IS RECOGNISED AS A PREMIER FINE ARTS CAMP IN THE WORLD. THIS YEAR THE CAMP WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 24 TO AUGUST 20.

THERE WILL BE MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE MOST RENOWNED ARTISTS IN THE WORLD.

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING INTERESTED MUSICIANS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18, WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMP.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND A REASONABLE COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MID-MARCH.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE RETURN AIR PASSAGE DONATED BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND. THE FEES FOR THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER.

THE SELECTED CANDIDATE, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS PERSONAL INSURANCE ABROAD, AND TO PLACE A SUM OF US\$300 IN HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP TO MEET MINOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

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THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE PARTICIPANT WILL REST WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YUEN LONG MUSIC CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, 55 SAU FU STREET, YUEN LONG BY FEBRUARY 16.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 4750465.

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RECLAMATION AND ROAD PROJECTS IN TUEN MUN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR RECLAMATION AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION, WIDENING AND REALIGNMENT OF PART OF THE EXISTING LUNG MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION AT THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT DEPOT TO THE WONG CHU ROAD/TSING WUN ROAD/LUNG MUN ROAD INTERCHANGE AND THE SLIP ROAD OF THIS INTERCHANGE.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMBINED CYCLEWAY/PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDERNEATH THE PROPOSED SLIP ROAD TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS.

THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION WILL INVOLVE ABOUT SIX HECTARES (OUTER PART) AND FIVE HECTARES (INNER PART) RESPECTIVELY OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NEAR THE LOWER REACHES OF THE TUEN MUN NULLAH.

THE RECLAMATION, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND FOR COMPLETING THE ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AT THE NORTH AND SOUTHWEST PARTS OF TUEN MUN.

WORKS ON THIS CONTRACT ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST REACH THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 16.

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WATERMANS TO BE LAID IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 4,400 METRES OF WATERMANS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

THE WATERMANS WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MILLIMETRES TO 800 MILLIMETRES WILL BE LAID IN LUEN WO HUI, ON LOK TSUEN, LUNG YEUK TAU, AND LING SHAN TSUEN (AREAS 18, 19 AND 21 FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI).

THE MAINLAYING WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROADWORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 19 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 2.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN, KWAI CHUNG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY TSING WUN ROAD AND LUNG MUN ROAD (FROM PUI TO ROAD TO LUNG KWU TAN), INCLUDING AREA 31, 32, TSING SHAN TSUEN, TSING SHAN BOY'S HOME, YEUNG SIU HANG, SHAN SHEK WAN TSUEN, AREA 18, 19, 40, 44 AND 46, SIU SHAN COURT, WU KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, SIU HEI COURT, AND HOI CHIU GARDEN.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT MELODY GARDEN, BUTTERFLY BEACH RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, CHINA CEMENT CO. LTD., TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION A AND B, LUNG KWU TAN, SHA PO KONG, NAM LONG, PAK LONG, PILLAR POINT REFUGEE CENTRE, AND ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE BOUNDED AREA.

ON THE SAME DAY (SATURDAY), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 PM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES LOCATED AT LAI KING HILL ROAD, TAI LIN PAI ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, HING FONG ROAD, CONTAINER PORT ROAD, YUET LAI COURT, LAI KING ESTATE, WAH SING STREET, KUNG YIP STREET, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, KWAI HING ESTATE, KWAI FONG ESTATE, SUN KWAI HING GARDENS, KWAI HING THA AND CONTAINER TERMINALS.

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FLUSHING WATER CUT IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 6 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 22) TO FACILITATE THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER PIPES.

THE AREAS AFFECTED INCLUDE KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, CHUN MAN COURT AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON BAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON BAY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

THE LEFT TURN FROM WANG CHIU ROAD EASTBOUND TO CHEUNG YIP STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI BUN ROAD, KAI HING ROAD, LAM CHAK STREET AND CHEUNG YIP STREET.

THE RIGHT TURN FROM HOI BUN ROAD WESTBOUND TO CHEUNG YIP STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KAI HING ROAD, LAM CHAK STREET AND CHEUNG YIP STREET OR VIA WANG CHIU ROAD, SHEUNG YEE ROAD AND CHEUNG YIP STREET.

THE LEFT TURN FROM CHEUNG YIP STREET NORTHBOUND TO WANG CHIU ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAM CHAK STREET, KAI HING ROAD AND HOI BUN ROAD OR VIA CHEUNG YIP STREET, SHEUNG YEE ROAD AND WANG CHIU ROAD.

THE STRAIGHT AHEAD MOVEMENT FROM THE SECTION OF CHEUNG YIP STREET NORTH OF WANG CHIU ROAD TO THE OTHER SECTION OF CHEUNG YIP STREET SOUTH OF THE SAME ROAD JUNCTION WILL BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI BUN ROAD, KAI HING ROAD AND LAM CHAK STREET FOR ACCESS TO THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF CHEUNG YIP STREET.

THE RIGHT TURN FROM CHEUNG YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND TO WANG CHIU ROAD WILL BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI BUN ROAD, SHUN YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET, SHEUNG YEE ROAD AND WANG CHIU ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN CANTON ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20), SOME SECTIONS OF CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 119 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 235 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH AUSTIN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 115 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SECTION OF TRAFFIC LANE IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST OF THE VERGE AT THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD OUTSIDE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN POK FU LAM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20), SOME SECTIONS OF POK FU LAM ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SECTIONS ARE THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF POK FU LAM ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLAYMORE AVENUE TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLAYMORE AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POK FU LAM ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VEHICULAR UNDERPASS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD/NAM CHEONG STREET VEHICULAR UNDERPASS IN SHAM SHUI PO, LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND TO NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20) TO FACILITATE CLEANING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA LUNG PING ROAD, FLYOVER AND NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND.

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EXTENSION OF URBAN CLEARWAY IN HUNG HOM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20), THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HUNG HOM WAN STREET TO THE EAST OF PO LOI STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO ITS JUNCTION WITH GILLIES AVENUE.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN ABERDEEN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TIN WAN CLOSE, FROM A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN WAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES FROM THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

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

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI PO ROAD, SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SLOW AND MIDDLE LANES OF A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 25) TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

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