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AMENDMENTS TO SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL 1989

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THE LEGCO DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL WILL BE RESUMED ON APRIL 12. MORE THAN 270 AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO 52 CLAUSES OF THE BILL AND FIVE NEW CLAUSES AND ONE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE ADDED.

"THE AMENDMENTS ARE THE RESULT OF DETAILED DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE AD HOC GROUP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATION OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS," THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID.

"THE BILL CONTAINS ADEQUATE CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE POWERS OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CARRY OUT ITS ROLE EFFECTIVELY."

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SFC AND ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CHANNELS OF APPEAL AGAINST SFC DECISIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTERED PERSONS, EXCHANGE COMPANIES AND CLEARING HOUSES.

PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY AND INVESTIGATORY FUNCTIONS BY THE SFC ARE TO BE AMENDED TO FACILITATE ITS EFFECTIVE OPERATION AND TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE EXCESSIVE USE OF POWERS.

THE FUNDING PROVISIONS ARE ALSO TO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSACTION LEVY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO BE APPORTIONED BETWEEN THE SFC AND THE EXCHANGE.

SINCE THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 18, THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, CONCERNED MARKET BODIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS, HAS BEEN EXAMINING THE BILL CLOSELY AND HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE AMENDMENTS.

"I AM GRATEFUL TO THE GROUP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ITS ABLE CONVENOR, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, FOR ITS CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF THE BILL," MR JACOBS SAID.

"SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE ON APRIL 12, WE AIM TO BRING THE ORDINANCE INTO EFFECT ON MAY 1, 1989.

"THE ORDINANCE WILL BE THE CORNERSTONE OF A NEW, MODERN REGULATORY REGIME FOR THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

"THE SFC BILL REPRESENTS THE FIRST PHASE OF REFORM OF THE SECURITIES LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG IN THE PROCESS OF ENSURING THAT OUR MARKET REGULATION IS UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

"THE NEXT PHASE WILL BE A THOROUGH OVERHAUL AND UPDATING OF ALL OUR SECURITIES LEGISLATION," HE ADDED.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS
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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE WHICH ADMINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS HAS ANNOUNCED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FINANCIAL AIDS IN THE FORM OF A COMBINATION OF GRANTS AND LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FULL-TIME COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (FOR POST-ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS ONLY).

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE RESIDED OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

CURRENT STUDENTS OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS UNITS/OFFICES OR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICES OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO SATISFY THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF, AND HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO, EITHER UNIVERSITY MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, OR THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.

THEY MUST PRODUCE THE RESULT SLIPS OF THEIR ADVANCED/HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION OR NOTIFICATION OF PROVISIONAL OFFER IN RESPECT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THEY SHOULD, HOWEVER, SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNED.

NEW STUDENTS ADMITTED BY EITHER POLYTECHNIC OR THE BAPTIST COLLEGE MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND STUDENTS TAKING HIGHER DEGREE OR DIPLOMA COURSES WHO WILL NOT HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR MINIMUM PRESCRIBED PERIOD OR REGISTRATION BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1989 ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

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THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION FOR A MASTER DEGREE IS NORMALLY TWO YEARS AND FOR A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, THREE YEARS.

THE CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS ARE:

CURRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS	: MAY 5, 1989
CURRENT STUDENTS, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	: JUNE 15, 1989
CURRENT STUDENTS, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	: JUNE 1, 1989
CURRENT STUDENTS, BAPTIST COLLEGE	: MAY 20, 1989
NEW STUDENTS, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	: AUGUST 25, 1989
NEW STUDENTS, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	: EARLY SEPTEMBER 1989
NEW STUDENTS, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	: OCTOBER 10, 1989
NEW STUDENTS, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	: OCTOBER 10, 1989
NEW STUDENTS, BAPTIST COLLEGE	: OCTOBER 10, 1989

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE SUBJECT TO MEANS TESTS, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A STUDENT'S FAMILY INCOME AND ASSETS LESS PERMITTED DEDUCTIONS TO ARRIVE AT THE STUDENT'S ANNUAL DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR SETTING AGAINST HIS GRANT/LOAN REQUIREMENTS.

UPON SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION.

THE COMMITTEE'S SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WOULD LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MIGHT ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG (TELEPHONE : 5-8672738).

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IVORY IMPORTS FROM SOMALIA TO BE BANNED

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT APPLICATION FOR IVORY IMPORTS INTO HONG KONG DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM SOMALIA WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS FROM MAY 23 THIS YEAR.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED A BAN IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON ALL IVORY EXPORTED FROM SOMALIA AND ON IVORY FROM SOMALIA RE-EXPORTED BY A THIRD COUNTRY TO THE UNITED STATES WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 24 THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BAN ALL IVORY COMING FROM ANY COUNTRY WHICH IMPORTS SOMALIAN IVORY AFTER A THREE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 24, OR WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES ITS IVORY IMPORTS FROM SOMALIA DURING THE GRACE PERIOD.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID: "IN ORDER THAT HONG KONG'S WORKED IVORY CAN CONTINUE TO ENTER THE U.S., THE DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER PROCESS IMPORT APPLICATIONS FOR IVORY FROM SOMALIA EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AS FROM MAY 23 THIS YEAR.

"THIS BAN WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE."

HE SAID THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THERE WERE VERY FEW DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPORTS OF IVORY FROM SOMALIA. THE QUANTITIES OF SUCH IMPORTS ONLY AMOUNTED TO 12.6 TONNES AND 13.4 TONNES RESPECTIVELY.

"ALL THESE IMPORTS WERE VERIFIED BY THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA," MR CHEUNG SAID, ADDING THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO APPLICATION FOR IVORY IMPORT FROM SOMALIA SO FAR THIS YEAR.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE IVORY TRADERS' ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND IT HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE BAN.

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MORE THAN 740,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS IN 1988

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S (CNTA) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES HAVE HANDLED 742,403 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS DURING 1988.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CNTA SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE MOST POPULAR TYPES OF DECLARATIONS BEING ADMINISTERED WERE DECLARATIONS OF TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS, AND THOSE CONCERNING EMIGRATION MATTERS AND LABOUR DISPUTES AND APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS.

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THERE ARE 68 CENTRES IN THE 19 DISTRICTS PROVIDING THIS FREE SERVICE, HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CANNOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS OR TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ANY TYPE OF DOCUMENTS CAN MAKE USE OF THE DECLARATION SERVICE.

THE ONLY DOCUMENT REQUIRED IS THE DECLARANTS' HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR EQUIVALENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

A DECLARATION MAY BE MADE, TAKEN OR RECEIVED EITHER IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE.

THE DECLARANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF HIS/HER STATEMENT IN A SPECIFIED DECLARATION FORM AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FORM, THE DECLARANT HAS ONLY TO SWEAR IN FRONT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON (TEL. NO. 3-7302255-6).

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POLL CARDS FOR DB BY-ELECTION

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THE 13,811 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL RECEIVE POLL CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR THE COMING BY-ELECTION FOR THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON APRIL 20.

THE MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS (11,010) WILL HAVE TO CAST THEIR VOTES AT THE BUDDHIST CHAN SIK YAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, AND THE REMAINING 2,801 ELECTORS AT THE HO CHAK SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY, CHAK ON ESTATE.

ELECTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARDS TO THE POLLING STATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE PRODUCTION OF THE POLL CARD IS NOT MANDATORY, IT WILL FACILITATE PROCESSING AND AVOID DELAYS.

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FOR THOSE ELECTORS IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY WHO HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OR WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR POLL CARDS BY APRIL 13, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY TELEPHONE ON 5-270369 OR 5-270380, OR IN WRITING.

THEY SHOULD GIVE THEIR IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS AND THEIR NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AS THEY ARE STILL ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE COMING BY-ELECTION.

AN INTRODUCTORY LEAFLET ON THE TWO CANDIDATES, MR LUI PAK-YIU AND MISS SHA MI-CHING, WILL ALSO BE SENT TO ALL ELECTORS WITHIN THIS WEEK.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER BUDGET FOR ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSED 1989-90 BUDGET FOR IMPLEMENTING MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 11).

ABOUT \$1.14 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR CARRYING OUT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE THE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT CROWN LAND, INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT BOARD DISPLAY PANELS AND CARRYING OUT PLANTING WORK.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO ELECT A CHAIRMAN TO HEAD THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 1989-90 TERM AND NOMINATE CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE COMMITTEE.

THEY WILL ENDORSE THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF A WORKING GROUP FORMED TO ORGANISE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 11) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND WILL FORM A WORKING GROUP TO ORGANISE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN.

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AND WILL CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR CARRYING OUT AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN SHUI CHOI TIN VILLAGE.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDE A PAPER ON THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PREPARED BY GREEN POWER AND ENDORSED BY THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP, AS WELL AS THE MAJOR ENVIRONMENT ISSUES RAISED AT A "SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETS AREA COMMITTEES" SEMINAR HELD RECENTLY.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE A PAPER ON THE REPLENISHMENT OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISTRICT'S FIRE WATCH TEAMS, THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROJECTS IN 1989-90, AND A NUMBER OF INFORMATION PAPERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS METERED PARKING AT VILLAGE CARPARKS

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 11) THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METRES AT VILLAGE CARPARKS TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKING SPACES THERE.

WHILE A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS FOR BUS STOPS IN THE DISTRICT, TWO OTHER MEMBERS WILL ASK QUESTIONS RELATING TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

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THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S 1989-90 PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME FOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION ON TUESDAY (APRIL 11).

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WORKING GROUP TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL.

THE REPORT OUTLINES THE CLEARANCE AND REHOUSING EXERCISES FOR THE FIRST THREE PHASES OF CLEARANCES WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON THE REHOUSING OF RESIDENTS TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PHASE FOUR CLEARANCE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL AND APPROACH ROADS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE INVITES APPLICATIONS

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TEAMS WHICH ARE INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL ON JUNE 8.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS, BANKS AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACE IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION.

THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE ON A 1,000 METRE COURSE ALONG THE SAI KUNG TOWN WATERFRONT, STARTING AT 9 AM.

COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BOATS AND EQUIPMENT. THEY WILL BE ALLOCATED PRACTICE TIME BEFORE THE RACE DAY.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS MAY 1.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHA HA PUBLIC SPORTS FIELD, SAI KUNG TOWN.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7921762.

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DRAWING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 13 WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR FLAIR FOR DRAWING IN A CONTEST SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN KOWLOON PARK ON SUNDAY (APRIL 30).

THE "INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN DRAWING CONTEST" IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE HARBOUR JAYCEES AND SING TAO LTD. TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART AND ENHANCE THEIR CREATIVE SKILLS.

THE CONTEST, TO BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM, IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: JUNIOR (FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX); INTERMEDIATE (AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE) AND SENIOR (AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 13).

CHILDREN WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST MAY ENROL AT THE VENUE AT 9 AM, OR OBTAIN ENROLMENT FORMS BEFOREHAND FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE OR OTHER DISTRICT OFFICES; THE HARBOUR JAYCEES AT 272 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 15TH FLOOR, BLOCK C; SING TAO CENTRES; OR CHUCK AND CHEESE.

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THE ORGANISERS WILL PROVIDE DRAWING PAPER, BUT PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO BRING THEIR OWN BRUSHES.

THE THEMES OF THE DRAWINGS SHOULD BE "MY FUTURE", "THE ACTIVITY I LIKE MOST" OR "A JOYFUL FESTIVAL".

ADJUDICATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE VENUE. THE RESULTS WILL THEN BE ANNOUNCED AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED.

THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES, INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$1,000, GIFT COUPONS OF THE SAME VALUES, FOUNTAIN PENS AND OTHER GIFTS.

IN ADDITION, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO SEVEN OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION.

A VARIETY SHOW PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ASIA TELEVISION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CONTEST.

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MUSIC OFFICE STUDENTS' CONCERT

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ABOUT 150 TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE PERFORMED AT A STUDENTS' CONCERT HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING, OFFICIATED AT THE CONCERT AND PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO OUTSTANDING TRAINEES.

NOTING THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD ORGANISED MANY MUSIC PROMOTION ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, MRS SO COMMENDED ITS STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN MAKING MUSIC TRAINING ACCESSIBLE TO LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE, THUS IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

"THE MUSIC OFFICE'S TRAINING PROGRAMME PROVIDES NOT ONLY COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING IN MUSIC, IT ALSO ENABLES THE TRAINEES TO WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER WHILE PERFORMING IN GROUPS.

"ITS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ALSO HELPS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S IMAGE ABROAD AND ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING," SHE ADDED.

MRS SO ALSO CONGRATULATED THE INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF OF THE MUSIC OFFICE FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND WISHED THEM AND ALL THE TRAINEES CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MISS LOLLY CHIU, SAID IN HER WELCOME SPEECH THAT THE REGIONAL TRAINEES' CONCERT WAS AN IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR THE TRAINEES.

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IT PROVIDED THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED IN THE PAST YEAR AND TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCE, SHE SAID.

"AT PRESENT, WE HAVE 4,000 STUDENTS LEARNING MUSIC IN OUR EIGHT MUSIC CENTRES. MOST OF THEM ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED, AND WITH HARD WORK HAVE BENEFITTED TREMENDOUSLY FROM THE PROGRAMME OF TRAINING OFFERED," MISS CHIU REMARKED.

THE CONCERT FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ISLAND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE ISLAND YOUTH STRINGS. THE PIECES PRESENTED INCLUDED "ROMANIAN FOLK DANCES", "HOPAK DANCE", "DELIGHTFUL EVENING" AND "JINGLING OF CAMEL BELLS".

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YOUTHS INVITED TO JOIN ACAN VOLUNTEER GROUP

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ENTHUSIASTIC AND RESOURCEFUL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 28 ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN IN AND HELP FIGHT THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG.

THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IS CONDUCTING ITS RECRUITMENT EXERCISE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE GROUP'S FUNCTION WAS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTATING PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS ORGANISED BY ACAN.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1981, THE VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS FULFILLED ITS OBJECTIVES IN TRAINING AND ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE AND DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FRONT.

"THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ACAN'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND SELF-INITIATED PROJECTS, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS A WORTHY SOCIAL CAUSE IN SPREADING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE GROUP IS NOW LOOKING FOR SUITABLE, MUCH MOTIVATED PEOPLE WITH A MINIMUM EDUCATION STANDARD OF FORM 5," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES; THE OFFICES OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 10 SAI YUEN LANE, SAI YING PUN, HONG KONG OR AT ROOM 409 OF TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, MONG KOK, KOWLOON; AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION BY APRIL 28.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION ON 5-8672762.

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CYC TO MOUNT CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) AND 19 DISTRICT BOARDS WILL JOINTLY MOUNT A SERIES OF CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS AT TAIKOO SHING, NEW WORLD CENTRE AND TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND SATURDAY (APRIL 15).

THE EXHIBITIONS ALSO AIM AT ENABLING MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CYC MOVEMENT.

THE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE MOUNTED AT TAIKOO SHING ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (APRIL 10 AND 11), BEFORE MOVING TO NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (APRIL 12 AND 13) AND TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE (APRIL 14 AND 15).

ON DISPLAY WILL BE OUTSTANDING WORKS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND CYC MOVEMENT SELECTED FROM THE CYC CIVIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT HELD IN 19 DISTRICTS IN LATE FEBRUARY.

UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS THE WORKS WERE AIMED TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE WORK OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND OF THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITIONS.

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LOCAL OPEN SPACE TO BE BUILT IN SAI KUNG
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A LOCAL OPEN SPACE WILL BE BUILT IN SAI KUNG TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

SITUATED AT WAI MAN ROAD, THE LOCAL OPEN SPACE WILL HAVE TWO SOCCER PITCHES, ONE BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL COURT, ONE ROLLER SKATING RINK AND SITTING-OUT AREAS WITH ARBOUR.

SOFT LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 21.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG AND SAI KUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 11), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AS PART OF THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

MUT WAH STREET BETWEEN FU YAN STREET AND HIP WO STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

MOREOVER, THE RIGHT-TURN FROM HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND TO MUT WAH STREET; AND THE LEFT-TURN FROM HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND TO MUT WAH STREET WILL BOTH BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON HIP WO STREET HEADING FOR MUT WAH STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG YAN STREET, YUE MAN SQUARE AND FU YAN STREET.

KMB ROUTES 3D, 6E, 17 AND 93K WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA HIP WO STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD WHILE KMB ROUTE 19A AND 28A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HIP WO STREET, TUNG YAN STREET, YUE MAN SQUARE AND HONG NING ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN SAI KUNG, THE SPEED LIMIT ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 130 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HANG HAU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE REDUCED FROM 70 TO 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR SAFETY REASONS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN AND KENNEDY TOWN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SLIP ROADS AT SIU LAM INTERCHANGE LINKING TUEN MUN ROAD WESTBOUND AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM DAILY FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 11) FOR THREE NIGHTS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, KMB ROUTE 52M ON TUEN MUN ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TUEN MUN WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA TUEN MUN ROAD, SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA FROM HOUSE NO. 49 TO HOUSE NO. 51 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

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

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF SAI ON STREET, ABERDEEN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SAI ON STREET IN ABERDEEN BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 11) FOR THREE NIGHTS FOR ESCALATOR INSTALLATION WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 4A, 27 AND 38 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WU PAK STREET AND TUNG SING ROAD AND A TEMPORARY STOPPING PLACE WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE 3 SAI ON STREET.

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