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BRITAIN, CHINA 'COMMITTED TO FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF JD'

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THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, SIR RICHARD EVANS, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR CANTON, SIR RICHARD SAID: "THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

"AND I'M QUITE SURE THAT THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN IN THE THICK OF THINGS, THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A VERY GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION."

SIR RICHARD, WHO WILL SOON RETIRE AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, RECALLED THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS A DOCUMENT WITH WHICH "I HAVE BEEN MUCH BOUND UP."

HE NOTED THAT HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION DURING 15 OF THE 22 ROUNDS OF TALKS WHICH LED TO THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"AND I WAS PRESENT AT THE CEREMONIES FOR THE INITIALLING, THE SIGNATURE AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION."

AND SINCE THEN, SIR RICHARD SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT POLITICAL REFORMS, SIR RICHARD SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER AS THE AFFAIR OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

SIR RICHARD TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO HONG KONG BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, FOR A THREE-DAY STAY.

HE WAS ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY.

"I SPOKE AT THAT MEETING ABOUT PROGRESS IN CHINA'S REFORM PROGRAMMES -- POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, AND ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION," SIR RICHARD SAID.

"THIS IS MY 16TH VISIT TO HONG KONG DURING MY TIME AS AMBASSADOR. AS EVER, AS ALWAYS, I HAVE BEEN MOST IMPRESSED BY THE ATMOSPHERE OF ENTERPRISE AND DYNAMISM WHICH PERVADES THE WHOLE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR LEARNS MORE ABOUT COUNTRY PARKS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SPENT THE AFTERNOON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOME OF THE MAJOR COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN DEVELOPING AND MANAGING HONG KONG'S 21 COUNTRY PARKS.

TRAVELLING BY HELICOPTER, SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY LADY WILSON, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU.

SIR DAVID STARTED HIS INSPECTION TOUR BY VISITING THE TAI TONG TREE NURSERY IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK - THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL TREE NURSERY - WHERE HE SAW TREE SEEDLING PRODUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE NURSERY PRODUCED 750,000 TREE SEEDLINGS OF OVER 130 SPECIES EVERY YEAR TO MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO CATER FOR THE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

WHILE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, SIR DAVID SAW FOR HIMSELF THE AFFORESTATION WORK IN THOSE AREAS OF HIGHLY ERODIBLE DECOMPOSED GRANITE AS A MEASURE TO CHECK SOIL EROSION, TO ALLEVIATE THE SILTING PROBLEM IN THE YUEN LONG AREA AND TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE LEAD MINE PASS MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE CONCERTED EFFORTS BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN PREVENTING AND SUPPRESSING HILL FIRES.

THESE INCLUDED A CONTINUING MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE IN PREVENTING HILL FIRES, ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE BREAKS AND FIRE LOOKOUTS AT STRATEGIC AREAS, CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TANKS AND IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS IN ALL COUNTRY PARKS TO FACILITATE FIRE FIGHTING.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES IN FIRE PATROL DUTY, AS WELL AS THE AIRLIFTING AND WATER BOMBING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL IN DETECTING AND CONTAINING FIRE OUTBREAKS.

NEXT ON THE VISIT PROGRAMME WAS THE SHING MUN ARBORETUM WHERE THE GOVERNOR SAW SOME OF THE RARE AND PROTECTED PLANT SPECIES WHICH ARE AMONG THE COLLECTION OF 2,400 TREE AND SHRUB SPECIMENS, COMPRISING 82 FAMILIES AND 308 SPECIES INCLUDING THOSE INDIGENOUS TO HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

/SIR DAVID

SIR DAVID LATER FLEW TO PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK FOR A VISIT TO A POPULAR BARBECUE/PICNIC SITE WITH FACILITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AND THE NEARBY SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE.

THE LATTER, THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRE IN HONG KONG, IS THE SPEARHEAD OF A MAJOR PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE MORE VISITOR INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF PARK VISITORS. THE CENTRE ATTRACTS AN AVERAGE OF 15,000 VISITORS A MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO THE TWO SMALLER VISITOR CENTRES AT ABERDEEN AND TAI MEI TUK WHICH WERE CONVERTED FROM OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS, THERE ARE AT PRESENT TWO OTHER PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRES IN THE CLEAR WATER BAY AND SHING MUN COUNTRY PARKS.

PLANS ARE BEING FINALISED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOURTH CENTRE AT TAI MO SHAN AT A COST OF \$4.5 MILLION.

THIS FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO FURTHER DEVELOP HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS.

OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN COUNTRY PARKS NEAR NEW TOWNS, AND THE PROVISION OF MORE FACILITIES FOR THE OLDER AGE AND FAMILY GROUPS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS A RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR THE GROWING POPULATION.

MANY VISITORS WHO CAME TO HONG KONG DID NOT REALISE THAT THE TERRITORY HAD SO MUCH OPEN COUNTRYSIDE, HE SAID, ADDING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG WAS COUNTRY PARK.

NOTING THAT HE SPENT QUITE A LOT OF HIS TIME DURING WEEKENDS IN COUNTRY PARKS, SIR DAVID SAID THE WAY IN WHICH THE PARKS WERE MANAGED WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION THAT MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE COUNTRY PARKS MIGHT NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS THE HEUNG YEE KUK WAS NOT GIVEN A SEAT IN THE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE ALREADY A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WHO CAME FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WHO DID SPEAK UP ON NT ISSUES.

"THEY WILL, I'M SURE, SPEAK UP ON ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE COUNTRY PARKS," HE ADDED.

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LADY YOUDE TO OPEN MEMORIAL PAVILION

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A PAVILION PUT UP BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL BE OPENED BY LADY YOUDE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PAVILION IN TSAT MUK KIU WITHIN THE LUK KENG COUNTRY PARK IN SHA TAU KOK WAS INITIATED BY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THEY REGARDED SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE, WHO WERE REGULAR TREKKERS IN THE LUK KENG AREA, AS WEEKEND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE PAVILION, ALONG WITH DONATIONS FROM SEVERAL LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PEKING-STYLE TWIN PAVILION IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND BUILT IN HONG KONG. ONLY ONE PAVILION OF THE SAME DESIGN HAS BEEN PUT UP IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE PAVILION STARTED LAST SUMMER FOLLOWING AN EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY LADY YOUDE IN MAY.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE PAVILION, LADY YOUDE WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE AND PLANT A TREE NEAR THE PAVILION.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR MICHAEL SUEN; DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE; NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL PAVILION ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26) AT 3 PM IN THE LUK KENG COUNTRY PARK. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO WEAR SHOES WITH RUBBER SOLES AS THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE A 15-MINUTE WALK TO THE PAVILION.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PRESS. TWO GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 12.30 PM.

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LONG SERVICE AWARDS FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

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THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WERE AWARDED THE LONG SERVICE INSIGNIA BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

FIRST CLASPS, WHICH SIGNIFY 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, WERE PRESENTED TO A PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR TANG CHIU-SHING, AND SIX OTHER OFFICERS.

ANOTHER SIX OFFICERS INCLUDING ONE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, ONE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER, TWO SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, ONE IMMIGRATION OFFICER AND ONE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER RECEIVED THE HONG KONG DISCIPLINED SERVICES MEDALS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR CARTER SAID THE AWARD OF THE HONG KONG DISCIPLINED SERVICES MEDAL IS TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAVE RENDERED LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED ALL RECIPIENTS AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO THEIR WORK.

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FORUMS TO INTRODUCE NORTH CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO VOTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES IN NINE FORUMS TO BE HELD FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

AT THE FORUMS, WHICH ARE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE PUBLIC.

THERE ARE 26 CANDIDATES CONTESTING 11 SEATS IN THE NINE CONSTITUENCIES OF THE DISTRICT.

AS THE CANDIDATE OF THE SHEK WU HUI CONSTITUENCY IS UNOPPOSED, NO FORUM WILL BE ORGANISED FOR THAT CONSTITUENCY, WHILE TWO FORUMS WILL BE HELD FOR THE BORDER EAST AND MIRS BAY CONSTITUENCY IN VIEW OF ITS VAST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

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THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
FEB 28 (SUN) 11 AM	BEAS RIVER	ROOM 411, CONFERENCE ROOM, NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, SHEUNG SHUI
FEB 28 (SUN) 2.30 PM	BORDER CENTRAL	FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI
FEB 29 (MON) 8 PM	QUEEN'S HILL	SUEN DOUH CAMP, FANLING
MARCH 1 (TUE) 7 PM	LUEN WO HUI	PUI LING SCHOOL OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING
MARCH 3 (THUR) 8 PM	FANLING SOUTH	CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING
MARCH 4 (FRI) 8 PM	TIN PING	SHEK WU HUI PUBLIC SCHOOL, TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI
MARCH 5 (SAT) 2.30 PM	BORDER EAST AND MIRS BAY	SING PING SCHOOL, TA KWU LING
MARCH 6 (SUN) 11 AM	BORDER EAST AND MIRS BAY	SHA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, SHA TAU KOK
MARCH 6 (SUN) 2.30 PM	CHOI YUEN	CHOI YUEN ESTATE COVERED PLAYGROUND, SHEUNG SHUI

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PROMOTION DAY

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A GALA WILL BE STAGED IN THE OPEN AREA OF YUE WAN ESTATE IN CHAI WAN ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) AFTERNOON TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON MARCH 10.

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE GALA WILL FEATURE A DRAMA ON DB ELECTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY RTHK DISC-JOCKEYS; A QUIZ AND AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE THE 13 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT; AND SINGING PERFORMANCES BY MR TERENCE CHOI AND MISS ROWENA CORTES.

ALL DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES IN EASTERN DISTRICT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL DISTRIBUTE NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENTS ON THE ELECTIONS AND SOUVENIR ITEMS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PROMOTION DAY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) IN THE OPEN AREA OF YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN ROAD.

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TWO DISTRICT OFFICES TO HOLD SPRING RECEPTIONS TOMORROW

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THE KWUN TONG AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICES WILL HOST SEPARATE SPRING RECEPTIONS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND AREA COMMITTEES, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE INVITED. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND BOTH FUNCTIONS.

IN KWUN TONG, THE RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 PM AT LOK WAH PALACE RESTAURANT, LOK WAH ESTATE.

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AT A CEREMONY DURING THE RECEPTION, TWENTY-SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES OF KWUN TONG ORGANISATIONS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK.

IN WONG TAI SIN, THE RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM AT THE CHUK YUEN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION AT THE MAXIM'S RESTAURANT, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, B1, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 4 PM.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, AND ABOUT 200 RESIDENTS' REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN INVITED.

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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM AT THE MAXIM'S CHINESE RESTAURANT IN LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN, NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CLOSE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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ABOUT 1,200 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WHEN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSES WITH A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, CANTONESE OPERA, A BAND PERFORMANCE AND LION DANCES.

MOST OF THE PERFORMERS ARE PUPILS LIVING OR STUDYING IN SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL. MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO PERFORM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL COMBINED CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE IN MUI WO

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RENEWED A CONTRACT TO CONTINUE THE LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE IN THE MUI WO AREA OF LANTAU ISLAND.

THIS FREE LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO MUI WO SINCE DECEMBER 22 LAST YEAR AND RESPONSE FROM THE LOCAL FARMERS HAS BEEN FAVOURABLE.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE COLLECTION SERVICE, PROVIDED IN THE AREA IN ADVANCE OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING FARMERS AND ENABLING THEM TO PRACTISE THE DRY MUCK-OUT METHOD, AND THEREBY COMPLY WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONTROLLING POLLUTION FROM LIVESTOCK WASTE.

THIS ALSO HELPS TO REDUCE POLLUTION OF THE SEA AT THE SILVERMINE BAY BEACH.

ABOUT HALF OF THE 33 FARMS IN MUI WO ARE CURRENTLY MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE BY DELIVERING LIVESTOCK MANURE TO THE 22 COLLECTION POINTS SET UP BY EPD FOR COLLECTION BY THE CONTRACTOR.

THE COLLECTED MANURE IS SENT TO THE CONSOLIDATION PLANT IN MUI WO FOR PROCESSING INTO A MORE STABLE PRODUCT BEFORE IT IS BAGGED AND TRANSFERRED TO TSING YI BY BARGES THROUGH THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.

THE CONSOLIDATED MANURE IS SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED TO THE EPD'S COMPOSTING PLANT AT NGAU TAM MEI FOR FINAL PROCESSING INTO A USEFUL AND VALUABLE PRODUCT SUITABLE FOR USE AS SOIL CONDITIONER AND FERTILISER.

EVERY DAY, ABOUT 0.7 TONNE OF FRESH MANURE IS COLLECTED FROM THE FARMS.

UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987, A LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN MUI WO FROM JUNE 24.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT FARMERS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE DRY MUCK-OUT METHOD CAN MAKE FULL USE OF THE COLLECTION SERVICE AND CONTINUE LIVESTOCK FARMING IN THE AREA WITHOUT CAUSING POLLUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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THREE STORAGE SITES TO LET

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THREE STORAGE SITES ARE TO BE LET BY TENDER ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE SITES, LOCATED OFF HOI YU STREET IN QUARRY BAY, IS FOR STORING GOODS, EXCEPT UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES.

ACCORDING TO THE TENANCY TERMS, THE 4,100-SQUARE-METRE SITE CAN ALSO BE USED AS A PUBLIC FEE PAYING CARPARK. THE TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER TWO SITES ARE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE IS LOCATED AT WO SHEUNG TUN STREET, FO TAN, SHA TIN. THE TENANCY FOR THE 6,200-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

IT IS FOR STORING GOODS, PLANT AND MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND BUILDING MATERIALS, BUT EXCLUDING CONTAINERS.

THE REMAINING SITE, MEASURING 2,204 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ON KUI STREET AND ON LOK MUN STREET, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING. IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS 18 MONTHS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS FOR THE THREE SITES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON MARCH 11.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE DEMOLITION

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON FLAT ROOFS OF A BUILDING AT 178-184 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE ON ROOFS ADJACENT TO FLAT A ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

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THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1986 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 24 WAS POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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ROADS REDUCED TO ONE LANE FOR FLYOVER WORK

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TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER, WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON FEBRUARY 26 (FRIDAY), FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 1 AND MARCH 2.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON THE TWO SECTIONS, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID USING THEM AND TO TAKE OTHER ROUTES.

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