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GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING ENVIRONMENT

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PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG IS A MAJOR PART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

A WHITE PAPER ON ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE PRODUCED LATER THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD SET OUT THE POLICIES AND PROBLEMS WE HAD GOT AT THE MOMENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE WHITE PAPER WOULD ALSO DEAL WITH MATTERS SUCH AS HOW EFFECTIVE WE HAD BEEN IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS AND, WHERE WE THOUGHT WE HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY EFFECTIVE, WHAT NEW PROPOSALS WE SHOULD PUT FORWARD, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO MAI PO TO SEE PROGRESS OF THE 1989 BIG BIRD RACE ORGANISED BY THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG.

ASKED IF HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE TOUGHER LAWS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THE WHITE PAPER WOULD PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR THE PUBLIC TO PUT FORWARD THEIR IDEAS INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE SOME TOUGHER LAWS ON POLLUTION.

NOTING THAT MAI PO WAS A VERY SPLENDID FACILITY, SIR DAVID SAID WE NEEDED PLACES LIKE THIS WHICH PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND SEE WILDLIFE AND ALSO AS AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY.

"I WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT OF THE ABOUT 28,000 PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE LAST YEAR, A VERY LARGE NUMBER WERE STUDENTS COMING HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. ENVIRONMENT IS SOMETHING WHICH I AM PERSONALLY VERY KEEN THAT WE SHOULD PRESERVE IN HONG KONG AND MAINTAIN.

"AND IT IS A MAJOR PART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT WE SHOULD NOW BE PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT MAKING SURE THAT WE KEEP UP STANDARDS, THAT WE REPAIR SOME OF THE DAMAGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT HAVE BEEN DONE OVER THE PAST YEARS OF RAPID ECONOMIC ADVANCE," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS TO BRIEF KWUN TONG DB
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL BRIEF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD ON THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONS OF HIS OFFICE AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 10).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AS RECOMMENDED BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP CO-ORDINATED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL NGAU TAU KOK MARKET COMPLEX EXTENSION PROJECT AND THE RESITING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE STATIC HAWKERS AT NGAU TAU KOK SECOND AND THIRD STREETS AS WELL AS IN THE HAWKER BAZAARS IN LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE THE WORK PLAN OF THE BOARD FOR 1989-90, A PROGRESS REPORT ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROGRAMME, AND REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 10) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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WORK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC IN TSUEN WAN AREA
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A MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROJECT FOR TSUEN WAN WHICH HAS JUST STARTED, WILL GREATLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA WHEN IT IS COMPLETED IN MID-1991.

CONTRACT WORKS FOR THE PROJECTS, WORTH \$126.86 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER FROM THE JUNCTION OF TEXACO ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD TO THE EXISTING FLYOVER ABOVE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF KWAI FUK ROAD AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE WHICH SPANS ACROSS TEXACO ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD.

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AS PART OF THE CONTRACT, A SITE WILL ALSO BE FORMED FOR CONTAINER RELATED INDUSTRIES.

THE VARIOUS RELATED WORKS WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT TEXACO ROAD AND THE TEXACO ROAD/TSUEN WAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

ANOTHER BENEFIT IS THAT IT WILL EASE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE TSUEN WAN AREA FOLLOWING OPENING OF ROUTE 5, EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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MOBILE EXHIBITION ON HOME SAFETY AT LOK FU

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A MOBILE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF LOK FU ESTATE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM TO DRIVE HOME THE HOME SAFETY MESSAGE.

"THE EXHIBITION, IN THE FORM OF A MOCK KITCHEN, AIMS AT ALERTING THE PUBLIC TO POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THIS PART OF THE HOME," A SPOKESMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE SAID.

A NEW BOOKLET "SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS AT THE VENUE.

"THE BOOKLET FEATURES THE MOST COMMON HAZARDS IN THE HOME ON A 'ROOM-BY-ROOM' BASIS AND PROVIDES GUIDELINES ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES," HE SAID.

"IT ALSO INCLUDES FIRST AID KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE ON THE CONTENTS OF A FIRST AID BOX," HE ADDED.

TOMORROW'S EVENT WILL BE THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS TO DISSEMINATE THE HOME SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC. THE OTHER EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED AT SIX OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ON CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, SECTIONS OF SHA TIN ROAD, TAI PO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- * THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HO TUNG LAU AND FO TAN NULLAH - FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 10) TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE FAST LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TSANG TAI UK - FROM 11 PM ON APRIL 11 TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE NORTHBOUND OUTER-MOST LANES OF TAI PO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY BETWEEN HO TUNG LAU AND MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE - FROM 8 AM ON APRIL 17 TO 8 PM ON APRIL 19.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND OUTER-MOST LANES OF TOLO HIGHWAY AND TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE AND FO TAN NULLAH - FROM 8 AM ON APRIL 17 TO 8 PM ON APRIL 19.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD AT THE SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM MONDAY (APRIL 10).

THE SLOW LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY TO 8 PM ON APRIL 15, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MIDDLE LANE WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON APRIL 15 TO 6 AM ON APRIL 17.

MEANWHILE, THE FAST LANE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON APRIL 15 TO 8 PM ON APRIL 20.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 10), HONG TAK ROAD EASTBOUND IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN TAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SIU YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET BEFORE REJOINING KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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