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IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON NEW TOWNS EXPECTED

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SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

THESE INCLUDE: THE BEST DISTRIBUTION OF THE TERRITORY'S PREDICTED 6.2 MILLION POPULATION AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE LOCATION OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, WHETHER TO EXTEND THE MTR TO JUNK BAY, AND WHETHER TO HAVE A RAIL LINK TO MA ON SHAN.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, DR RICHARD BUTLER, IN A SPEECH ON +CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS+ TO THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

+THE POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTIONS ARE NUMEROUS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S GUIDE-LINES IN CHOOSING THE BEST OPTIONS MUST, OF COURSE, BE ECONOMIC IN NATURE,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR THE 'BEST BUY'. IT HAS TO DISCOVER WHAT QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS IT CAN ACHIEVE, AT WHAT PRICE, UNDER EACH OF THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

+'PRICE' HERE, IN PRACTICE, AMOUNTS TO THE COMPARATIVE COST OF THE LAND AND THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALTERNATIVES WHICH WE FACE,+

THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET CALCULATED THE MOST ECONOMIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW TOWNS POPULATIONS, DR BUTLER CONTINUED.

IT WAS STILL AT THE STAGE OF THE CONSULTANCY STUDIES WHICH INVESTIGATED POTENTIAL LOCATIONS AND POPULATIONS FOR ALL POSSIBLE NEW TOWNS.

WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, THESE NUMEROUS STUDIES WOULD HAVE ALL TO BE BROUGHT TOGETHER AND A GOVERNMENT VIEW FORMULATED ON THE BEST POPULATION DISTRIBUTION.

HE POINTED OUT THERE WERE SIX EXISTING NEW TOWNS AT SHA TIN, TAI PO, FANLING/SHEK WU HUI, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, AND THERE WAS A PROSPECT OF NEW TOWNS AT JUNK BAY, MA ON SHAN/ THREE FATHOMS COVE, TIN SHUI WAI AND NORTH LANTAU.

DR BUTLER ALSO OUTLINED THE PRESENT THINKING ABOUT THE SCOPE FOR THE 10 NEW TOWNS:

SHA TIN - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 150 000. IT COULD HAVE A POPULATION OF 600 000, SERVED BY AN ELECTRIFIED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WITH POSSIBLE DIRECT ROAD LINKS WEST TO TSUEN WAN AND LAI CHI KOK.

TAI PO AND FANLING/SHEK WU HUI - THEIR PRESENT POPULATION IS 100 000 BETWEEN THEM. THEY COULD HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF 500 000 AND BE SERVED BY THE ELECTRIFIED KCR AND NEW HIGHWAYS (DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS, NORMALLY EACH OF THREE LANES).

YUEN LONG - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 53 000. IT COULD HAVE A POPULATION OF POSSIBLY 300 000 AND BE LINKED TO TUEN MUN BY A LIGHT RAILWAY.

TUEN MUN - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 100 000. IT COULD HAVE AN ULTIMATE POPULATION OF 550 000. IT WILL BE LINKED TO TSUEN WAN BY A ROAD WITH DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS, EACH OF THREE LANES, PLUS POSSIBLY A RAIL LINK.

TSUEN WAN - THIS IS AN ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIAL TOWN WITH A PRESENT POPULATION OF 620 000. IT COULD GROW TO 900 000. IT WILL BE LINKED TO KOWLOON/HONG KONG ISLAND BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY THIS YEAR AND WILL POSSIBLY BE LINKED DIRECTLY TO SHA TIN BY ROAD AND POSSIBLY TO KOWLOON BY A NEW WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY.

JUNK BAY - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 12 000. IT COULD BECOME A NEW TOWN OF 300 000, SERVED BY AN EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM KWUN TONG, A NEW ROAD LINKING THE TOWN TO EAST KOWLOON AND A POSSIBLE LEI YUE MUN BRIDGE. THE MTRC IS PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING THE ECONOMICS OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION. IF THE TOWN DEVELOPED ONLY TO 120 000 THE EXTENSION WOULD NOT BE NEEDED.

MA ON SHAN/THREE FATHOMS COVE - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS UNDER 2 000. THE TWO LOCATIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO TWO NEW ADJUNCTS TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN OF POSSIBLY 300 000 POPULATION IN TOTAL, LINKED TO SHA TIN BY RAILWAY AND TO EAST KOWLOON BY A NEW ROAD.

TIN SHUI WAI - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 12 000. A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DEVELOP A NEW TOWN OF AT LEAST 100 000 RISING TO 500 000 POPULATION WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH WEST GENERALLY AND TO LINK IT TO YUEN LONG BY LIGHT RAIL.

NORTH LANTAU - THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 2 500. IT COULD BECOME A NEW TOWN WITH A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AND A POPULATION OF 440 000. IF THAT HAPPENED, LANTAU WOULD HAVE TO BE LINKED TO THE MAINLAND BY BRIDGES.

+THIS RUN-DOWN INDICATES THE SCOPE OF SOME OF THE CHOICES FACING THE GOVERNMENT. SOME CHOICES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE FAIRLY SOON - WITHIN ONE YEAR OR SO,+ DR BUTLER SAID.

+THE SHAPE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL THEN EMERGE. SOME OF THE SHAPE WILL CRYSTALLISE THIS YEAR, WITH THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION OF THE MTR AND THE ELECTRIFICATION OF KCR TO SHA TIN.

+NEXT YEAR, THE KCR WILL BE ELECTRIFIED TO LO WU AND, BY 1984, THE BASIC TRUNK ROADS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALL HAVE BEEN BUILT TO STANDARDS INCORPORATING DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS WITH THREE LANES PER CARRIAGEWAY.+

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TRYING TO REACH A DECISION NEXT YEAR ON THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT LOCATION, THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE MTR TO JUNK BAY, AND A POSSIBLE RAIL LINK TO MA ON SHAN.

+MOREOVER, THE GOVERNMENT IS STARTING THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP PLANS FOR LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN DIRECTLY BY ROAD AND FOR PROVIDING A HARBOUR CROSSING AT LEI YUE MUN.

+WHILE A LOT WAS STILL IN THE MELTING POT, IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE THERE WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF THE SHAPE OF THE HONG KONG IN WHICH THE NEXT GENERATION WOULD LIVE,+ DR BUTLER SAID.

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TERRITORY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UNDER PREPARATION
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE TERRITORY.

IN ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, MR CHAU CHAM-SON OF THE LANDS, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SAID THIS WOULD FORM PART OF AN EFFORT TO CO-ORDINATE OVERALL PLANNING FOR A SATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENT AND TO MEET THE HOUSING, TRANSPORT, EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER RELATED NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION.

MR CHAU SAID THAT PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, CO-ORDINATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, SEVERAL SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

AN AGREEMENT FOR ONE OF SUCH STUDIES, CALLED +HARBOUR RECLAMATIONS AND URBAN GROWTH STUDY+ WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN MR CHAU AND MR R.J. OSBORN, OF SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS.

THE STUDY COVERS VICTORIA HARBOUR, HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND OTHER RELATED AREAS.

MR CHAU SAID: +THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO ASSESS THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE STUDY AREA, INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER RECLAMATIONS AND THE SCOPE FOR ADDITIONAL URBAN GROWTH THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT ON NEW SITES.+

THE STUDY WILL:

- * INVESTIGATE THE COSTS, BENEFITS AND OTHER LIKELY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;
- * EXAMINE OTHER SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE FUTURE USE OF ITS EXISTING SITE IF THE AIRPORT IS RELOCATED ELSEWHERE; AND
- * IDENTIFY THE BEST CHOICE AS TO THE LONG-TERM OPTIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL CONTAINER BERTHS AND ASSOCIATED PORT FACILITIES.

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALTERNATIVE PLANNING STRATEGIES TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE STUDY AREA. ITS FINDINGS WILL PROVIDE AN INPUT TO AN OVERALL PLANNING REVIEW OF THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POTENTIAL, CONSTRAINTS AND NEEDS OF EACH OF ITS SUB-REGIONS.

MR CHAU SAID, +THIS IS A COMPLEX STUDY WHICH WILL INVOLVE A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH. THE STUDY TEAM IS THEREFORE TO INCLUDE EXPERTS IN SUCH DISCIPLINES AS TOWN PLANNING, ENGINEERING, TRANSPORT PLANNING, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ANALYSES AND PORT OPERATION.+

/THE \$24 MILLION

THE \$24 MILLION STUDY WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PLANNING ELEMENT OF THE STUDY TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED BY ROBERT MATTHEW JOHNSON-MARSHALL AND PARTNERS, WHOSE PLANNING PARTNERS, MR R.H. STEWART, WILL BE THE PROJECT DIRECTOR. THE ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, THE URBAN AND PORT ECONOMIC ELEMENTS BY COOPERS AND LYBRAND ASSOCIATES LTD. AND VALUATION EXPERTISE BY COLLIER PETTY, CHARTERED SURVEYORS.

OTHER SPECIALISED INPUTS WILL INCLUDE PORT OPERATIONS, LANDSCAPE AND PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. MATHEMATICAL MODEL STUDIES TO ASSESS THE EFFECTS OF FURTHER RECLAMATIONS AND URBAN GROWTH IN THE HARBOUR AREA AND ITS POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES WITH REGARD TO POLLUTION AND TIDAL CURRENTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HYDRAULIC RESEARCH STATION, WALLINGFORD AND THE WATER RESEARCH CENTRE, STEVENAGE, UNITED KINGDOM.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WAS HELD TODAY.

THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR FRANCIS TIEN, SAID THE MEETING WAS A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

THE NEW BODY HAS BEEN CHARGED, NOT ONLY WITH THE ADVISORY DUTIES WHICH THE OLD HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL HAD PREVIOUSLY, BUT ALSO WITH THE TASK OF ACTUALLY OPERATING AND MANAGING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES.

+CENTRES TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS NEEDED BY HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ARE PROPERLY TRAINED ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH CENTRES WILL BE A PRIORITY OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

+BUT IT IS JUST AS VITAL THAT THESE YOUNG PERSONS RECEIVE EDUCATION IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING AND TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL FULLY.

+HONG KONG MUST HAVE A WELL-EDUCATED, TRAINED WORKFORCE IF IT IS TO CONTINUE TO PROSPER AND IMPROVE ITS STANDARDS FOR THE GENERAL BENEFIT,+ HE SAID.

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RUSH TO GET ABERDEEN TUNNEL READY

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CONTRACTORS ARE WORKING AGAINST TIME IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL READY FOR THE PARTIAL OPENING ON FRIDAY (MARCH 12).

THEY CONTINUED TO WORK OVER THE WEEKEND, PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE TUNNEL WHICH PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SAID THAT LIGHTING HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY INSTALLED AND TESTED.

THE RUNNING-IN OF THE VENTILATION SYSTEM IS BEING CARRIED OUT WHILE THE TESTING OF THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM HAS YET TO BE COMPLETED.

+THE TUNNEL WILL ONLY BE OPENED WHEN THE REQUIRED SAFETY STANDARDS ARE MET,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AS THE SITUATION STANDS, THERE IS A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE THAT ONE TUBE CAN BE OPENED ON FRIDAY AS WE ORIGINALLY AIMED. HOWEVER A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.+

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA, WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITH THE PARTIAL OPENING OF THE TUNNEL.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO SETTLE, AND DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE OPENING EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY.

THE TWIN-TUBE ABERDEEN TUNNEL IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY IN USE IN MAY OR JUNE.

UNDER THE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT, SIX BUS SERVICES, INCLUDING THREE NEW ROUTES, AND TWO MAXICAB SERVICES, WILL BE USING THE TUNNEL.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL LATER BE GIVEN ON ALL THE DETAILED TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND REVISED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WARNING AGAINST COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THAT TOUGH ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF ANY COPYRIGHT - REGARDLESS OF ITS NATURE.

HE WAS SPEAKING DURING A CEREMONY AT WHICH A TRADING COMPANY DONATED \$10 000 TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WELFARE FUND IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE'S EFFORTS IN TRACKING DOWN OFFENDERS PIRATING THE COMPANY'S CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

RECEIVING THE DONATION FROM MISS C.H. KOH, CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OF HONG KONG KING YOKO LTD, MR JORDAN SAID: +IT IS A SAD THOUGHT THAT THOSE WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN STEALING COPYRIGHT WOULD EVEN STOOP TO INFRINGING COPYRIGHT OF CHILDREN'S PICTORIAL BOOKS. NOTHING IS BEYOND THE REACH OF THESE GRASPING PIRATES, NOT EVEN THINGS INTENDED FOR CHILDREN'S ENJOYMENT.+

HONG KONG KING YOKO LTD COMPLAINED TO THE COPYRIGHT DIVISION IN MAY 1981, ALLEGING THAT ITS CHILDREN'S PUBLICATIONS HAD BEEN PIRATED. AS THE PUBLICATIONS ORIGINATED IN JAPAN, INVOLVING VARIOUS SERIES AND TITLES, IT TOOK THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS SOME TIME TO VERIFY THEIR COPYRIGHT. HOWEVER, THE NEXT MONTH THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE RACKET WAS ARRESTED AND SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED.

+IN THE PRESENT CASE THE OFFICERS' TASK WAS NOT AN EASY ONE, GIVEN THE VARIOUS PROCESSES CONCERNED IN MAKING PIRATED COPIES OF THE BOOKS IN SEVERAL STAGES AND AT DIFFERENT PLACES,+ SAID MR JORDAN.

+BUT THE OFFICERS' ENERGETIC EFFORTS WERE REWARDED NOT ONLY WITH THE ARREST OF THE PRINCIPAL CULPRIT BUT THE ARREST OF ANOTHER SUSPECT; THE SEIZURE OF OVER 50 000 PIRATED COPIES - SOME ON THE POINT OF DELIVERY TO THE NEWSPAPER HAWKERS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING - AND THE DETENTION OF MANY FILMS AND OTHER MATERIALS.

+THE HIGHLY-PROFESSIONAL AND THOROUGH WAY THIS CASE WAS DEALT WITH BY OFFICERS OF THE COPYRIGHT UNIT WAS TYPICAL OF HONG KONG'S APPROACH TO ANY INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT OR COUNTERFEITING OF MERCHANDISE MARKS.

+THE NUMBERS OF THOSE WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN SUCH MALPRACTICES - WHICH ARE THEFT AND DECEPTION WHICHEVER WAY ONE LOOKS AT IT - ARE HAPPILY VERY SMALL AMONG THE VAST MAJORITY OF DECENT HONEST TRADERS IN HONG KONG,+

THE WELFARE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE. IT IS FUNDED BY SUCH SUMS AS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND FROM TIME TO TIME MAY RECEIVE DONATIONS.

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FREE SATURDAY FOLK CONCERT
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A FREE TWO-HOUR FOLK CONCERT ON SATURDAY (MARCH 13) AT 8 PM IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CONCERT IS AIMED AT PUBLICISING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES AND PROMOTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, AND IS PRODUCED BY THE HONG KONG MODERN FOLK SONG ASSOCIATION, WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT WILL BE 11 FOLK SINGERS. BACKED UP BY A 20-MEMBER ORCHESTRA, THEY WILL SING A WIDE SELECTION OF SONGS IN CANTONESE, MANDARIN AND ENGLISH.

THE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE A FILM SLIDE SHOW ABOUT HONG KONG'S DRUG PROBLEM AND HOW IT IS BEING TACKLED.

THE TOM LEE PIANO CO. AND THE SOUNDS UNLIMITED ENGINEERING CO. WILL PROVIDE THE AUDIO AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND THE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONCERT.

EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BECOMING DRUG COURIERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID.

THE CONCERT WILL BE RECORDED AND BROADCAST LATER ON RADIO HONG KONG 2.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE CONCERT ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY) AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE TOM LEE PIANO CO. (TSIM SHA TSUI BRANCH).

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN JAVA ROAD
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A SECTION OF JAVA ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HEALTHY STREET WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 11) TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY FOR WORK ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HEALTHY STREET EAST AND KING'S ROAD, BUT EASTBOUND TRAFFIC MAY USE TIN CHIU STREET AND KING'S ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RIGHT-TURN PROHIBITION FROM EASTBOUND JAVA ROAD TO SOUTHBOUND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE RESCINDED.

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COURSE TO HELP TEACHERS BRUSH UP TEACHING SKILLS

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE COURSE IS BEING OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FOR NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED TWO YEARS FULL-TIME TRAINING IN TEACHING TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

+PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE TWO YEARS' FULL-TIME POST-TRAINING TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND HAVE RECEIVED SOME TRAINING IN TEACHING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSE WILL HAVE A CORE OF STUDIES IN EDUCATION, EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY, LANGUAGE SKILLS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMES WHICH ALL STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, EACH STUDENT WILL STUDY, IN DEPTH, SUBJECT AREAS RELATED TO TEACHING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IN FORMS 1 TO 3.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR SALARY AND INCREMENT IN THE NORMAL WAY AND THE COURSE WILL COUNT AS SERVICE OR EXPERIENCE.

IN THE CASE OF AN AIDED SCHOOL TEACHER BEING ACCEPTED TO THE COURSE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO PAY THE SALARY OF A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO ACKNOWLEDGE IN WRITING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL ALSO HAVE TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING TO TEACH FULL-TIME IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE VIA HEADS OF SCHOOLS FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI; AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN COMPLETED FORMS, UNDER CONFIDENTIAL COVER, TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (TECHNICAL 2) OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 27.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE ON 5-745311.

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8 000 ATTEND JOINT-SCHOOL CAREERS EXHIBITION
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A JOINT-SCHOOL CAREERS EXHIBITION, WHICH CONCLUDED IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL YESTERDAY (SUNDAY), ATTRACTED MORE THAN 8 000 VISITORS IN TWO DAYS.

A TOTAL OF 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION WHICH FORMED PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOURTH OF A SERIES OF SIX REGIONAL CAREERS CONVENTIONS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

THREE SCHOOLS -- TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS MRS WU YORK YU MEMORIAL SCHOOL, POPE PAUL VI COLLEGE AND DMHC SIU MING CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, WON PRIZES FOR THE BEST EXHIBITION STANDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT DISPLAYS AT THE EXHIBITION WERE VERY WELL PRESENTED AND WERE RICH IN CAREERS CONTENTS, REFLECTING BOTH THE INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE STUDENTS WHO PREPARED THEM.

+THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT REGIONAL CAREERS CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD,+ HE ADDED.

+PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS JOINING US IN THE SERIES OF CAREERS CONVENTIONS WILL EXCEED 100.

+THIS SHOWS THAT STUDENTS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CAREER CHOICE AND DEVELOPMENT.

+THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AS THE OVERALL CO-ORDINATING BODY OF CAREERS SERVICES, WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH A QUALITY SERVICE,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TSUEN WAN CAREERS EXHIBITION BEING HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ATTRACTED SOME 9 000 VISITORS OVER THE WEEKEND. OPENING DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM, IT WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

MEANWHILE, A JOINT-SCHOOL CAREERS EXHIBITION FOR THE HONG KONG EAST REGION OPENED TODAY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, AND WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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RESUMPTION OF AIR PARCEL SERVICE TO FRANCE
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THE AIR PARCEL SERVICE FROM HONG KONG TO FRANCE, WHICH HAS BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE FEBRUARY 25, 1982, WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 10), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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WATER FIGURES

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WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 41.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 238.556 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS AMOUNTS TO 203 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 257.505 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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PRINTING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY, TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY, STARTS TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SURVEY, BEING CONDUCTED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WILL BE COMPLETED ON MARCH 27.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE PRINTING INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT OUT A FORTNIGHT AGO TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY. EMPLOYERS WERE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY:

- (1) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED;
- (2) THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING;
- (3) THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES; AND
- (4) A FORECAST OF THE ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

DURING THE SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO ASSIST THE EMPLOYER IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

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BANK BRANCH WANTED FOR SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION
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A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF A BANK BRANCH IN THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION IS BEING OFFERED BY THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE NOW BEING INVITED, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AT NOON ON MARCH 19, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX, GROUND FLOOR, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVISION OF THE KCR ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CEREMONY TO MARK RESTORATION OF SHEUNG YIU
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MR LUI CHE-WOO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF RESTORATION OF SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE ON MARCH 10 (WEDNESDAY) AT 3.30 PM AT SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE, SAI KUNG.

DECLARED A MONUMENT LAST YEAR, SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS A FOLK MUSEUM WHEN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF RESTORATION ARE COMPLETED.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

AN URBAN COUNCIL VEHICLE WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER FOR THE VILLAGE AT 1.50 PM SHARP.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE THIS VEHICLE ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PIER BY 1.45 PM.

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