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DISTRICT BOARDS MAKING REAL IMPACT

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THE DISTRICT BOARDS WERE CONTRIBUTING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE CITIZENS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY.

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, MR WIGGHAM SAID HE HAD BEEN MOST IMPRESSED, BOTH BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS AND THE BOARDS AS A WHOLE.

THEY HAD MADE A REAL IMPACT IN AREAS RANGING FROM CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, THE PLANNING AND PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS WELL AS COURTESY AND ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS, HE SAID.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED OVER THE PAST YEAR.

LAST MONTH, ABOUT 300 UNOFFICIAL DB MEMBERS IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH MR WIGGHAM AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR MACPHERSON, EXPRESSED VIEWS ON HOW THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM SHOULD DEVELOP.

+DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTS THE MARRYING OF TWO PARALLEL DEVELOPMENTS: FIRST, THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AT THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL, TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS; AND SECOND, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM TO ALLOW GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

+IT IS THESE TWO THEMES THAT WE SEE BEING TAKEN A STEP FURTHER FORWARD IN THE NEW PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, AS PART OF A CONTINUING PROCESS OF STRENGTHENING OUR SYSTEM OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, TO PARALLEL THE PRESENT URBAN COUNCIL COVERING HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

+AS PART OF THIS PROPOSAL WE SHALL BE GIVING URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THE ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS, IN TERMS OF THE DIVISION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS BETWEEN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.+

AT THE DISTRICT BOARD LEVEL, THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS COVERED BY EACH DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BE EXAMINED.

+I DO NOT EXPECT TOO MANY CHANGES HERE, THOUGH WE ARE AWARE, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE PROBLEMS OF HAVING ONE BOARD RESPONSIBLE IN THE NT FOR THE LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL EXPANSE OF TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

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+IN THE URBAN AREA, IT WILL PROBABLY MEAN THAT, ONCE AND FOR ALL, WE WILL SETTLE FOR SEPARATE BOARDS FOR YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND WAN CHAI: IN OTHER WORDS - AND IN SPITE OF THE AMALGAMATION SUGGESTED IN THE EARLIER GREEN PAPER - CONFIRMING THE PRESENT SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SPLIT THE LARGER URBAN DISTRICTS, SUCH AS KWUN TONG AND EASTERN.

BUT HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION IN THESE LARGER DISTRICTS MIGHT HAVE TO BE STRENGTHENED TO KEEP PACE WITH DEVELOPMENT.

ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, MR WIGGHAM SAID A THIRD PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY WAS AIMED AT INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY THE ELECTED ELEMENT IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

AT PRESENT, THE AVERAGE DB HAS ABOUT EQUAL NUMBERS OF ELECTED MEMBERS, APPOINTED MEMBERS, AND EX-OFFICIO GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.

IF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS WERE AGREED TO, THIS RATIO WAS EXPECTED TO CHANGE AT THE 1985 ELECTIONS, WITH MOST BOARDS HAVING TWICE AS MANY ELECTED MEMBERS AS APPOINTED MEMBERS, HE SAID.

+IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONTINUE AS FULL MEMBERS OR WILL SIMPLY BE 'IN ATTENDANCE' AT FUTURE DB MEETINGS.

+AT THE SAME TIME - AND THIS IS THE FOURTH MAIN PROPOSAL - WE SHALL BE CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT ROLE FOR THE DBS.

+AS THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IN HIS STATEMENT, VIEWS ARE NOW TO BE SOUGHT ON THESE PROPOSALS, FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND FROM INTERESTED PARTIES IN PARTICULAR.

+THE PROPOSALS, IF IMPLEMENTED, WILL MARK THE LATEST STEPS IN A STEADY ADVANCE OF OUR PARTICULAR HONG KONG SYSTEM OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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U.S. WITHDRAWS TWO 'E.A. CALLS'
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD HAS COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ON EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) CALLS MADE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT TWO OF THE NINE CALLS HAD BEEN FORMALLY WITHDRAWN BY THE UNITED STATES AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE TWO ITEMS ARE CAT. 318 (COTTON YARN-DYED FABRIC) AND CAT. 669 (OTHER MAN-MADE FIBRE MANUFACTURES).

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS, HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE AGREED TO DIFFER ON THE SEVEN REMAINING CALLS WHICH ARE:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
314	COTTON POPLIN AND BROADCLOTH
337	COTTON PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, ETC.
361	COTTON SHEETS
359	OTHER COTTON APPAREL
369	OTHER COTTON MANUFACTURES
649	MAN-MADE FIBRE BRASSIERES, ETC.
459	OTHER WOOL APPAREL

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SEVEN CALLS WERE IN RESPECT OF 1983 AND THEREFORE IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THEY WERE UNRESTRAINED EA CATEGORIES IN 1984 UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY WERE CALLED IN 1984.

COMMENTING ON WHETHER CALLS WOULD BE MADE ON THE SEVEN CATEGORIES THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT DEPENDED ON WHETHER THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED THAT A CASE FOR DOING SO EXISTED IN TERMS OF MARKET DISRUPTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES.

ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATION CURRENTLY IN FORCE FOR THE NINE CATEGORIES ORIGINALLY CALLED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD CONTINUE IN OPERATION FOR THE TIME BEING BUT WOULD BE REVIEWED SHORTLY.

MEANWHILE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST CALL FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR 1984, THE CALL IS ON CAT. 652 (MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR).

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATION IN RESPECT OF THIS CATEGORY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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BORDER CONTROL POINT TO BE BUILT
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A BORDER CONTROL POINT IS TO BE BUILT AT SHA TAU KOK.

AN \$8.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED TO YEU SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTROL POINT WILL OCCUPY A 12 500 SQUARE-METRE SITE BETWEEN LIN MA HANG ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

WORK INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-STOREY MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING FOR THE POLICE, AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ARRIVAL AND A DEPARTURE HALL, A CARGO EXAMINATION PLATFORM, A VEHICLE INSPECTION PIT AND A TRANSFORMER ROOM.

WORK WILL BEGIN TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH AND BE FINISHED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE BORDER CONTROL POINT IS BEING BUILT IN CONNECTION WITH THE VEHICLE BORDER LINK AT SHA TAU KOK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE 800-METRE LONG, TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER BORDER CROSSING FACILITY IN ADDITION TO THE ONE AT MAN KAM TO.

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STEADY GROWTH SEEN FOR ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY
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HONG KONG'S ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING IN TERMS OF BOTH SIZE AND SOPHISTICATION, ACCORDING TO THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT ON THE 1983 MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

TO COPE WITH THIS, THE INDUSTRY WOULD REQUIRE A BETTER TRAINED WORKFORCE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING HIGHER LEVEL PRODUCTS AND HANDLING COMPLICATED ELECTRICAL PROJECTS, THE REPORT SAYS.

THE INDUSTRY'S WORKFORCE HAS BEEN GROWING STEADILY BY ABOUT 4.2 PER CENT A YEAR IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, REACHING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 59 000 WORKERS IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

AND TO MEET THIS DEMAND, THE TRAINING BOARD HAS SUGGESTED THAT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE OF 160-200 TECHNOLOGISTS, 300 - 350 TECHNICIANS AND 1 000 - 1 200 CRAFTSMEN WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THIS YEAR TO 1988.

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THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN GIVEN THE JOB OF ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

THE TRAINING CENTRE WILL BE HOUSED IN THE KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX, AND BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY EARLY NEXT YEAR. IT WILL PROVIDE ONE YEAR FULL-TIME OFF-THE-JOB BASIC TRAINING TO 200 TRAINEES IN KEY ELECTRICAL TRADES AND WILL UPGRADE TRAINING TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SAFETY PRACTICE IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.

THE REPORT, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, GIVES A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND TRAINING. IT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$14 A COPY.

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SCHOOL HEADS STUDY IMPACT OF COMPUTERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPACT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL, COMMUNICATION AND TELE-COMMUNICATION AND INDUSTRY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR Y.T. LI, AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPUTER STUDIES.

MORE THAN 300 SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS TOOK PART IN THE SEMINAR WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRINCIPALS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AT THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MR LI SAID THAT THE SYLLABUS FOR THE COMPUTER STUDIES COURSE WAS DESIGNED:

- * TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONS, THE USE AND THE LIMITATIONS OF COMPUTERS;
- * TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDY OF MODERN METHODS OF INFORMATION PROCESSING;
- * TO ENCOURAGE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS IN THE MODERN WORLD, AND
- * TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR FURTHER STUDIES IN COMPUTER SCIENCE.

NOTING THAT 75 MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD JOIN THE 30 SCHOOLS IN THE COMPUTER STUDIES PILOT SCHEME IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, MR LI SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HOPED THAT EVENTUALLY ALL PUBLIC-SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

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PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS URGED
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED THAT DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINES SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY GUARDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT EMPLOYERS FAILING TO FENCE OFF THESE MACHINES MAY FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30 000 ON CONVICTION.

HE SAID THAT WORKERS HAVE FREQUENT AND OFTEN INEVITABLE ACCESS TO POINTS OF OPERATION OF A MACHINE.

INJURIES RESULTING FROM MACHINERY ACCIDENTS ARE OFTEN SERIOUS AND CAN LEAD TO AMPUTATION OF FINGERS, A HAND OR ARM AND MORE SERIOUSLY, PERMANENT DISABILITY FOR THE INJURED.

+STATISTICS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 11 483 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY MACHINERY LAST YEAR, OF WHICH 19 WERE FATAL CASES,+ HE SAID.

WORKERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE HANDLING MACHINES WITH PROJECTIONS ON REVOLVING PARTS ARE ALSO REMINDED NOT TO WEAR COTTON GLOVES OR LOOSE CLOTHINGS DURING OPERATION.

THE ENTANGLEMENT OF COTTON GLOVES WITH THE MOVING PARTS MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A HAND OR AN ENTIRE ARM.

+WHILE FACTORY MANAGEMENT SHOULD EXERCISE STRICT SUPERVISION TO ENSURE SAFETY MEASURES, WORKERS SHOULD ON THEIR PART FOLLOW THE REGULATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WORKERS WHO WILFULLY AND WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE REMOVE THE SAFETY DEVICES ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 ON CONVICTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HONOUR FOR GIRL WHO SAVED WORKER
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AN 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL, CHUI PUI-SHAN, WHO SAVED A WORKER FROM A FATAL FALL ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13), WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PUI SHAN, A PRIMARY SIX PUPIL, HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, IN APPRECIATION OF HER PROMPT ACTION IN SAVING THE WORKER.

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ON MONDAY EVENING, PUI SHAN WAS PLAYING BADMINTON AT THE TZE MAN ESTATE, TZE WAN SHAN, WHEN HER ATTENTION WAS DRAWN BY SOME WORK TOOLS FALLING FROM A BUILDING. LOOKING UP, SHE SAW A GONDOLA TILTING ABOUT 60 DEGREES WITH A WORKER HANGING ON PRECARIOUSLY OUTSIDE THE BALCONY OF HER 9TH FLOOR FLAT.

PUI SHAN IMMEDIATELY RUSHED BACK TO HER FLAT AND OPENED A WINDOW TO LET THE WORKER IN.

PUI SHAN, A BADMINTON ENTHUSIAST, WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A PAIR OF BADMINTON RACQUETS BY MR BRIDGE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TELFORD GARDENS, KOWLOON BAY, AT 3 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR BRIDGE, MR KEVIN I.K. MAK, DISTRICT OFFICER, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AND MR EDDIE LAMB, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, IS AIMED AT MAKING THE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN KWUN TONG MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY OFFERED

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A 400 SQUARE METRE SITE IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, IS BEING OFFERED FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS FOR STORING AND REPAIRING GOODS.

IT CAN ALSO BE USED FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING PAINT-SPRAYING, OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY OF THE SITE IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS MARCH 2.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HOSPITAL EXTENSION
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DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL PHASE III EXTENSION PROGRAMME TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 11 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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THREE WELFARE OFFICE UNITS MOVE
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THREE UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPERATING FROM NEW OFFICES ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

THE KOWLOON CITY FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE WILL MOVE TO THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, KOWLOON. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 3-7601659 AND 3-7601624.

THE KOWLOON CITY SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT WILL BE HOUSED ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 3-7150395 AND 3-760179.

THE NEW OFFICE OF THE MONG KOK SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT WILL BE AT THE YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 248-250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 3-887448 AND 3-327167.

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REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY FOR MONG KOK
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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE BUILT AT DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$600 000 CONTRACT TO K-PEAK COMPANY LIMITED TO CARRY OUT THE WORK.

AN OFFICE AND A STORE WILL ALSO BE BUILT AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

WORK STARTED RECENTLY AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN MONTHS.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, WHICH IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, WILL OCCUPY A 173 SQUARE METRE SITE ADJACENT TO KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL FOR ISLANDERS
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TWO LARGE-SCALE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED FOR CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS FROM THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

STARTING AT 8 PM, A LANTERN CARNIVAL WITH SINGING AND CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT THE SEASIDE NEAR THE CHEUNG CHAU FERRY PIER ON THREE NIGHTS UNTIL SATURDAY.

ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19), A FOUR-HOUR CARNIVAL FOR 500 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG CHAU PAK DAI RECREATIONAL GROUND STARTING AT 1 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, AND 10 GAMES STALLS WILL BE PUT UP. RED PACKETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ELDERLIES.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY.

SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AT ABOUT \$14 400, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS TOMORROW
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THE FOURTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING WITH A FREE PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AT LUT SAU HALL.

FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS, MORE THAN 30 PROGRAMMES FEATURING OPERAS, DRAMAS, DANCES, FILM SHOWS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT VARIOUS VENUES IN THE DISTRICT.

PRIOR TO TOMORROW'S CONCERT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 7 PM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 5.30 PM SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW

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A FIGHT CRIME AND AN ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING SPORTS GROUND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AT 7 PM.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER AND THE FRONTIER DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.R. LLOYD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE 90-MINUTE SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY TWO LOCAL SINGERS, MR JOHNNY YIP AND MISS ELIZA CHAN.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHOW.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR SHAM SHUI PO CEREMONY

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ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 18), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO TO FACILITATE THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOCK TOWER.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC AND BUSES ON KMB ROUTE NOS. 72 AND 86 ALONG TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, UN CHAU STREET AND YEN CHOW STREET.

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